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USTDA Grant to Assist Romania with Aviation Surveillance Modernization Project

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA – The U.S. Trade and Development Agency is awarding a \$513,170 technical assistance grant to the Romanian Air Traffic Services Administration (ROMATSA) to evaluate and recommend upgrades to aviation surveillance technology throughout Romania. The technical assistance will support ROMATSA in ensuring that its aviation surveillance, data communications, traffic flow management and performance-based navigation system conform to a global standard of performance.

The grant was signed March 27, 2012 by U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Duane C. Butcher on behalf of USTDA, and Bogdan Donciu, General Director of ROMATSA.

“This modernization project is part of Romania’s overall goal of enhancing its airspace and capacity. If implemented, it will result in more efficient flight routing and reduced flight delays,” stated USTDA Regional Director Carl Kress. “The technical assistance grant will also create potential export opportunities for U.S. companies that provide aerospace technologies and services.”

As a member of the Single European Sky (SES) program, Romania has committed to make numerous technological improvements in order to conform to international standards. This USTDA-funded study will assist ROMATSA to improve its Flight and Traffic Information Broadcast systems. In addition, the newer airspace technologies would provide aircraft operators, pilots and air traffic controllers with enhanced capacities to improve situational awareness to improve passenger safety.

There are several American businesses that are highly competitive in these technologies and have expressed interest in supporting Romania’s modernization plans. “As ROMATSA continues to execute its strategy for the future, the U.S. Government is pleased to make a contribution to its progress. The technical assistance provided through this grant will guide and help that process,” announced Deputy Chief of Mission Butcher.

The opportunity to conduct the technical assistance will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. A link to the FBO announcement will be posted on USTDA’s website at www.ustda.gov. Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions in the FBO announcement.

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