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## **USTDA Grant Supports Clean Energy Distribution in Nigeria**

LAGOS, NIGERIA – Supporting the development of compressed natural gas (CNG) infrastructure in Nigeria is the goal of a U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) grant awarded today to Oando Gas & Power Limited. The grant will fund a feasibility study to evaluate the viability of developing large-scale CNG refueling infrastructure in Lagos State, made possible because of Nigeria’s growing pipeline network. The new infrastructure would include the construction of numerous refueling stations across the state as well as vehicle maintenance and repair facilities. The study will also provide an analysis of policy and regulatory issues surrounding development.

“The completion of this project will play a critical role in the Government of Nigeria’s efforts to broaden and deepen the country’s domestic market for natural gas,” said Consul General Hawkins. “This USTDA-funded initiative also holds the potential to generate significant U.S. exports of goods and services as well as build business relationships between U.S. industry and Nigeria’s leading gas company.”

The \$494,000 grant was signed in Lagos by U.S. Consul General Jeffrey Hawkins on behalf of USTDA and by Mr. Bolaji Osunsanya, Chief Executive Officer of Oando Gas & Power.

Oando Gas & Power Limited owns and operates Nigeria’s largest natural gas distribution network, with approximately 62 miles of pipeline already present in Lagos State and another 80 miles in progress. The company has identified the opportunity to develop the large-scale CNG infrastructure in order to provide cleaner and cheaper fuel to private and commercial vehicles throughout the region.

The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded feasibility study for Oando Gas & Power will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. A link to the FBO announcement will be posted to USTDA’s website at [www.ustda.gov](http://www.ustda.gov). Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions in the FBO announcement.

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