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ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WILL IMPROVE ELECTORAL EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY IN ROMANIA

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA - A study will be undertaken in Romania to develop a roadmap for the systematic deployment of a fully operational electronic election management system (EEMS) as a result of a grant awarded today by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to the Romanian Permanent Electoral Authority (PEA).

The feasibility study will help to develop an integrated IT-based solution to improve the accuracy of voting and reduce the possibility for electoral fraud in Romania. The project will also create opportunities for collaboration with U.S. firms in the information and communications technology sector.

The study will help the PEA determine its national-level election system needs, including hardware, software, GIS, RDMS, network management tools, security solutions, and communications equipment. In addition, the EEMS project will decrease fraudulent and other illegal voting, create a faster and more reliable tabulation process, improve administrative and technical capacities, and will also allow for real time monitoring of the election process.

“The USTDA grant will help Romania with its efforts to develop an efficient and effective means to increase the reliability and integrity of the electoral process,” said Jeri Guthrie-Corn, Chargé d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Romania, when she conferred the \$344,422 USTDA grant today to the President of the Permanent Electoral Authority Dr. Octavian Opriş

“Ultimately, a successful implementation of the EEMS will considerably improve the experience of Romanian citizens with the voting process.”

In addition to enhancing the effectiveness of the PEA, the electronic election management system will provide substantial benefits for Romania’s citizens in the areas of public infrastructure development, human capacity building, and technology transfer.

The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded feasibility study 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. Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to

the instructions in the FBO announcement. The Romanian Permanent Electoral Authority will select the U.S. contractor that will complete the feasibility study.

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