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**USTDA SUPPORT FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT
GENERATES RENEWABLE ENERGY IN TURKEY**

ISTANBUL, TURKEY- To help Turkey meet municipal solid waste incineration targets, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) awarded a grant today to the Istanbul Environmental Management Industry and Trading Company (İSTAÇ). The project will also spur the development of new renewable energy generation, an Obama Administration priority. The feasibility study also builds upon USTDA's long-term support for projects that spur economic growth and development in Turkey and create green jobs in the United States.

The grant will fund a feasibility study on a proposed waste-to-energy facility in Istanbul for İSTAÇ, the municipal waste processing and management company for the greater Istanbul region in Turkey.

The municipal solid waste-to-energy plant will provide a sustainable alternative to land filling at the Odayeri landfill site, which is nearing capacity. When this project is implemented, it will provide export opportunities for U.S. clean energy companies and help to reduce carbon emissions in the region.

Acting U.S. General Consul in Istanbul Win Dayton said that the grant is part of the U.S. Government's long-term commitment to engage with Turkey through the Framework for Strategic Economic and Commercial Cooperation, which seeks to enhance bilateral economic and commercial relations.

"The U.S. looks forward to working with Turkey to help it expand the country's electricity generation capacity as well as improve environmental conditions in Istanbul," said Dayton when he awarded the \$491,160 grant at İSTAÇ headquarters during a ceremony in Istanbul.

"The project will extend the remaining life of the landfill, reduce methane, and odor emissions from the site and help İSTAÇ meet the municipal solid waste incineration targets set forth by the European Union. This waste-to-energy project would be the first of its kind in Turkey."

İSTAÇ's General Director Osman Akgul signed the grant agreement for the Turkish side. The feasibility study will consider various technical designs for the 70MW power plant, which will provide a renewable and reliable source of energy.

By properly incinerating 3,000 tons of solid waste per day, one-third of the municipal waste received at the Odayeri landfill site, the proposed facility will generate enough electricity to power 350,000 households in the area.

The opportunity to provide the USTDA-funded assistance under the grant awarded 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 announcement. The Istanbul Environmental Management Industry and Trading Company will select a U.S. firm to provide the assistance associated with this grant.

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