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### **USTDA BRINGS SENIOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Supporting the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas*

ARLINGTON, VA and GOLDEN, CO (February 1, 2010) – This week, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency is launching its Clean Energy Exchange Program of the Americas by sponsoring a reverse trade mission for senior energy officials from Latin America and the Caribbean to advance clean energy cooperation in the hemisphere. This visit will promote the awareness of the U.S. clean energy policies and innovative technologies. The delegation includes high-level officials from Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Peru.

The visit is the first of six reverse trade missions that will take place under USTDA's Clean Energy Exchange Program of the Americas. USTDA launched this Program to support the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas announced by President Obama at last year's Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago. USTDA will be organizing five additional visits under this initiative that will focus on U.S. wind, solar, geothermal, mini-hydroelectric, and waste-to-energy technologies.

While in Washington, D.C., the delegation will meet with U.S. government agencies involved in clean energy policy and project financing. The delegation will also attend the RETECH 2010: Renewable Energy Technology Conference and Exhibition, where they will meet with U.S. companies that offer the latest technologies, equipment, and services that can support the development of clean energy projects in the Latin America and Caribbean region. The delegation will then travel to Golden, Colorado, where they will visit the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for clean energy technology demonstrations.

“We are honored to sponsor this distinguished delegation of government officials from the region and we look forward to expanding our cooperation efforts in this sector to expand U.S. commercial opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean,” said USTDA Acting Director Leocadia I. Zak.

For further information about USTDA's Clean Energy Exchange Program of the Americas, please refer to the USTDA Events Calendar at [www.ustda.gov](http://www.ustda.gov) or contact

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The U.S. Trade and Development Agency advances economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries. The agency funds various forms of technical assistance, feasibility studies, training, orientation visits and business workshops that support the development of a modern infrastructure and a fair and open trading environment. USTDA's strategic use of foreign assistance funds to support sound investment policy and decision-making in host countries creates an enabling environment for trade, investment and sustainable economic development. In carrying out its mission, USTDA gives emphasis to economic sectors that may benefit from U.S. exports of goods and services.

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