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USTDA SUPPORTS AVIATION DEVELOPMENT IN PARAGUAY

ASUNCION – As a result of the need to enhance passenger service and increase operational efficiency the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) awarded a grant today to Paraguay’s Ministry of Public Works and Communications to update its master plan and position the Silvio Pettirossi International Airport for potential concession. The master plan will be of interest to potential U.S. airport operators, equipment suppliers and engineering firms.

USTDA’s technical assistance will include an airport security and international aviation safety assessment, design of conceptual airport plans, a detailed financial analysis, development options and other transactional guidance. Such improvements will enhance bilateral cooperation, attract new investment in critical infrastructure and strengthen the commercial aviation relationship between the United States and Paraguay.

U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay Liliana Ayalde conferred the USTDA grant for \$391,000 to Paraguayan Minister of Public Works and Communications Efrain Alegre during a signing ceremony held at the Ministry of Finance.

The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded technical assistance 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 Ministry of Public Works and Communications will select the U.S. contractor that will complete the technical assistance.

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