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USTDA SUPPORTS INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN LIMA

LIMA, PERU – Improving Lima's infrastructure to collect, treat, transfer, separate, and dispose of municipal solid waste (MSW) is the objective of a USTDA grant awarded yesterday to the Metropolitan Municipality of Lima (MML). The \$441,960 grant will partially fund a feasibility study for MML to develop a comprehensive MSW collection and management plan for Peru's capital and largest city.

The grant was conferred in a signing ceremony held at the U.S. Embassy in Lima. Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Samuel Wunder and Municipal Manager Angel Pérez Rodas signed the grant agreement on behalf of the U.S. government and MML, respectively. The grant signing ceremony was witnessed by Commercial Counselor Margaret Hanson-Muse and MML Social Assistance Manager Angel Castro Baca.

With a population of over 8.5 million people in 42 municipalities, the greater Lima metropolitan area produces 4,400 to 6,000 metric tons of MSW everyday. MML is committed to developing a comprehensive and integrated approach to MSW management, collection, and disposal that will improve environmental and public health conditions. The USTDA grant awarded today will help MML plan the necessary infrastructure improvements required to efficiently and safely process MSW in Lima.

MML has selected HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR Engineering) to conduct the feasibility study. In addition to the USTDA grant funds, HDR Engineering will provide funding toward completion of the feasibility study.

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