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U.S.-China Aviation Cooperation Program Phase V

USTDA and the CAAC signed a grant agreement for $1,181,160 that continues USTDA's support for the highly successful U.S.-China Aviation Cooperation Program (ACP). This strategic, multi-program public-private partnership, launched by USTDA in 2004, has produced both significant developmental benefits and significant U.S. export results. The grant agreement ensures the continuation of the high-level dialogue between the United States and China in the aviation sector that has proven beneficial to both sides of the partnership. Consistent with previous grant agreements under the ACP, the CAAC will be the grantee and the American Chamber of Commerce in China Fund (AmCham) will serve as the contractor on behalf of ACP members, now numbering 36 U.S. companies and four public members, including the Federal Aviation Administration and the Foreign Commercial Service. USTDA funds will be supplemented by over $2.5 million in ACP member and Chinese government contributions.

Phase V of the ACP provides for an Executive Management Development Training program for CAAC managers, an Air Traffic Management Executive Training program and a technical assistance program that will support implementation of airport environmental best practices. By funding these priority requests of the CAAC, ACP Phase V will promote increased bilateral engagement in the sector, a priority under the new U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue and other fora, and provide U.S. firms with the access to senior CAAC leadership to help craft the future of this important sector. Exports of U.S. manufactured goods and services directly attributable to the first four phases of the ACP total $720 million. In addition, ACP members have also reported over $6 billion in sales facilitated by the program.

Program Description

ACP Phase V is comprised of three components, which were jointly proposed by ACP member companies and CAAC:

Project 1: CAAC Executive Management Development Training Program (EMDT)

This program builds on three previous EMDT programs that have received uniformly high marks from the CAAC and the participants. This fourth program will focus on management and organizational strategies to implement an effective air transportation system. As requested by the CAAC, this project will provide a wide range of executive, managerial, technical (safety), operational and on-the-job training over four months to approximately 34 participants from CAAC headquarters and regional offices, as well as executives from major airlines and airport facilities.

Project 2: Airport Sustainable Best Practices Consultancy

Under the recently released National Civil Airport Development Plan, China has announced plans to build 40 new airports by 2010 and an additional 57 by 2020. The CAAC plans to accomplish this steep growth with minimal environmental impact. In order to implement their vision of environmentally-friendly aviation sector growth, the ACP members

will work with a team of up to 15 CAAC officials to develop a best practices action plan and recommendations for eco-friendly airports in China. Recommendations will cover land use planning, management of water, waste, resources, energy and emissions, noise mitigation, recycling, alternative energy and indoor environment control. Additionally, a two-day training program will be held for up to 30 CAAC and airport development officials to present the recommendations.

Project 3: Air Traffic Management Executive Training

China's continuing efforts to develop safe and efficient air traffic services require air traffic managers who have been trained in the latest techniques and navigation equipment. Enhanced expertise in these areas is integral to the implementation of modern, complex procedures, as well as the successful management of the increasing growth of air transportation in China. As such, the ACP members will develop an air traffic management executive training program for 24 managers from the CAAC's Air Traffic Management Bureau (ATMB). The course will consist of 15 days of classroom training and facility visits, as well a three-day course on Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) technologies. This program will build upon the results from the Air Traffic Flow Management project (ACP Phase III) and the Air Traffic Management Exchange (ACP Phase IV).