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USTDA PROMOTES SMART STREET LIGHTING IN JAMAICA

KINGSTON, JAMAICA – The U.S. Trade and Development Agency awarded a grant to the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS), a local electricity generation, transmission and distribution utility, for technical assistance to support the installation of networked light emitting diode (LED) street lights throughout JPS' service territory. The new LED lights and network communications infrastructure will improve the quality and reliability of public lighting, reduce operating and maintenance costs and complement the utility's smart grid efforts. This project supports the goals of the Clean Energy Finance Facility for the Caribbean and Central America (CEFF-CCA), an inter-agency initiative to catalyze greater public and private sector investment in clean energy infrastructure across the Caribbean and Central America.

"USTDA is excited to support this innovative project and looks forward to working with JPS," said Nathan Younge, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. "The adoption of smart street lighting technology will allow JPS to better serve its customers' needs, while contributing to Jamaica's implementation of advanced energy efficient technology. USTDA looks forward to continuing to support additional clean energy initiatives in the Caribbean and Central America."

To formally launch the project, a ceremony will be held in Kingston, Jamaica during the week of June 13, with U.S. Ambassador Luis Moreno, JPS President Kelly Tomblin, and Jamaican Government Cabinet Officials.

Businesses interested in submitting proposals for this USTDA-funded technical assistance should visit the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website at www.fbo.gov. A link to the FBO announcement is posted to USTDA's website at <https://www.ustda.gov/business-opportunities>. **Proposals are due to JPS no later than 1:00PM (Kingston local time) on July 12, 2016.**

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