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### **USTDA's Director Zak Concludes Participation in 8<sup>th</sup> U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue**

*Beijing, China* – Today, USTDA Director Leocadia I. Zak concluded participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, which provided a forum for a series of high-level meetings with key Chinese decision-makers on the topics of bilateral cooperation, economic development and enhanced trade.

One highlight of the week was the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S.-China Climate Leaders' Summit, where Director Zak spoke on the two countries joint efforts to counter the effects of global climate change, and the key role the private sector plays in this important effort.

Also at the Summit, Director Zak witnessed two contract signings that will launch USTDA-supported projects. The Agency is partnering with the Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau and Kansas-based firm, [Power Flame](#), to pilot technologies that will lower nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from gas-fired boiler sites across Beijing.

"We are excited to participate in the USTDA and EPB pilot projects to demonstrate proven U.S. technology for reducing NOx emissions, maintaining boiler efficiency and improving the air quality for the people of Beijing," said Robert Rizza VP Sales & Marketing.

The other contract signing launched a project to develop and demonstrate a new model for smart grid information and communication integration for State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC). USTDA is partnering with California-based firm, [OSIsoft](#), and the China Power Electric Research Institute (CEPRI) on this innovative initiative.

"We are very excited to be working with the China Electric Power Research Institute, which has been a pioneer in developing and implementing smart grid technologies, and the USTDA" said Ann Moore, Director-Regional Development at OSIsoft. "Information and communication data management lay at the heart of smart grids."

"I am pleased to see these two important projects moving forward," stated Director Zak. "The private sector is a vital partner in our clean energy efforts and we believe this valuable collaboration will lead to success."

Another highlight of the S&ED was USTDA's opportunity to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China's National Energy Administration (NEA) to promote clean energy development and support the [U.S.-China Energy Cooperation Program](#) (ECP).

The agreement identifies areas for potential collaboration, including the development of clean fuel and storage, renewable energy and smart grid and micro-grid expansion.

"USTDA appreciates the opportunity to strengthen its partnership with NEA on clean energy development," stated Director Leocadia I. Zak. "This is a critical initiative and we look forward to working together on new innovative projects under this MOU."

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