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USTDA Supports Expanded Economic Partnership with Indonesia Through Infrastructure Development Projects

Jakarta, Indonesia -- Today, USTDA concluded two new grants supporting the development of energy and information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure in Indonesia. These activities are part of broader efforts to support economic development and connectivity throughout the country, utilizing U.S. equipment and services.

The development of clean energy and energy security, as well as the modernization of critical information technology infrastructure, continue to drive USTDA's collaboration with both the public and private sectors in Indonesia. The first grant agreement signed this week will fund a feasibility study to assist state-owned energy company Pertamina in its efforts to modernize the country's petroleum refining industry. The second grant, signed with Indonesia's National Geospatial Information Agency, will provide technical assistance to support the development of a national geospatial information system. These projects position U.S. firms to support the implementation of Indonesia's infrastructure development plans.

"USTDA is pleased to increase our exposure in this key market through these activities, which will leverage U.S. private sector expertise to support Indonesia's development priorities. Both of these projects will enhance Indonesia's connectivity in support of the U.S.-ASEAN Connectivity Cooperation Initiative," said USTDA Director Leocadia I. Zak.

"These two projects are yet another example of the strong relationship that the United States enjoys with Indonesia. They will not only support the growing cooperation under the U.S.-Indonesia Joint Commission, but they also will improve the country's existing infrastructure in order to support its growth and expansion," said Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy, Kristen Bauer, who witnessed both signings.

USTDA concluded the two grants with Indonesian stakeholders with cost sharing by both U.S. industry and Indonesian partners (see Fact Sheet).



FACT SHEET ON GRANT SIGNINGS

USTDA concluded a \$1,071,206 grant agreement with PT Pertamina (PERSERO), the state-owned energy company, to revamp the company's existing refineries in line with its overall Master Plan. Pertamina is reviewing its refining assets to determine the practical, technical and economic viability of upgrades to their refinery process units. Pertamina seeks to improve Indonesia's energy security situation through increased refining capabilities, while also improving environmental performance. The USTDA-funded activities under this grant will determine and prioritize where investments should be made to increase feedstock flexibility, improve the capability to process higher sulfur crudes, and produce needed fuels to meet future product and environmental requirements. Mr. David Gossack, Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, and Mr. Chrisna Damayanto, Pertamina Refinery Director, signed the grant at Pertamina's headquarters. UOP, LLC (Des Plaines, IL) will conduct the feasibility study on behalf of Pertamina; both organizations are providing significant resources toward the completion of the feasibility effort.

USTDA also concluded a \$331,646 grant to provide technical assistance to Badan Informasi Geospasial (BIG) to develop its overall geospatial infrastructure architecture and technology roadmap. As Indonesia's National Geospatial Information Agency, BIG is developing its information and communications technology architecture and implementing platforms for geospatial shared data, additional data centers and a national disaster recovery center. The technical assistance grant will address the critical requirements of security and connectivity, portal and access control, and evaluate potential cost-recovery models. The grant was signed by Counselor for Commercial Affairs Gossack and BIG Deputy Chairman, Dr. Yusuf Surachman Djajadiharja. Esri Global (Redlands, CA), as the sole source contractor, will carry out the technical assistance on behalf of BIG and will contribute cost sharing toward the performance of the project's terms of reference.

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