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The Trade and Development Program was established on July 1, 1980, as a component organization of the International Development Cooperation Agency. Section 2204 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (22 U.S.C. 2421) made it a separate component agency. The organization was renamed the Trade and Development Agency (TDA) and made an independent agency within the executive branch of the Federal Government on October 28, 1992, by the Jobs Through Exports Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 2421).

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency promotes American private sector participation in developing and middle-income countries, with special emphasis on economic sectors that represent significant U.S. export potential. TDA works with U.S. companies to assist them in building mutually beneficial relationships with overseas projects sponsors, which results in increased U.S. exports and jobs and the completion of high-quality, successful projects in host countries.

In addition, TDA works with other U.S. Government agencies, such as the Departments of State and Commerce, the U.S. Trade Representative, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, to accomplish its mission.

TDA provides a variety of support in the early stages of project development, such as funding for orientation visits, specialized training grants, business workshops, various forms of technical assistance, and feasibility studies. Working closely with a foreign project sponsor, TDA makes its funds available on the condition that the foreign entity contract with a U.S. firm to perform the

study. This affords American firms market entry, exposure, and information, thus helping them to establish a position in markets that are otherwise difficult to penetrate. TDA is involved in many sectors, including aviation, energy, telecommunications, environment, health care, mining and minerals development, biotech, and agriculture.

Activities

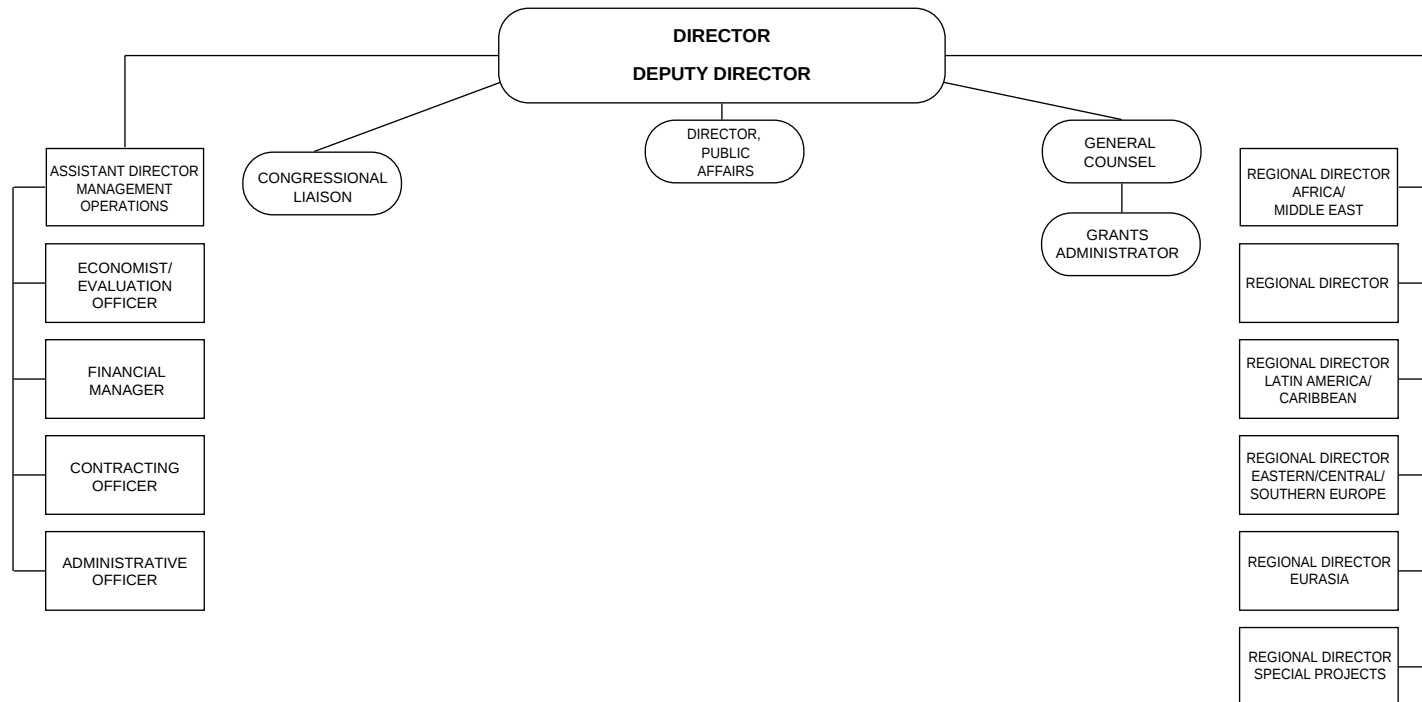
The Agency funds feasibility studies (or project plans) which evaluate the technical, economic, and financial aspects of a development project. These studies advise the host nation about the availability of U.S. goods and services and are required by financial institutions in assessing the creditworthiness of the undertaking. Funding activities are based upon an official request for assistance made by the sponsoring government or private sector organization of a developing or middle-income nation, and costs for a study typically are shared between TDA and the U.S. firm developing the project.

The Agency makes decisions on funding requests for feasibility studies based on the recommendations contained in the definitional mission or desk study report, the advice of the U.S. Embassy, and its internal analysis.

Sources of Information

Requests for proposals (RFP's) to conduct feasibility studies funded by TDA are listed in the *Fed Biz Opps*. Information on definitional mission opportunities can be obtained by calling TDA's DM Hotline at 703-875-7447. Small and minority U.S. firms that wish to be included in TDA's consultant database and considered for future solicitations

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Agency news, reports, and lists of upcoming orientation visits and business briefings are available through the Internet, at www.tda.gov.

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TDA's library maintains final reports on all TDA activities. These are available for public review Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Copies of completed feasibility studies must be purchased through the Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

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