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Evaluation of Contractor Performance (U-307) for Alfred L. Foust

1. Heading of Report

- A. Name of Contractor: Alfred L. Foust. 205.2
- B. Number of Contract: FIO/T 511-205-3-30390 (27 June 1964).
- C. Country: Bolivia. 511-11-310-30392
- D. Project Title and Number: Engineering Advisory Services
- E. Period Covered by Report: July 3, 1964 to January 1, 1965.
- F. Cooperating Government Institution: National Roads Service.
- G. Name, Organisation Title and Period of Responsibility of the Contract Representative Responsible for the Contract During the Period Covered by the Evaluation Report:
L. Sterling Hedgpeth, Deputy Chief Engineer
July 3, 1964 to January 1, 1965.
- H. Name and Title of Personnel Preparing the Report:
L. Sterling Hedgpeth, Deputy Chief Engineer.

2. Evaluation of Contractor Performance

A. Understanding of Objectives

Mr. Foust, who worked in Bolivia on the El Alto Airport for

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nine months prior to being contracted to USAID, has indicated by his discussions and reports that he has a clear understanding of the scope and nature of the contract objectives.

B. Short-Term Goals

Goals have been established, viz., construction of the Alcoche-Tipuaní gold road, construction of the Avispas-Minas Mayu (asbestos mine) road, road rehabilitation in the Okinwan Colonies and other penetration roads, but contract objectives embrace more roads than that. Mr. Foust's 13-month contract is not long enough to complete objectives but it is proposed to extend Mr. Foust's contract another year. The short-term goals are realistic for the proposed extended contract.

C. Progress Toward Achievement of Goals and Objectives

Thirty kilometers of the gold road (see B above) have been surveyed, fifteen kilometers designed and a contract has been signed for the construction of the entire project. Five kilometers of the asbestos mine road have been constructed and design and plans completed for an additional 5 kilometers of this 22-Km. road. Plans for a portion of the Okinwan Colony roads have been completed and this self-help road construction will start this month. Preliminary studies and plans are underway on a long-range objective of this contract: the all-weather stabilization of all roads in Bolivia, by the use of salt, lime, mineral aggregate asphalt or soil cement.

D. Difficulties Hindering Achievement of Objectives

The primary hindrance is the lack of funds for carrying out the objectives. Measures are being taken to facilitate the removal of this obstacle.

E. Contractor's Staff

Mr. Foust is competent to carry out the required tasks. He is a sole contractor with no staff. It is quite possible that another Highway Engineer may have to be contracted under a separate contract.

F. Contractor's Relationship

USAID ~~USOM~~ Mr. Foust's relations with cooperating Government officials, local workers, ~~USOM~~ personnel and other contractors are excellent and he is well liked by all with whom he has dealings. He has no back-stopping except from the Engineering and Transportation Division of USAID which supervises Mr. Foust's activities and issues directives for same.

G. Training Program

No training is specifically provided for under the contract except as personnel of the National Roads Service are trained as they work with and are advised by Mr. Foust in reconnaissance and location surveys, design, and construction supervision.

H. Commodity Procurement

There is no procurement involved under this contract.

I. Cooperating Government Evaluation

The continual co-operation of the host government in working with Mr. Foust, their approval of plans prepared under his indirect supervision and their failure to make any criticisms or complaints of his work indicate the satisfaction of the cooperating government officials with Mr. Foust's services and with progress toward contract objectives.

J. Contractor Reports

Mr. Foust has submitted all reports required by the contract and has complied with all requests by either USAID or the cooperating country for information.

K. Cooperating Country

The cooperating country has been most cooperative in its dealings with Mr. Foust, although there was no agreed support or contractual commitments by the cooperating country to Mr. Foust.

L. Additional Comments

None.

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