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PROJECT PAPER - Technical Consultants and Training - Grant

PURPOSE: To support Portugal's development efforts by making available short-term U.S. experts from both the private and public sectors in a variety of fields of choice to the Portuguese Government as well as to provide short and long-term consultancies and training of Portuguese specialists in the United States. Through such technical cooperation allowing maximum flexibility to the Portuguese Government in choosing that expertise and training which it regards as highest priority and with minimum AID review, the project should demonstrate U.S. confidence in the development efforts of the new Portuguese Government.

BACKGROUND AND NATURE OF THE PROJECT:

As a result of the visit of President Costa Gomes of Portugal with President Ford in October, 1974, it was agreed by both Presidents to develop a program of economic and technical cooperation between the two countries. In early November a U.S. technical team discussed with the Portuguese authorities in Lisbon the possible areas of cooperation including fields where the services (primarily short-term) of U.S. specialists might be helpful in designing and carrying out economic development programs and projects.

At the same time the training and consultation of Portuguese specialists in the U.S. in fields and with institutions chosen by the Portuguese Government was also discussed. Joint interest of both governments was expressed in the following fields:

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1. public health, especially in the design, organization and implementation of Portugal's first integrated community public health services.
2. transportation planning - especially studies of alternative transportation systems serving the new port of Sines, as well as within the greater Lisbon and Oporto areas.
3. production of educational materials, especially for use in revised academic programs at the primary, secondary levels as well as for experimentation with an open University.
4. housing - consultants in various aspects of design of low income and middle income housing programs including sites and services, organization of capital markets for housing, urban planning, etc.
5. various agricultural specialities especially administration of cooperatives, reforestation planning, integrated agricultural planning in several specific regions, irrigation, livestock and dairy production, adaptive research, and agricultural extension and credit.
6. Other fields: Since a basic purpose of the project was to provide maximum support to Portuguese development efforts, other fields of social and economic development were fully acceptable if specific U.S. expertise was desired by the Portuguese Government. Possibilities include specialists in the design and administration of systems for social security, unemployment insurance, and veterans benefits.

FINANCING.

A Project Agreement in the sum of \$500,000 will be signed by the U.S. and the GOP for the financing of U.S. consultants and Portuguese training under the following conditions:

A. U.S. technical consultants

U.S. technical consultants would be available on a grant basis from both the public and private sectors in fields of mutual agreement. All costs and fees except non-per diem in-country costs would be financed under this project. *international travel.*

The project financing will cover up to 7 man years of services at \$60,000 per man year or \$420,000.

B. Consultative and Training of Portuguese Specialists

The project provides for the visits and consultations within the U.S. of Portuguese specialists with both public and private U.S. institutions. For the most part short-term consultation is foreseen although selective longer-term training is not precluded particularly in the field of integrated community health and other areas where AID is likely to have a major project input.

Because of the impact nature of the project, the difficulty of Portuguese agencies to quickly make budgetary provision for unforeseen international travel and in following precedent established in existing training programs for Portuguese under the Azores Base Agreement, the U.S. will pay all costs (except salary but including international travel) of Portuguese specialists consulting with or receiving training in U.S. public or private institutions.

The \$80,000 programmed for training and consultation of Portuguese specialists will finance about 10 man/years of training.

Examples already discussed with the Portuguese are:

- a) integrated community health services
- b) irrigation systems design and management
- c) regional agricultural planning
- d) reforestation
- e) transportation planning
- f) production of educational materials
- g) housing program: planning, financing and management
- h) public social service programs
- i) hospital administration

Individuals chosen would for the most part be responsible officials of public and private Portuguese agencies having direct responsibility for GOP programs in their respective fields.

Approximately 5% of the budget for training or \$25,000 would be reserved for administrative support costs including a possible contract with the Fulbright Commission in Lisbon for arranging training of Portuguese participants.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

To implement the program the U.S. and Portuguese Governments agree to the following steps:

1. The Portuguese Government will name a program coordinator within the Ministry of Finance. (This has already been done; it is tentatively Dr. Vitor Constancio, Secretary of State for Planning.)

2. Following approval of the Project Paper in AID/W, the GOP and the U.S. Embassy will sign a project agreement by 15 February 1975.

3. The Portuguese Project Coordinator will determine criteria and priorities approved by the U.S. Embassy for use of the grant and will inform Ministries and Departments of its availabilities.

4. The GOP will establish procedures acceptable to AID for contracting with U.S. consultants or institutions.

5. The GOP will collect, and pass on to the U.S. Embassy, qualifications and, where possible, names of consultants requested by Ministries, indicating whether Ministry will contract or whether AID should contract, and timing and duration of services.

6. The GOP will collect from Ministries, and pass on to U.S. Embassy, names of Portuguese officials who are to visit U.S., together with purpose of trip, desired timing and duration of proposed trip and suggestions of individuals and institutions with whom they wish to consult.