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GRANT PROJECT AGREEMENT

between the United States of America, acting through  
the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.)

and

the Government of Belize, acting through  
the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries  
(Grantee)

1. Project Title: Belize Pesticides Control Board Review  
(Program Development and Support)

2. A.I.D. Project Number: 505-0000

The above-named parties hereby mutually agree to carry out the Project described in this Agreement in accordance with (1) the terms of this Agreement including the annexes attached hereto, and (2) any general Agreement between the two Governments regarding economic or technical cooperation.

3. Amount of Grant: US\$4,141.

4. Grantee Contribution to Project: In-kind costs

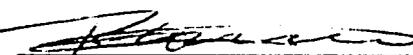
5. Project Assistance Effective Date: September 30, 1991

6. Project Assistance Completion Date: March 31, 1992

7. This Agreement consists of this title page, Annex A - Amplified Project Description, Annex B - Illustrative Budget, and Annex C - Standard Provisions.

8. Government of Belize

9. Government of the  
United States of America

By:   
Rodney Neal  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture and  
Fisheries

By:   
Barbara P. Sandoval  
A.I.D. Representative

Date: September 27, 1991

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Appropriation : 72-1111021  
BPC No. : LDNA-91-25505-KG13  
Control No. : A110385  
This Obligation: US\$4,141

## PESTICIDES CONTROL BOARD REVIEW

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pesticides Control Act 1985, was brought into effect by GOB Commencement Order No. 95 of 1988. The enforcing body is the Pesticides Control Board (PCB) which is made up of fourteen members nominated by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries from the private agricultural sector, the Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries, Health and Environment, non-governmental organizations and the pesticide industry. The PCB is charged with the responsibility of advising the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on all matters relating to pesticides in Belize.

The annual budget of the PCB is Bz\$45,000 and it is currently staffed by three individuals--Administrative Assistant, Technical Assistant, and Clerk/Typist. The PCB is responsible for the control of pesticides with regard to all aspects of use, manufacture, sale and importation. Due to limited resources, the activities of the PCB are being brought into effect in a phased approach. Enforcement of some aspects of pesticides control such as advertising, labelling and packaging, certification of users, among others, are planned to be brought into effect as soon as resources are in place.

This Project consists of a review and report on:

- a) the mandate of the PCB as defined in the Pesticides Control Act of 1985 to determine its current need and validity;
- b) the organizational makeup of the PCB with regard to existing and proposed staffing;
- c) the number and type of past regulatory, supervisory and interdictory activities of the PCB;
- d) a priority listing of those planned activities of immediate need and the overall resources required to make the PCB fully functional;
- e) the degree and effectiveness with which the PCB interacts with the producers of traditional export crops (bananas, citrus and sugar cane), nontraditional export crops (e.g., cacao, papaya), and crops for domestic consumption;

- f) possible additional roles for the PCB which could include the proper application and handling of agricultural chemicals and pesticides and applied systems of integrated pest management.

Travel will be undertaken to various locations in Belize in the development of this activity for the purpose of conducting interviews with appropriate producers, importers and government officials.

#### REPORTING

A written report will be submitted to the Agricultural Development Officer, USAID/Belize and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries not later than 30 days after the initiation of the effort. This report shall detail procedures, findings and conclusions. The report shall also contain recommendations with regard to changes needed, and training or equipment which will enable the PCB to fully realize its mandate. A briefing will also be held with appropriate representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and USAID to discuss the report and findings. This briefing will be held not more than 7 days after the submission of the above described report.

#### GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Grantee's contribution to this Project will be in-kind costs, including, but not limited to, payment of salaries for staff in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries who will participate in the review. The Grantee is responsible for ensuring that the counterpart staff are available to consult with the contracted advisor.

#### IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

In consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, represented by the Permanent Secretary, USAID/Belize will procure the services of suitable consultants. The Agricultural Development Officer will have primary implementation responsibility for this Project on behalf of USAID. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, or designated replacement, will implement the Project on behalf of the Grantee.

ILLUSTRATIVE BUDGET

1. Salary (20 days/\$135 per day)	\$2,700
2. Per diem expenses (15 days/\$50 per day)	\$ 750
3. Travel	\$ 500
4. Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 191</u>
TOTAL	\$4,141