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**SUBJECT: LIBERIA: IMPROVED NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AT PRINCIPAL AIRPORTS  
(669-0159): AD HOC REDELEGATION OF AID NEGOTIATION AND  
CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

REF: (A) STATE 298041

1. PROBLEM: PER REFTEL, SUBJECT PROJECT WAS APPROVED AND SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZED BY ME ON 31 JANUARY 1979. GOODS AND SERVICES FINANCED BY AID AND THE SUBJECT GRANT SHALL HAVE THEIR SOURCE AND ORIGIN IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT AS AID MAY OTHERWISE AGREE IN WRITING. LOCAL CURRENCY COSTS MAY BE FINANCED UNDER THE GRANT FOR THE COSTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT HAVING THEIR SOURCE AND, EXCEPT AS AID MAY OTHERWISE AGREE IN WRITING, THEIR ORIGIN IN LIBERIA. I HAVE MADE THE DETERMINATION THAT THE MOST COUNTRY CONTRACTING MODE IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR THIS PROJECT, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF SEVERE TIME CONSTRAINTS AND TIME-CONSUMING GOL CONTRACTING PROCESS. THE DETERMINATION IS ON FILE AND COMPLETE TEXT WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA AIRGRAM. SUBJECT DRAFT GRANT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO GOL, USAID ANTICIPATES FORMAL SIGNING WITHIN ONE WEEK. TWO QUALIFIED FIRMS HAVE SUBMITTED TECHNICAL/COST PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE PRIME CONTRACTOR/CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN EVALUATED BY USAID ENGINEER AND AID/W CONTRACT NAVAIDS ENGINEER/EXPERT RECRUITED BY DS/ENGR. THE NAVAIDS EXPERT HAS RECOMMENDED CONTRACT AWARD TO ONE OF TWO FIRMS. ONE FIRM IS LIBERIAN AND THE OTHER IS AMERICAN.

2. DISCUSSION: PURPOSE OF PROJECT IS TO ASSIST GOL IN UPGRADING RELIABILITY OF PRIORITY NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AT ROBERTSFIELD (RIA) AND FIVE PRINCIPAL DOMESTIC AIRPORTS. THE SUBJECT GRANT SHALL NOT EXCEED US DOLLARS 448 THOUSAND. AID WILL FINANCE:

- (A) ONE DUAL DME
- (B) ONE ROTATING AIRPORT BEACON
- (C) ONE DME/VOR REMOTE MONITOR/CONTROL SYSTEM
- (D) SIX NON-DIRECTIONAL BEACONS (NDB)
- (E) VHF/FM RADIO LINK BETWEEN SPRIGGS-PAYNE AND RIA ATC TOWERS
- (F) ONE ATC RECORDER SYSTEM
- (G) ILS COMPONENT SPARES
- (H) SPARE PARTS FOR THE ABOVE ITEMS
- (I) PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THE ABOVE ITEMS
- (J) SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TRAINING

GOL DESIRES "TURN-KEY" TYPE CONTRACT UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF PRIME CONTRACTOR WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF ALL PROJECT COMMODITIES. THE TRADE WAS INITIALLY CONTRACTED BY USFAA BEFORE AID WAS BROUGHT INTO PROJECT. USFAA REQUESTED US DEPT. OF COMMERCE ASSISTANCE. AFR AND DS/ENGR HAVE PROVIDED VALUABLE ASSISTANCE. REGIONAL CONTRACTS OFFICER SULTAN REVIEWED PROJECT CORRESPONDENCE AND NAVAIDS EXPERT'S SURVEY AND RECOMMENDATIONS. USAID

ESTIMATES FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS WILL BE EIGHTY-EIGHT (88) PERCENT OF AID GRANT.

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3. GOL IS VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE ALL PROJECT EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE HEADS OF STATE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) WHICH WILL BE HELD IN MONROVIA JULY 1979.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THEREFORE I REQUEST AN AD HOC DELEGATION OF AID CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR AN AMOUNT NTE 448 THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH WILL ENABLE USAID TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A PRIME CONTRACT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES FINANCED UNDER THE SUBJECT GRANT.  
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