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Mr. Gerald Barth
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RE: Contract No. LAG-I-00-99-00036-00, Task Order 801
UI Project 06967-003, More Effective and Accountable Local Governments Developed (Paraguay)
Quarterly Task Order Progress and Cost Report, January to March 2003

Dear Mr. Barth:

Please find enclosed the *Quarterly Task Order Progress and Cost Report, January to March 2003, Paraguay More Effective and Accountable Local Government* as required under Section F.12 of the above referenced contract.

In an effort to minimize cost and maximize efficiency in submitting this deliverable, we are submitting the Quarterly Progress Report in soft copy only. We would be pleased to provide a hard copy of the document, if requested.

Please direct any technical questions to Jeff Telgarsky, The Urban Institute, jtelgars@ui.urban.org. Questions of a contractual nature should be addressed to me at 202-261-5293.

Sincerely,

Maria A. Stern

Enclosures

cc: Dale Gredler (USAID/Washington)
USAID Development Clearinghouse
IAC Deliverables File (06967-003)

**QUARTERLY TASK ORDER
PROGRESS AND COST
REPORT**

January to March 2003

**PARAGUAY: MORE
EFFECTIVE AND
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Paraguay More Effective and Accountable Local Government
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JANUARY TO MARCH 2003

PARAGUAY: MORE EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Task Order No.:	LAG-I-00-99-00036-00, TO No. 801
Date of Issuance:	September 2000
Amount Obligated Under Task Order:	\$ 1,753,777
Total Potential Task Order Amount:	\$ 1,753,777
Dollars Expended To-date:	\$ 1,753,777

Task Order Description

In September 2000, UI signed a two-year contract with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide capacity building and technical assistance to local governments in Paraguay. The project was granted a 3-month extension in December, 2002, through March, 2003.

Under subcontract to the Urban Institute (UI), Chemonics managed this Task Order to identify 10 new small-to-medium scale pilot public service projects in 4 departments and approximately 20 municipalities in Paraguay. The project helped to strengthen the capacity of participating municipalities and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to design, deliver and manage viable service delivery projects and mechanisms. The project also provided technical assistance in participatory tools to define strategic/priority projects, identify funding alternatives; strengthen the public-private service delivery options; basic financial planning; transparent decision making, project and municipal finance, and associated legal issues.

Summary

All work has been completed on this project. UI has submitted several key deliverables during this time period: The Pilot Project Update for the Program for Tax Collection Improvement in the Municipality of Itá, the Program Prototype for the Improvement of Property Tax Collection, the Procedures Manual, Maps generated under the Itá Pilot Project component of the project, and a computer program that was developed as support for the work on local tax collections entitled *Sistema de Gestion y Facturación del Impuesto Inmobiliario*.

Key Personnel

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