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FROM : USAID/Brazil

SUBJECT: Report Control n° U-307 - Evaluation of Contractor Performance Report
University of Wisconsin n° AID/La-147 - Project n° 512-11-110-094.2

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I - ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

- A. NAME OF CONTRACTOR: University of Wisconsin
- B. CONTRACT NUMBER: AID/La-147
- C. PROJECT TITLE AND NUMBER: Agricultural Education: University of Grande do Sul (UFRGS) 512-11-110-094.2
- D. COOPERATING COUNTRY: BRAZIL
- E. COOPERATING COUNTRY INSTITUTIONS: Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), located at Porto Alegre, R.G.S.
- F. PERIOD: June 30, 1970 to December 31, 1970.
- G. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVE: Kermit C. King, Higher Education Advisor
- H. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT: The same as in "G" above.



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II - EVALUATION

A. Technical Performance

1. The contractor has a clear understanding of the contract and project objectives. During the reporting period the contractor continued to assist the UFRGS to develop a modern graduate school of agriculture and upgrade teaching, research and community service in the Faculties of Agronomy and Veterinary Sciences (FAV) and Agricultural Economics (IEPE).
2. The contractor has successfully pursued the goals established for the project. The essential project philosophy noted is that of creating a continuing and enduring postgraduate program that embodies the development of a highly specialized faculty at the UFRGS keyed to the agricultural needs of the state and the nation.
3. During this period the Mission, the contractor and the University effectively carried out joint planning activities which resulted in establishing new directions for the postgraduate program at the UFV and IEPE. A five year plan leading into 1975 developed by the University and Wisconsin should provide adequate guidance for the project which will be put under an AID/W Institutional Development Agreement (IDA) in 1971.
- b Project impact was clearly discernible in the successful upgrading of faculty members to handle postgraduate instruction in their specific agricultural areas and in strengthening cooperating departments to better meet emerging needs at the institution. The quality of the contractor's performance was excellent.

B. PERSONNEL

1. The contractor's personnel are technically competent. In accordance with the Project Implementation Plan for the period under consideration, the contractor developed a well-balanced contract team capable of coordinating the IEPE and FAV programs for improved crop development and extended community service in RGS.
2. Wisconsin project personnel have marshalled a coherent package of assistance techniques embracing the various agricultural postgraduate disciplines and have also demonstrated how information derived from well-integrated research can be delivered to the community outside the University. Emphasis is now being given to placing advanced Economics, Animal Science and Agronomy research results at the disposal of the community so that in-

creases in the production of wheat, beans, corn, rice, cattle and other agricultural products will come about more readily.

3. The contractor's personnel have maintained excellent relationships with the Mission, the University, other GOB cooperating entities and with the local populace.

C. TRAINING.

1. This project is continuing to place emphasis on the upgrading of UFRGS staff through the project participant training program. In 1970, ten staff members were selected to go to the U.S. for academic training.
2. The participant training in 1970 improved markedly by a) recruiting and processing able staff members for training opportunities, b) reorganizing the language training program to meet the needs of UFRGS staff members selected to go for U.S. training, and c) meeting departure scheduled of participants in a timely manner. Returned participants are committed to return to their departments to assist in the modernization and general improvement of area postgraduate program.

D. PROCUREMENT AND SUPPORT

1. Problems have not been encountered by the Mission or the contractor relative to operation of the project's commodity procurement program. The contractor's home office provided all the necessary and essential backstopping required to keep the commodity program on schedule.
2. Materials secured by the contractor for project research operations were well-designed and well-suited to the activities in which they were utilized. During the period, ^{the} contractor's representative in cooperation with Mission officials adequately managed the disposal of obsolescent materials and equipment purchased under the contract.

E. CONTRACT TERMS

The contractor has complied with all terms of the contract. This project was selected by AID/W to be one of three institutional building projects in Latin America to enter upon an Institution Development Agreement (IDA) in 1971. Under the IDA, the project director and the home office will be allowed greater responsibility and flexibility in carrying out project operations.

F. REPORTS.

Required reports have been submitted by the contractor.

G. SOURCE OF INFORMATION

This report is based on discussions with the principal officers of the contractor, host university officials, visits to the University, and discussions with U.S. officials conversant with the work of the project..

H. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

In late December 1970, the contractor's backstopping officials, the contract representatives, and Curtis Barker of AID/W made an official visit to the project site to consult with the University and the contract group concerning plans to place the contract under an Institutional Development Agreement (IDA).

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