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PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR) **PD-AAF-056-F1**

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5. PROJECT TITLE
Development Planning (NEED)

**A.I.D.
Reference Center
Room 1656 NS**

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY <u>1968</u> Ends FY <u>1971</u>	7. DATE LATEST PROP <u>12/27/67</u>	8. DATE LATEST PIP <u>1/28/70</u>	9. DATE PRIOR PAR <u>7/14/69</u> <i>4p</i>
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$ <u>1,324,000</u>	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ <u>140,000</u>	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$ <u>70,000</u>
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)

a. NAME	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.
Louis Berger, Inc./Systems Associates	Contract No. AID/ea 41 ✓
American Technical Assistance Corporation	Contract No. AID 493-006 ✓

I. NEW ACTIONS PROPOSED AND REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EVALUATION

A. ACTION (X)			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID/W	HOST		
			<p>No new actions required.</p> <p><u>Transferrable Lessons Learned</u></p> <p>Since the project encompassed the provision of technical advisory services to a wide range of planning functions, it is difficult to draw many lessons from the project. However, it seems clear that outside experts in this field have been most effective when they gave advice through doing the job together with RTG officers, rather than just acting in a purely "advisory" capacity.</p>	

D. REPLANNING REQUIRES	REVISOR OR NEW:	<input type="checkbox"/> PROP	<input type="checkbox"/> PIP	<input type="checkbox"/> PRO AG	<input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T	<input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C	<input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW
								February 25, 1971

PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE	MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE
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II. 7. Continued: Comment on key factors determining rating of Other Donors

Other donor inputs have been relatively small, concentrating on ancillary activities such as agriculture extension planning, etc. UNDP financed TA project for Northern Regional Planning are relevant but parallel.

III. KEY OUTPUT INDICATORS AND TARGETS

A. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		TARGETS (Percentage/Rate/Amount)					
		CUMU- LATIVE PRIOR FY	CURRENT FY		FY 72	FY 73	END OF PROJECT
			TO DATE	TO END			
1. Local on-the-job training.	PLANNED	80	80	80	-	-	80
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	80	80				
	REPLANNED						
2. U.S. participant training (academic & practical).	PLANNED	26	17	0	10		53
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	13	0				
	REPLANNED			14	16		43
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	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE						
	REPLANNED						
B. QUALITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS	COMMENT:						
1. Establishment of Regional Planning Unit in NEDB within Economic & Social Planning Division.	This unit is performing an effective job of coordinating the planning work of the other three units and is actually in the process of drafting the N.E. Development Plan.						
2. Establishment of Regional Planning Center for NEED Plan at Khon Kaen.	COMMENT: This unit is working directly with the Governor and staff of each Changwat to train and help in the preparation of the Changwat Development Plan. The progress appears to be on schedule, as indicated by progress on draft plans.						
3. Establishment of: a) Regional Nat'l Accounts & Data Analysis Unit within NEDB Nat'l Accounts Div. b) Data Services for Regional Planning Unit within NSO.	COMMENT: This unit has already produced a draft report on regional GDP for the N.E. and is now beginning work on other regions and integration into national accounts. This unit has been established and is operating.						

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IV. PROJECT PURPOSE

A. 1. Statement of purpose as currently envisaged.

2. Same as in PROP? YES NO

Improve capability (through participant and on-the-job training and technical advice) of RTG in regional (and to lesser extent national) development planning.

B. 1. Conditions which will exist when above purpose is achieved.	2. Evidence to date of progress toward these conditions.						
1. Improved development planning capability within NEDB, individual ministries and departments.	1. Draft portions of plans appear to be of higher quality than 2nd Development Plan and more RTG officials are better trained.						
2. Completed 5-year NE Regional Development Plan, 1972-76.	2. a) N.E. Regional Draft Plan, 50% complete. b) Ministerial inputs lagging; 30% complete.						
3. Completed development plans for 15 NE changwat.	3. Second draft of four out of fifteen Changwat Plans complete.						
4. Completed 3rd 5-year National Development Plan.	4. a) Macro work well under way. b) Project assembly behind schedule. c) Seven out of approx. fifteen chapters drafted.						
5. Establishment and functioning of NEED Sub-Committee to NE Development Committee and sectoral working groups.	5. Sub-Committee and working groups exist, and met regularly during 1969 and early 1970 but only sporadically since then except for the Agriculture Working Group.						
6. Increased input of budgetary and human resources into NE.	6. Percentage of Devel. Budget Expenditures in the NE. <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>1962 - 24.9%</td> <td>1966 - 29.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1967 - 30.9%</td> <td>1968 - 31.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1969 - 31.3%</td> <td>1971-76 (planned) - 34%</td> </tr> </table>	1962 - 24.9%	1966 - 29.4%	1967 - 30.9%	1968 - 31.1%	1969 - 31.3%	1971-76 (planned) - 34%
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V. PROGRAMMING GOAL

A. Statement of Programming Goal

Optimize RTG inputs into NE in order to increase regional GDP without distorting national growth and maximize income growth to farmers in area.

Decentralized participation in planning process through Changwat planning activities.

B. Will the achievement of the project purpose make a significant contribution to the programming goal, given the magnitude of the national problem? Cite evidence.

The improvement of the development planning capability will optimize RTG development inputs into the Northeast as well as on a national level. These development inputs will be between \$4 and \$5 billion in local currency and \$800 million in foreign assistance over the Third 5-year Plan 1972-1976 for the whole country. The national problem to which this program is addressed is a stagnating agriculture sector, inadequate education and health facilities, coupled with a severe balance of payments disequilibrium. The evidence is the plan itself.