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Task Order Description

In April 2000, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Bank Institute (WBI) and the Urban Institute (under USAID contract EPE-C-00-59-00110-00, Request for Services 452) delivered a course on intergovernmental fiscal relations, decentralization and municipal credit for national and local government officials from countries in eastern Europe. In 2001, as part of this Local Government Assistance Task Order, UI, USAID and the World Bank Institute again collaborated for a course on intergovernmental fiscal relations, this time for the World Bank and USAID local government project managers in Eastern Europe. The course was held at the Council of Europe Youth Center in Budapest from May 30 to June 1, 2001.

More than 30 officials from USAID, the World Bank and other organizations, such as UNDP and OSI, participated in the training. UI coordinated the presentations of 12 experts, including donor officials and local government practitioners from around the region. Participant evaluations indicate the training was effective and useful for participants and USAID. The course inspired plans for similar events in future.

This Task Order includes a follow-on evaluation that the Training Resource Group (TRG) will conduct next year to try to measure the impact of the course. For this reason, the Task Order will continue through June 2002.

Amount Obligated Under Task Order:	\$60,908
Total Potential Task Order Amount:	\$60,908
Dollars Expended To-date:	\$52,049

Progress of Major Activities

In 2001, as part of this Local Government Assistance Task Order and based on the success of the previous year's course UI, USAID and WBI again collaborated for a course on intergovernmental fiscal relations, this time for the World Bank and USAID local government project managers in Eastern Europe. On November 27 and 28, 2001 UI staff presented a two-day workshop, "Course on Fiscal Decentralization," to senior USAID personnel from the USAID ENI Bureau. The objectives of the workshop



were to describe the conceptual framework and theory of fiscal decentralization, and describe and apply the concepts, "lessons learned," and specific experiences in fiscal decentralization reform in transitional and other economies. Topics included:

- Revenue assignment and local budgets
- Balancing and overlapping local and national interests
- Phasing and sequencing fiscal decentralization
- Infrastructure finances, role of debt, borrowing and creditworthiness

UI has contracts with USAID in several countries of this region to promote fiscal decentralization. The course was a follow on to the course presented in May 2001 in Budapest to field staff of both USAID and the World Bank from the CEE/NIS region. In that case both USAID and the World Bank Institute were the sponsors.

Work Planned for next Reporting Period

This Task Order includes a follow-up evaluation to try to measure the impact of the Course. TRG will conduct the evaluation approximately eight months after the Course.

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