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## PRESS RELEASE

USAID Seeks Applications for a U.S. Study Program on Hospital Management

**Dushanbe**, **Tajikistan**. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks applications for its Community Connections Program study tour in the U.S. on hospital management.

Under this program, a group of ten professionals will travel to the U.S. for a three-week internship in hospital management in January 2009. Participants will observe hospital management practices in the United States and interact closely with health sector professionals to share knowledge and practices.

The selection competition is open to leading experts and managers working in the Tajik health sector. Employees of the Ministry of Health are welcome to apply. All candidates should have leadership potential in the health sector and live and work in Tajikistan. Candidates should be able to demonstrate their commitment to improving health care in Tajikistan. Preference will be given to candidates that run and manage hospitals of Tajikistan. English language is not required for this program.

The USAID Community Connections program offers home stay-based, three-week practical training opportunities in the United States. The program provides an important opportunity for American people and people from Tajikistan to work together on addressing common professional challenges while expanding their social and cultural understanding. In 2008, approximately 50 Tajik experts in the fields of municipal planning, loan management, library management, hospital management, and energy management will be selected in an open, nationwide, merit-based competition to participate in the program. The program is managed by the American Councils.

To be considered, the completed application form must be submitted to the American Councils no later than October 30, 2008. Application forms can be received from the American Councils website <a href="www.cc-car.org">www.cc-car.org</a>, by e-mail from Aziza Ernazarova at <a href="mailto:ernazarova@americancouncils-tj.co.cc">ernazarova@americancouncils-tj.co.cc</a>, or from the following offices:

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