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## **Ambassador Goldberg Inaugurates U.S. Virtual Presence Post in Sucre**

Today, U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia Philip S. Goldberg inaugurated the Virtual Presence Post (VPP) for the city of Sucre. This is the third city-specific U.S. Embassy website in Bolivia. The first two VPPs are for Cochabamba and Santa Cruz.

VPPs are a new approach that allows for U.S. diplomatic presence in important cities, regions, and communities without buildings or permanent staff. VPPs are a combination of a website and a specific city team, and they have been set up in many countries as well.

This VPP will be exclusively dedicated to Sucre and several Embassy officers, who travel often to the department of Chuquisaca, will work as a team to implement cooperation programs throughout the department. The city team leader is Cyndee Crook, who will coordinate specific activities with the other team members: NAS Deputy Director, Gwen Lewellyn; computer officer, Juan Carlos Lopez; and USAID representative Jessica Zaman.

In his inaugural speech, Ambassador Goldberg said: “Our officers routinely cooperate with all levels of the municipal government in Sucre, the Bolivian-American Center, and other local partners to implement important projects such as basic infrastructure improvement and humanitarian assistance efforts. We also carry out cultural projects, the D.A.R.E. program for drug use prevention among children and teens, as well as economic and trade development projects. This Virtual Presence Post will strengthen our fruitful relation and our joint programs. With this new initiative we celebrate our friendship and partnership with the beautiful and historic city of Sucre and with the entire department of Chuquisaca.” The new website’s links (in Spanish and English) are: <http://spanish.sucre.usvpp.gov/> and <http://sucre.usvpp.gov/index.html>.