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USTDA Awards Contract to SPI USA

Perform the Definitional Mission (DM) for the India Cold Chain Technical Assistance (CCTA) Program

BALTIMORE, MD (June 21, 2006) – The United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) (www.ustda.gov) awarded a contract to SPI USA, Inc. (www.usaspi.com) of Baltimore, Maryland, to perform the Definitional Mission (DM) for the India Cold Chain Technical Assistance (CCTA) Program. USTDA has approved funding in the amount of \$500,000 for activities (e.g. training, workshops, and technical assistance) that address existing weaknesses in India's cold chain infrastructure. This program is part of the U.S.-India Agriculture Knowledge Initiative (AKI) and is deemed a high priority by the government of India and the United States' government members of the AKI committee. It is the objective of the DM and the task of SPI USA to develop scopes of work and corresponding budgets for the activities that will comprise the \$500,000 CCTA program.

USTDA's mission is to advance economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries.

SPI USA is an international consulting and training company with offices worldwide. SPI USA's activity areas include the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and agro-food sectors.

“We are excited to have been given the opportunity to work with the USTDA towards improving India's cold chain infrastructure and ultimately leading to greater economic opportunities for US exporters and Indian retailers and consumers,” said Dr. Antonio Moreira, CEO of SPI USA, Inc.

“USTDA is pleased to be working with SPI USA, Inc. on this very important mission. SPI USA has put together a highly qualified team and we feel confident that with their expertise and assistance, we will achieve a strong program that satisfies our agency's mandate and our commitment to the AKI initiative,” said Marian Bassett, Country Manager, South Asia, U.S. Trade & Development Agency.

About SPI USA, Inc: SPI USA provides highly specialized consulting and training services such as those listed above, to organizations worldwide in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors. SPI USA, Inc. also delivers customized and in-house training seminars on topics such as CGMPs, GLPs, Medical Devices, Bio-production and more. SPI USA is headquartered at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's research park, bwtech@UMBC.

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