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Sources of Information

Citizen Participation TVA Communications, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902-1499. Phone, 865-632-2101.

Contracts Purchasing, WT 3A, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902-1499. Phone, 865-632-4796. This office will direct inquiries to the appropriate procurement officer.

Economic Development OCP 2A-NST, One Century Place, 26 Century Boulevard., Suite 100, Nashville, TN 37214. Mailing address: P.O. Box 292409, Nashville, TN 37229-2409. Phone, 615-232-6051.

Electric Power Supply 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. Phone, 423-751-6000.

Electric Rates One Century Plaza, 26 Century Boulevard, Suite 100, Nashville, TN 37214-3685.

Employment For employment inquiries, visit www.tva.com.

Library Services TVA Research Library, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902-1499. Phone, 865-632-3464. Chattanooga Office Complex, LP4A-C, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402-2791. Phone, 423-751-4913. P.O. Box 1010, CTR 1E-M, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662. Phone, 256-386-2872.

Maps Maps Information and Photo Records, HV 1C-C, 2837 Hickory Valley Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421. Phone, 423-499-6285; 800-627-7882.

Publications TVA Communications, WT 7D, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902-1499. Phone, 865-632-6000.

For further information, contact the Tennessee Valley Authority at either 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902-1499, phone, 865-632-3199; or One Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20044, phone, 202-898-2999. Internet, www.tva.com.

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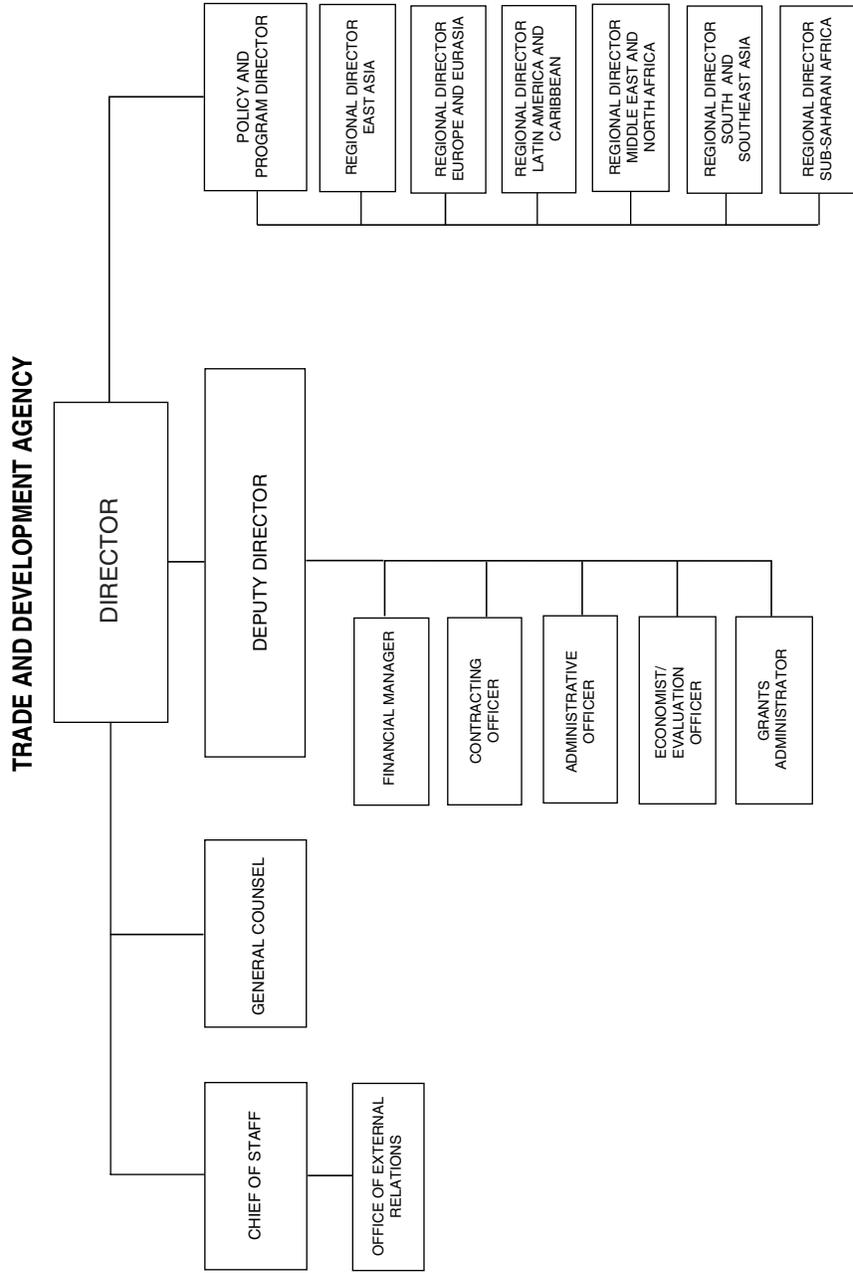
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The Agency makes decisions on funding requests based on the recommendations contained in definitional mission or desk study reports, the advice of the U.S. Embassy, and its own internal analysis.

Sources of Information

Requests for proposals to conduct USTDA-funded technical assistance and feasibility studies, or definitional missions involving review of projects under consideration for USTDA support are listed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) Web site. Links to the FBO postings can be found at www.ustda.gov.

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opportunities and a calendar of events on a biweekly basis. A free email subscription is available at www.ustda.gov. The Agency's printed newsletter, *USTDA Update*, contains current items of interest on a variety of program activities. Region- or sector-specific factsheets and case studies are also available. An annual report summarizes the Agency's activities.

Agency news, reports, and lists of current business opportunities and upcoming events are available at www.ustda.gov.

USTDA's library maintains final reports on the Agency's activities. The reports are available for public review Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Copies of completed studies may be purchased through the Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service at www.ntis.gov.

Regional program inquiries should be directed to the assigned Country Manager. Phone, 703-875-4357. Fax, 703-875-4009. Email, info@ustda.gov.

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