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PRESS RELEASE

New Software Solution for the Employment Service Agency through USAID

The Employment Service Agency launched an Integrated Software Solution which will help job seekers access information on what jobs are available as well as what types of employees are currently in demand in the labor market. This software will enable job seekers to research a variety of professions, find out what skills are required and what the average salaries are, and get guidance in their career development. For employers, it will shorten and ease the recruitment process, as they will be able to post job posts and access resumés online.

This software was developed by the USAID Business Environment Activity to assist the ESA to become a more pro-active and efficient agency. The Integrated Software Solution will improve the matching of labor market supply and demand.

"The primary mission of the Employment Service Agency is to help people find jobs and help employers find workers," said Michael Fritz, USAID Macedonia Mission Director. "With this software system, all citizens and organizations will be able to receive effective, up-to-date and useful information."

The USAID Business Environment Activity has supported the modernization of the Employment Service Agency since 2007, thus enhancing the Agency's scope and quality of services with the use of Information and Communication Technology.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.

The USAID Business Environment Activity is a four-year, \$8.2 million project implemented by Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. The mission of the Activity is to improve the effectiveness of Macedonia's legal and institutional environment for investing and doing business, encourage business formation and growth, and address the issue of high unemployment. For more information please visit www.bea.org.mk