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WITH WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS

ATLANTA, GA.....Rural water supply problems continue to plague developing countries, and the Agency for International Development (AID) has recently awarded Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station a contract authorizing expenditures up to \$350,000 a year for two years to help. The contract calls for Tech's Office of International Programs to respond on a task-order basis to requests from AID Missions worldwide for technical assistance.

Georgia Tech's Phillip Potts, director for the project, reports that a recently concluded program of field testing of the AID manually-operated water pump at 60 rural sites in Costa Rica and Nicaragua has been successful, and several other water pump projects are currently underway or committed. Water pumps are being installed in the Dominican Republic, and local manufacture of the pump is in progress in Indonesia. Georgia Tech researchers are also conducting on-site pump project feasibility studies in Bolivia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Togo and Benin, according to Tech International Programs Director Ross W. Hammond.