

USAID/HONDURAS
MEMORANDUM



DATE : March 19, 1998

TO : Elena Brinema, MD

FROM : Timothy T. Beans, CO

SUBJECT : **AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION OF HOST COUNTRY CONTRACTING
CAPABILITY**

In accordance with the requirements set forth in ADS 301, the Mission Director must certify an affirmative determination that the Contracting Agency has the capability to undertake procurement actions that exceed \$250,000 in accordance with USAID host country contracting procedures. Prior to asking you to make such a determination, a formal assessment of the Contracting Agency's procurement system must be made. This determination must be based upon a careful assessment of their entire procurement system, including their internal financial control systems.

Based upon an assessment, carried out by the office of Contracts and Controllers and summarized in a report, dated February 2, 1998, (see attached) of the capability and integrity of (Fundación Hondureña de Inversión Social FHIS) to carry out the procurement actions financed by USAID from solicitation to audit and closeout, in accordance with applicable USAID standards and procedures (set forth in ADS Chapter 301), and based upon the recommendations of the cognizant strategic objective team, Contracting Officer, Legal Advisor, and Controller, I have determined that FHIS is capable of undertaking procurement of commodities, services and construction. This determination must be reviewed at any appropriate time that staff, organization, legal, or other changes suggest that a current assessment would be appropriate and will in any event be repeated, or updated by limited reviews, within three years of the above assessment.

Signed by Mission Director (date) *Elena Brinema* 3/25/98