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### **IRG-TETRA TECH JOINT VENTURE WINS \$6 MM USAID TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM PROJECT**

International Resources Group (IRG) and Tetra Tech, Inc. today announced that the United States Agency for International Development has selected the joint venture to support the development of an Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System. The program will be undertaken in coordination with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, other donor nations, and national governments in the region.

The IRG-Tetra Tech joint venture, serving as the program integrator, will provide quick response technical assistance plus coordination, logistical training and administrative support to USAID's Regional Development Mission/Asia, the US Government inter-agency team and to international, national and local organizations involved in the development of tsunami warning system.

"IRG is pleased to support USAID in assisting the people of east Asia to develop an effective tsunami early warning system that will help prevent massive loss of life as occurred in that region last December. Our intention is to build a system that also detects other destructive natural disasters, from floods to droughts, and includes monitoring and prediction elements, a communications process for disseminating warning messages and information to prepare and act," said Asif Shaikh, International Resources Group President and CEO. "To this end, we look forward to working with our exceptional team of experts on USAID's behalf."

Li-San Hwang, Tetra Tech's Chairman and CEO, said "Tetra Tech has done substantial work in the field of tsunami research. We are pleased to be given this opportunity to again make a contribution for society's benefit and to minimize human losses in the event of such catastrophic disasters."

IRG is an international professional services firm that helps governments, the private sector, communities, and households manage critical resources to build a cleaner, safer, and more prosperous world. Since its inception in 1978, IRG has completed over 650 contracts in 134 countries, delivering high-quality, cost-effective services that promote positive economic growth, institutional and social change, and intelligent use of resources – human, physical, environmental, and financial.

Tetra Tech is a leading provider of consulting, engineering and technical services. With nearly 8,000 associates located in the United States and internationally, the company supports commercial and government clients in the areas of resource management, infrastructure and communications. Tetra Tech's services include research and development, applied science and technology, engineering design, program management, construction management, and operations and maintenance.