



## Rehabilitation of the University of Liberia Engineering Building, Fendell Campus

### Statistics

- Grant value - \$USD 1.2 Million
- Groundbreaking – July 16, 2009
- Scheduled Completion–January 2010
- 2 storey university building
- 80,000 square feet
- More than 70 classrooms, laboratories, workshops & offices
- Over 100 skilled and unskilled laborers will gain temporary employment in the construction



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### Implementing Partners

- Managed by DAI – under contract to USAID
- Architectural design: AEP Consultants
- Construction Services: Sawyer and Associates Construction Company

*University of Liberia President Dr. Emmett Dennis speaking at the July 2009 Groundbreaking Ceremony thanked the US Government for its farsightedness adding “the engineering program is critical to the nation’s development.”*

Education is a top priority for the people and Government of Liberia (GOL). The Government’s Poverty Reduction Strategy states that “Liberia’s education system was seriously undermined by the war. More than 30 percent of public schools were totally destroyed, and a further 16 percent of schools experienced major damage”. The University of Liberia’s Fendall Campus is no exception. It served as a feeding center for tens of thousands of Internally Displaced People (IDP) during the civil crisis in Liberia.

The rehabilitation of the University of Liberia Engineering Building, Fendell Campus, is part of the US Government’s commitment on behalf of the American People to assist with the restoration and expansion of Liberia’s education system.

The rehabilitation commenced in July 2009, through a US\$1.2 million grant to the University of Liberia.

This large building (80,000 square feet) consists of more than 70 classrooms, laboratories, workshops and offices. When rehabilitation is complete, the building will provide a quality learning environment for a variety of engineering disciplines including Civil Engineering, Soils and Geotechnical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer based Engineering. The building will also house a Road Construction and Maintenance Training Center – to become a Center for Excellence – providing public and private sector capacity building, training and educational programs.

Through this grant, rehabilitation will include the repair of the entire roof, new doors and windows, a new electrical system, water supply and distribution systems, a new septic tank, a water reservoir system, and painting of exterior and interior walls. The grant also includes new desks, chairs, drafting tables and faculty desks, along with 6 solar-powered outdoor security lights.



