



## **Management, Leadership, and Business Training Program between U.S. Government and Sonelgaz**

Today, June 26, 2014, U.S. Ambassador Henry S. Ensher and Sonelgaz CEO Noureddine Bouterfa signed a Grant Agreement to fund executive and senior management-level training for Sonelgaz. The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide \$500,000 to support the “annual management, leadership and business training” to Sonelgaz Group executives and senior leadership staff, and General Electric will deliver the training.

At today’s signing ceremony, Ambassador Ensher expressed his support for such training as it will help build important leadership, business and project management skills within the Sonelgaz Group and further strengthen ties between the U.S. and Algeria.

Ambassador Ensher encouraged the need for similar trainings and he encouraged American companies investing in Algeria to continue to pursue investment in the local economy, technology transfer, and human capacity development. GE’s work in Algeria is one of the finest examples of U.S.-Algeria collaboration as GE’s efforts to invest, develop a local supply chain, and engage in knowledge-sharing and training with Algerian nationals is unparalleled.

The U.S. government hopes more partnerships between the U.S. and Algeria will have an important, long-term, and positive impact on Algeria’s infrastructure development and economic growth.

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