

University of Georgia

NON-CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Host Country:	Georgia
Names of Borrower:	University of Georgia
U.S. Sponsor:	Edward Raupp and Nicholas Alasania
Foreign Sponsors:	Manana Sanadze and Giuli Alasania
Project Description:	The acquisition and renovation of a building in Tbilisi, Georgia in order to expand the University of Georgia by increasing classroom space, the establishment of a medical clinic, and the establishment of a School of Accounting.
Total Project costs:	\$12,953,052
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$8,050,000
Developmental Effects	The Project will have a positive developmental impact on the host country through the refurbishment of an existing building for the expansion of a local university. In addition to new capacity for students, this expansion involves a new medical clinic, which will be open to students, faculty and the community at large. The school also offers scholarships to students from local, low-income families. The project company has an EEO policy that meets ILO Convention 111 standards, and will hire new staff related to this expansion. All employees are provided with medical coverage, and female employees are entitled to child care and maternity leave.
Environment:	The Project has been screened as a Category B project under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines because impacts are site-specific and readily mitigated through the application of international standards. Environmental, health and safety issues of importance differ depending on the types of activities on the campus. In the classrooms and dorms the major environmental issues include access to potable water, wastewater treatment and disposal, solid and hazardous waste disposal and fire safety. The primary environmental, health and safety concerns related to health care projects are the management of pathogenic and other hazardous wastes, and quality of care.
Worker Rights:	The Project received a Worker Rights Clearance on July 29, 2010. OPIC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the right of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age for employment, hours of work, timely payment of wages, minimum wages, and hazardous working situations. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project.
Human Rights:	The Project received a Human Rights Clearance on June 15, 2010.