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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE OF LIBERIA/NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY PROJECT

Liberia and U.S. Department of Defense Biosafety and Biosecurity Program, Announce New Health Institutes and Reference Laboratories in Liberia.

On May 13, 2017, the National Public Health Institute of Liberia reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency-Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (DTRA-CBEP), for the design of the National Public Health Institute of Liberia and National Reference Laboratory in Monrovia and, the Regional Referral Laboratory in Bong County. Work will be carried out by the Liberian company, Architect, Engineers, and Planning Consultants (AEP).

This is a significant milestone in ongoing collaboration between Liberia and the United States, in strengthening Liberia's public health sector, by improving laboratory testing capabilities, allowing for more rapid detection of diseases, thus, enabling a quicker response time. Programs such as this reinforce the commitment of the Government of Liberia toward improving the safety and security of The Liberian people from threats posed by public health emergencies.

The prime contractor for this effort, CH2M, a U.S. based company, is leading the integration of the program from DTRA-CBEP. Construction of the planned facilities is scheduled to be completed by April 2019 and will include training and outfitting facilities with state-of-the-art equipment.

The National Public Health Institute of Liberia and DTRA-CBEP have forged a strong partnership since the Ebola outbreak response, during which, they focused on laboratory testing and training.

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