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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	The Solidarity Center's programs in Latin America focus mainly on strengthening the unions' capacity to organize, to bargain collectively, to administer their organizations in a democratic and sustainable manner, and to educate their members for political participation in a global economy. The ultimate goal of these programs is to enable trade unions to effectively promote democratic, equitable, and sustainable development, based on respect for fundamental human and worker rights, throughout the Americas. The program assists workers to exercise their rights under national labor laws, to create and strengthen workplace industrial unions, to strengthen collective bargaining through the establishment of regional structures linking unions in a particular sector, thus covering as many workers as possible under collective bargaining agreements and negotiating them successfully; and coordinate "framework agreements" that establish criteria for all of an employer's production facilities. These include the creation of economic research departments and legal departments with trained staff to support bargaining. Funded and implemented by USAID/DG.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	62,146
Caribbean Court of Justice	This activity is critical to Trade Capacity Building as it seeks to assist in the formation of the Caribbean Court of Justice. The Caribbean Heads of Government have approved the proposed formation of a Caribbean Court of Justice. The Court will have both original and appellate jurisdiction. The original jurisdiction will encompass decisions on all trade disputes within the CARICOM countries. USAID has been providing technical support for the public education program in the Caribbean. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	93,900
Caribbean Hotel Environmental Management	The activity provides technical assistance and training to (a) carry out environmental assessments of small hotels; (b) implement environmental management systems in small hotels; (c) establish certification systems in the tourism sector and (d) develop and disseminate information related to environmental improvements for small hotels. The assistance is intended to improve small hotel standards and increase trade in this sector. In FY02 the activity will work with approximately 75 hotels. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Environmental Trade & Standards	225,000
		Tourism Sector Development	225,000
		Activity Total	450,000

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Case Backlog Activity	This activity is critical to Trade Capacity Building as it seeks to assist the six independent Country of the OECS to expedite an ongoing case inputting of case management data from a total of 69,000 existing case files. The expedition process entails the entry of previous case information into the computerized systems provided by the Program and includes cases filed in the courts from 1980. The aim is to have information on the status of these backlog cases readily available so that they can be expeditiously adjudicated. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	65,615
		WTO Awareness	272,000
		E-Commerce & IT	136,000
		Business Services & Training	816,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	408,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	272,000
		Tourism Sector Development	136,000
		Other Services Development	408,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	272,000
	Activity Total	2,720,000	
Competitiveness/Trade Capacity Program (working title)	The Competitiveness/Trade Capacity Program is currently being designed to enable the countries of the Caribbean to become more competitive as well as to participate more effectively in the international area on trade related matters. The program is expected to include country level technical support addressing competitiveness issues; firm/business level technical support, and policy level; training in trade facilitation, negotiations, and legislation upgrades etc. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.		

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Deregulation of the Telecommunications Sector	This activity supports the implementation of telecom sector reform and the development of information services and technology industries in the Caribbean. Under this activity, USAID collaborates with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the private sector and the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) to implement activities which include the creation of a new regulatory authority, Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications (ECTEL), and the development of guidelines, policies and procedures related to interconnections. These activities will open the telecoms sector to more investments thus enhancing its competitiveness and reducing the cost of using telecom services. This will facilitate international communications and enhance trading activities. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Other Services Development	780,000
Environmental Audits for Sustainable Tourism (EAST) III	Through the provision of technical assistance and training, the EAST Activity works to promote Environmental Management Systems through Green Globe Certification with the Tourism Sector (hotels and attractions in particular). These certification standards are recognized globally as indicators of adherence to environmentally sound practices. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Environmental Trade & Standards	50,000
		Tourism Sector Development	50,000
		Activity Total	100,000
Intern/Scholarship Program	The Intern/Scholarship Program is currently being designed to fund the training of persons in the public and private sectors in targeted areas related to trade and competition. This is expected to impact positively on trade development and competitiveness in key sectors within the Caribbean the region. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Business Services & Training	1,000,000
Labor Exchange Project	This aims to: Increase employment in the English speaking Caribbean countries and Suriname. Increase employment and recruitment for clients of one-stop resource centers. Increase opportunities for job seekers and employers to gain access to the labor market. Provide labor ministries with the skills and tools necessary to manage and maintain employment services systems. Increase cooperation between labor ministries and social partners on employment services issue. Open and operate one-stop resources centers. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	555,407
Labor Market Information System (LMIS) Project	This project aims to: Strengthen the institutional and automation capacity of labor ministries to manage the LMIS, analyze data and publish timely policy reports on labor issues and trends. Improve the ability of government, trade unions, and employer organizations to gain access to labor market information. Develop training programs for those individuals responsible for labor market information in each country in analysis. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	75,000

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Modernization of the Judiciary	This activity is critical to Trade Capacity Building as it seeks to enhance the efficiency and fairness of the court systems in the six independent Countries of the Eastern Caribbean. The areas of intervention include providing computer systems, training of the Judiciary and Court Reporters, Alternative Dispute Resolution, technical assistance and staff training in the Court registries. This also includes the replication of the electronic court reporting facilities in up to five independent countries in the Eastern Caribbean. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	1,832,044
Modernization of the Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Sector	This activity involves the upgrading of Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary legislation in the OECS countries and Barbados as well as the training of personnel from both public and private sectors in areas related to national food safety systems. The aim is to strengthen this sector in order to facilitate growth in the export of agricultural commodities from countries in this region. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Agreement on SPS	180,000
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Regional Case Reporting Activity	This activity is critical to Trade Capacity Building as it seeks to alleviate the chronic shortage of access to regionally decided court cases in the Caribbean. The main objective is to improve the access to primary legal materials of the Caribbean by providing information on cases decided by the region's superior courts since the 1950's. Information technology is used to increase the efficiency of case law research at the UWI Law Library and to ensure that the information compiled is made widely accessible to regional users through the creation of a computerized database. This program has recently been expanded to include: bilateral and multilateral treaties to which CARICOM States are signatories; text of legislation regulating companies, banks and international business compliance; and legislation that will be drafted in the future on the Caribbean Single Market and Economy. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	196,752
Small Tourism Enterprise Program	The activity (a) provides technical assistance and training to small hotels (and other tourism enterprises) to improve their competitiveness and enhance their environmental management; (b) develop a marketing mechanism for small hotels and (c) establish an investment facility for small hotel environmental and other upgrades. The activity includes improving environmental and occupational standards. In FY02 the activity will assist approximately 300 small hotels. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Environmental Trade & Standards	380,000
		Tourism Sector Development	570,000
		Activity Total	950,000

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Standards At Work-Promoting New Enterprise Strategies in the Caribbean Project	This project aims to promote a strong industrial relations system and the application of core labor standards as a vehicle for helping to improve the competitiveness of the region. Activities include: Training employers and workers in win-win bargaining, conflict prevention, and dispute resolution. Identifying and publishing model forms of labor-management cooperation that reflect a full respect for core labor standards. Producing and disseminating a quarterly Caribbean newsletter demonstrating good models as well as providing information on trends and developments with respect to management/worker cooperation, industrial relations issues, productivity alliances, gain sharing models, and other relevant topics. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	1,590,000
Western Hemisphere Bureau's FTAA Program	Western Hemisphere Bureau provides TCB assistance to Caribbean countries to help them participate in FTAA negotiations and to prepare to take advantage of an agreement. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	500,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to CARIBBEAN NS			11,150,864