

United States Government
FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
COSTA RICA

| Activity Title | Activity Description | TCB Category | FY 02 Total |
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| Bilateral Assistance Projects NOT funded by the Host Country Government | This activity addresses problems related to illegal shipments on-board (air, land, and sea) conveyances destined for the United States. The advisory program directly supports legitimate trade, and helps make it easier for those shipments to reach the United States. Department of State and implemented by Customs, Office of International Affairs. | Customs Operation & Administration | 134,198 |
| PROALCA (I) - TRADE | The Trade & Investment component of the PROALCA activity aims to improve trade policies, including the further dismantling of tariff and non-tariff trade barriers, implementation of the WTO commitments, and advancing Central America's new model of outward-oriented, WTO-consistent, subregional economic integration; strengthen intellectual property rights protection through public education, assistance in updating the appropriate national legislation, and regional IPR conventions, specialized training for IPR registries, regional IPR conventions, and improve dispute resolution procedures. The activity supports the implementation of commitments made by Central American countries in bilateral investment treaties and IPR agreements with the United States. The grantee is SIECA. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP. | Agreement on SPS | 3,280 |
| | | Agreement on TBTs | 1,640 |
| | | Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods | 24,600 |
| | | Agreement on Rules of Origin | 2,460 |
| | | Agreement on CVMs | 2,460 |
| | | Agreement on Safeguards | 1,640 |
| | | General Agreement on Trade in Services | 30,340 |
| | | Agreement on TRIPS | 6,560 |
| | | Agreement on Dispute Settlement | 2,460 |
| | | Agreement on TPRM | 1,640 |
| | | Customs Operation & Administration | 2,460 |
| | | Competition Policy & Foreign Investment | 2,460 |
| | Activity Total | 82,000 | |
| PROALCA (II) - ENERGY | PROALCA II is the follow-on activity. The Energy component promotes greater private sector investment in energy. As such, it improves the foreign investment incentives generally and builds up necessary institutional, legal and regulatory infrastructure for regional energy integration. USAID is aiding Central American governments in designing and developing of more open and competitive energy regimes which encourage private sector participation. Direct technical assistance and training focuses on the design and implementation of more liberalized and regulatory frameworks. The implementing partner is the PA Consulting Group. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP. | Competition Policy & Foreign Investment | 40,000 |
| | | Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord. | 10,000 |
| | | Activity Total | 50,000 |

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| PROALCA (II) - LABOR | <p>PROALCA II is the follow-on activity. The Labor component supports efforts to improve the functioning of regional labor markets while strengthening the protection of core labor standards. Enhanced competitiveness in global markets requires that Central America improve the functioning of its labor markets while also strengthening of core labor standards. Improved labor-management relations are essential to achieve the total quality production required by a global marketplace. The following interventions will be promoted: (1) labor ministries' capacity will be enhanced; (2) competitiveness of the region's labor force will be increased; and (3) harmonization of labor laws and regulations in the region. The grantee is SIECA. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.</p> | Human Resources & Labor Standards | 60,000 |
| PROALCA (II) - TRADE | <p>PROALCA II is the follow-on activity. Trade expansion requires that Central America increase its access to outside markets, and thereby the demand for its products, through the negotiation and implementation of reciprocal bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements. This means full compliance with the commitments made by each of the countries upon joining the WTO in 1995 and the yet-to-be-defined requirements under the FTAA. To implement these actions, trade negotiators and administrators need to be trained. Moreover, a much broader base of support will be needed to overcome protectionist objections and further reduce trade barriers. The grantee is SIECA. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.</p> | WTO Awareness | 189,000 |
| | | Physical Infrastructure Development | 63,000 |
| | | Activity Total | 252,000 |
| FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to COSTA RICA | | | 578,198 |