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APEC	The Department has underway an effort to have APEC economies accede to the Multilateral Agreement on Liberalization of International Air Transportation. To date six economies have signed the agreement. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in intermodal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	E-Commerce & IT	125,000
		Business Services & Training	125,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	250,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Acrylamide Food Network	In October 2002, the Joint Institute for Food and Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) joined forces with World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to form the Acrylamide Food Network, a website that shares information and serves as a transparent public data repository to aid in understanding whether acrylamides formed during food processing present a public health risk. This internet-based information exchange vehicle is available at http://www.acrylamide-food.org/ . Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	10,000
Asia Biotechnology Outreach	The U.S. Department of Agriculture is developing a pilot workshop for 8-9 Asian members of Asian Pacific Economic Council to provide farmers with information on agricultural biotechnology and to discuss farmer and farm-organization roles and strategies in technology transfer and adoption. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	60,000
Asia Embassy Science Fellow Biotechnology Program	Three U.S. scientists are working in U.S. Embassies in China, India and Vietnam to help implement agricultural biotechnology laws and policies, provide training and technical assistance on food safety risk assessment and conduct outreach to the media, government regulators, scientists, selected non-governmental organizations, and the private sector with science-based information. Such training and technical assistance can facilitate trade in agricultural biotechnology products. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	18,000
International Business Linkage IT Program	The International Business Linkage Information Technology (IT) Program will assist IT companies to understand the US business market, improve their international business practices (e.g., elevator pitches, gathering market information, etc.), and then meet like-focused US companies that could potentially form business alliances (e.g., Venture Capitalists, US Entrepreneurs) through business networking events and individualized meetings. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	400,000

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STAR Conference	This conference brought representatives from all 21 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies together to discuss means to improve security at ports and airports. The impact of increased security on trade facilitation was discussed at length. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	99,651
		Other Trade Facilitation	99,651
		Activity Total	199,301
South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) / Energy (co-funding from EGAT Bureau)	Supports reforms to harmonize regulations and standardize appliance standards in South Asia. Funded by USAID/EGAT/ENV and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Environmental Trade & Standards	600,000
		Other Services Development	600,000
		Activity Total	1,200,000
South Asia Regional Initiative/Energy	Supports reforms to harmonize regulations and standardize appliance standards in South Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	425,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	170,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	1,020,000
		Other Services Development	85,000
		Activity Total	1,700,000
Trade Facilitation	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	162,000
		Business Services & Training	162,000
		Activity Total	324,000
US Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP)	Supports reforms in policies, laws, regulations and environmental standards, and the use of modern technology to achieve cleaner cities and industries in Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	300,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	1,800,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	900,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000

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US North Africa Economic Partnership (USNAEP)	Activities support improvements in commercial policies, laws and regulations in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. The North Africa Regional Trade and Investment Initiative is part of the multi-agency U.S-North Africa Economic Partnership (USNAEP) effort to address the legal, policy and regulatory constraints to increasing trade and investment in the Maghreb: Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia. The initiative seeks to: (1) reform regulations, procedures, and policies to improve the trade and investment climate in North Africa; (2) establish an internet-based network to match business opportunities in North Africa with businesses in the United States; and (3) facilitate internet/e-commerce-related activities in the region. Work is underway in Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria to strengthen commercial law, promote U.S.-Maghreb university partnerships, provide business training, develop debt markets, and promote the development of internet and communications technologies. Funded by USAID/ANE and implemented by Department of Treasury.	WTO Awareness	600,000
		Business Services & Training	900,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	900,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	600,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000
Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Asia NS			10,411,301