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<b>Accounting Certification</b>	Under this program, USAID/Russia will work jointly with USAID/Central Asian Republics and USAID/Ukraine to establish a certification program in International Accounting Standards in the Russian language that would be recognized by World-wide Accounting Organizations. The use of IAS country-wide is one of the main conditions for the country's accession to the WTO. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	<b>100,000</b>
<b>American Business Center (ABC) Sakhalin</b>	The major functions of the American Business Center are: (1) providing outreach to Russian firms, including partnering, trade leads, and referrals; and (2) providing support to companies either currently doing business or interested in entering Sakhalin, thus promoting the development of trade and cooperation in all economic sectors. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Corporate Governance Program</b>	This Program promotes international standards of corporate governance practices in the Russian private sector and helps improve efficiency of management, increase transparency of the company performance, and establish autonomous monitoring of company performance. These practices are critical to attract investment capital, both domestic and foreign, that is needed to develop businesses and sustain economic growth. These practices also help protect investors' rights, improve overall business climate in Russia, and increase the total amount of foreign direct investment. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	<b>250,000</b>
<b>Development Credit Authority (DCA) Program</b>	This activity encourages Russian commercial banks to extend credit to small and medium sized businesses by providing participating banks with a 50% guarantee on the potential loss of a portfolio of loans designated for the SME sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>152,400</b>
<b>Economic Experts Program</b>	Under Economic Experts Program, USAID/Russia brings international policy experts to provide consultations to Russian policy makers on various issues such as competition policy, exchange rate policy, corporate governance, as well as tax policy and trade issues. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	80,400
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	39,600
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>120,000</b>
<b>Economic Policy Reform Program</b>	Under the Economic Policy Program, the Institute for Economy in Transition (IET), a leading Russian think tank, works to bring Russia's Customs Code into compliance with WTO norms. The IET's experts develop policy proposals and conduct regular consultations with Russian policy-makers on issues related to Russia's new Customs Code. In addition, IET experts are conducting economic research and disseminating results among Russian government officials and the Russian public. The funding in this activity report covered the issues of the financial sector reform. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	100,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	49,500
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>

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<b>Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Cooperation</b>	The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management, Office of Science and Technology, conducts joint projects with Russian research institutes with the ultimate goal of identifying, demonstrating, procuring and deploying Russian-developed environmental management technologies at U.S. DOE sites. To date several Russian technologies have been deployed under this program to assist in the DOE site cleanup effort, including: (1) Pulsating Pump and Monitor technology for cleaning HLW tanks; (2) the Russian Gamma Locator Device for characterizing contaminated DOE facilities prior to cleanup; (3) a porous crystalline matrix technology for stabilizing contaminated laboratory solutions; (4) the UNEX separations technology; and, (5) Russian site modeling data and techniques to support U.S. site characterization initiatives. Funded and implemented by Department of Energy/OST.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>1,100,000</b>
<b>Financial Services Volunteer Corps (FSVC)</b>	Through this activity, U.S. financial experts provide consulting and training to Russian counterparts on a volunteer basis. The activity also provides expert review and commentary on draft legislation and regulations; specialized seminars for financial sector audiences; and consultations with selected commercial banks, the Central Bank of Russia and regional administrations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>125,000</b>
<b>Forestry Resources and Technologies (FOREST) Project</b>	Under the Forestry Resources and Technologies (FOREST) Project, USAID provides assistance to businesses and business associations working in the area of non-timber forest products (NTFP), secondary wood processing and biomass energy. This assistance includes trade facilitation, export promotion, business services and training. As a result of this assistance, USAID expects that trade linkages of the Russian Far-East (RFE) and Siberian companies with the U.S., China, South-West Pacific and European partners will significantly expand. The additional actual and potential sales/purchases can be estimated at about \$US 10 million. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	350,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	350,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>700,000</b>
<b>Improved Financial Intermediation</b>	This activity supports the development of a sound financial sector in Russia. Through this activity, USAID will assist the Central Bank of Russia to implement reforms such as deposit insurance and more effective banking supervision that will build trust in the banking sector so that Russian banks can better attract funds for lending. In addition, this activity will provide a select group of banks with targeted technical assistance and training to strengthen their ability to mobilize savings and engage in commercial lending to businesses and expand new banking products and services. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>1,300,000</b>

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<b>Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform</b>	The program provides technical assistance to the federal, regional and local governments in intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR). In addition, the program is building local Russian capacity in intergovernmental fiscal relations by strengthening a Russian organization, the Center for Fiscal Policy, which specializes in this area. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>900,000</b>
<b>Internet Portal for Government Procurement</b>	Facilitating trade by funding a feasibility study on the development of an internet-based government procurement system for Russia. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200280001B)	E-Commerce & IT	<b>316,686</b>
<b>Judicial Reform Program</b>	This program aims to further development of a more predictable, transparent, independent and better-trained judiciary. This project promotes the independence of the courts of general jurisdiction, strengthens their internal governance, improves the system of continuing judicial education, and supports judicial ethics. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	<b>850,000</b>
<b>Local Governance Program</b>	Under this program, the Institute for Urban Economics (IUE) provides federal-level policy analysis and works to develop increased transparency in government and an improved investment climate in Russia. IUE experts provide consultation on these issues to Russian policy makers and Government officials. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	<b>400,000</b>
<b>Mobilizing Agricultural Credits (MAC) Program</b>	Mobilizing Agricultural Credits (MAC) is a USAID-funded technical assistance program to develop an alternative market of financial services and a network of rural credit cooperatives in Russia. The success of the MAC work in legislation opens the door and assists all types of credit cooperatives to develop a wider range of credit products for the population of the country, and to attract not only individuals, but legal entities to cooperatives. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	<b>350,000</b>

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<b>Nuclear Cities Initiative</b>	The Nuclear Cities Initiative (NCI) continues to work in three of the ten Russian Nuclear Cities: Sarov, Snezhinsk and Zheleznogorsk. Despite many challenges, NCI has enjoyed notable success in helping reduce Russia's weapons complex by focusing on a few key objectives: developing physical and business infrastructure in the cities, helping establish sustainable enterprises, and furthering economic diversification. Then NCI has established business centers called International Development Centers (IDCs) in two of the cities. Through the IDCs and other resources, NCI supports business plan development, marketing surveys, targeted training, and business incubator linkages so that businesses have a chance to succeed in the marketplace. NCI has helped facilitate the creation of commercial enterprises as the engine for job creation and growth in the nuclear cities. Funded and implemented by Department of Energy/NCI.	E-Commerce & IT	413,000
		Business Services & Training	7,021,000
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	413,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	413,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>8,260,000</b>
<b>Ports Development</b>	Technical assistance in developing a legal framework for Russia's courts, which will lead to greater investment in port facilities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200380022B)	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>565,000</b>
<b>Public-Private Partnerships Against Corruption</b>	The activity is focused on building cooperation among non-governmental organizations (NGOs), business, and government to reduce corruption at regional and local levels. Two sustainable public-private partnerships are being created, and representatives of all sectors of society are being trained in combating corruption and have an opportunity to apply the knowledge. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	<b>630,000</b>
<b>RFE Partnership Program - Improving Air Service between US and RFE</b>	This project is aimed at helping Russian air carriers and the Federal Aviation Authority of Russia develop a reporting system that would remedy the lack of passenger and cargo market data on air links between the U.S. West Coast and the Russian Far East (RFE) and improve air transportation options to facilitate trade, investment and business development. The goal is to facilitate air carrier 'interlining', and enable carriers to access traffic history data to make informed decisions regarding market service and development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>70,000</b>

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<b>RFE Partnerships Program - Using the Internet for Economic Development</b>	This partnership program will accomplish two major goals: (1) to improve services to foreign investment partners wishing to establish business relationships with companies or organizations on Sakhalin Island; and (2) to establish e-government services for the residents and business communities of Sakhalin. The project will develop new Internet communication and transaction services for Russia/US economic development and municipalities. It will also upgrade the infrastructure and staff knowledge necessary to support the new services, provide a community technology center for broader access to Internet based services, and conduct a regional conference on the project and its results. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>70,000</b>
<b>Regional Initiative Investment Strategy for Tomsk Oblast</b>	The objectives of this program are to improve the investment climate, facilitate communication between the private sector and the government, and to monitor the effectiveness of reforms, including deregulation on the private sector in the Tomsk region. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>250,000</b>
<b>Russia - Trade Capacity Building</b>	The Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) conducted workshops in Russia in order to promote transparency and increase awareness and knowledge on the benefits of the WTO. As a result of these workshops, together with regional forums designed to inform public and private sectors on the impact of WTO-related legislation, support for Russia's accession and implementation of the WTO Agreements has been furthered. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	WTO Awareness	420,000
		WTO Accession	120,000
		Agreement on TRIPs	60,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Seminar Support for Trade in Civil Aircraft</b>	Assist Russia in participation in the WTO Agreement on Trade and Civil Aircraft. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200380023A)	Other WTO Agreements	<b>10,689</b>
<b>Seminar on Global Harmonization Task Force Guidance &amp; Medical Device Regs</b>	The Food and Drug Administration conducted a workshop on Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF) guidance and medical device regulations in the U.S. and the European Union in Moscow, Russia, for government employees who regulate medical devices. The purpose of this workshop was to encourage the participants to harmonize the manner in which they regulate medical devices with GHTF guidance. Harmonizing regulations makes compliance with regulations easier for medical device manufacturers and facilitates. Funded by Department of Commerce and implemented by Food and Drug Administration.	Agreement on TBTs	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) Policy Advocacy Program</b>	The objective of this program is to strengthen capacity of the regional business associations to advocate successfully for improvement in the administrative and policy environment affecting small and medium-sized enterprises. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Support for Trade-related Manufacturing: Numotech</b>	This project is a medical equipment manufacturing facility. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Export Promotion	<b>1,005,778</b>

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<b>Trade Union Development Program</b>	This activity support labor standards, worker rights, trade unions, public interest law centers, all focused on trade union development. Through this activity: (1) democratic trade unions respond more effectively to requests for assistance from enterprises or members; (2) union activists use litigation to enforce adherence to the legal contractual obligations of enterprise management and the government; (3) workers' knowledge and understanding of individual and collective rights increases as does their trust in trade union leadership; and (4) a cadre of union activists have the capacity to educate union members. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>1,100,000</b>
<b>US-Russian Far East (RFE) Partnerships Program - Eco-Tourism Development</b>	Through advocacy, education and modeling of best practices, this project will develop the community leadership and organizational capacity necessary to begin, and eventually finish, the Great Baikal trail. The main activities of this project will be international exchange, service-learning/environmental restoration and the development of youth and community volunteerism. The project will also enhance ongoing small and medium enterprise development through the creation of international service/eco-tourism opportunities at Lake Baikal. The partnership will achieve these goals by: (1) building two, high-quality demonstration hiking trails that foster local leadership and model international standards for environmentally sustainable trail-building practices; (2) engaging in professional development and civic engagement of youth leaders, including training in environmental advocacy, trail-building, outreach and volunteer management; and (3) creating a system to facilitate hosting and management of eco-volunteer programs in the Lake Baikal region enhancing local business development. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Tourism Sector Development	<b>70,000</b>
<b>Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Russia</b>			<b>20,250,553</b>