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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
American Business Center (ABC) Sakhalin	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	300,000
Center for Social and Labor Rights	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, and (3) a cadre of union activists have the capacity to educate union members. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	350,000
Certified International Professional Accounting Examination	This program will: (1) promote economic growth through foreign investment; (2) advance the global integration of these countries; (3) increase transparency and accountability of resources; and (4) empower women since in the former Soviet Union the job of accountant is typically a female one. Funded by USAID/GDA and implemented by USAID/E&E.	Business Services & Training	500,000
Development Credit Authority (DCA) Program	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 Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Financial Sector Development & Good Governance	769,600
Economic Policy Reform Program	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 World Trade Organization (WTO) norms. The IET experts develop policy proposals and conduct regular consultations with Russian policymakers 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	67,000
		Financial Sector Development & Good Governance	33,000
		Activity Total	100,000
Forestry Resources and Technologies Project	Under the Forestry Resources and Technologies (FOREST) Project, U.S. Agency for International Development (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 \$10 million. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	150,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	150,000
		Activity Total	300,000

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Improved Financial Intermediation	This activity supports the development of a sound financial sector in Russia. Through this activity, U.S. Agency for International Development (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 Development & Good Governance	450,000
Intellectual Property Rights Protection in Russia	The Center for Democracy and Development at the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Massachusetts-Boston is conducting a training program on intellectual property rights (IPRs) for Russia. The project consists of a needs assessment visit by six U.S. experts to Russia a ten-day training program for ten Russian copyright lawyers, lawmakers, judges, government enforcement officials, and media representatives in Boston and Washington, DC and visits by ten U.S. experts in Moscow and St. Petersburg to conduct workshops for media representatives and provide lawyers and judges with IPR legal training. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Agreement on TRIPs	149,935
Judicial Reform Program	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.	Governance/ Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	600,000
Local Governance Program	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.	Governance/ Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	350,000
Nuclear Cities Initiatives	The Nuclear Cities Initiative (NCI) continues to work in three of ten Russian Nuclear Cities: Sarov, Snezhinsk and Zheleznogorsk. NCI has enjoyed notable success in helping reduce Russia's weapons complex by focusing on a few key objectives: (1) developing physical and business infrastructure in the cities, (2) helping establish sustainable enterprises, and (3) furthering economic diversification. NCI has established two International Development Centers and two Open Computing Centers. These support business plan development, marketing, and training, so businesses can succeed in the marketplace. In addition, in FY04 NCI helped improve and expand internet service in Zheleznogorsk. Also this year, NCI has attracted more U.S. industry partners into the cities. NCI activities 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.	E-Commerce & IT	668,250
		Business Services & Training	5,940,000
		Financial Sector Development & Good Governance	222,750
		Environmental Trade & Standards	594,000
		Activity Total	7,425,000

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Public-Private Partnerships Against Corruption	The activity is focused on building cooperation among nongovernmental 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.	Governance/ Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	270,000
Russia Agricultural Economics Faculty Exchange Program	The Agricultural Economics Faculty Exchange Program (FEP), brings educators from agricultural institutions of higher learning in Russia to the United States for five months to increase their knowledge of, and ability to teach, agricultural economics and marketing, agribusiness, and agrarian law in a market economy. The goal of the program is to promote the development of sound agricultural policy and effective and competitive agricultural marketing and business systems in Russia. Increasing the number of adults in Russia who understand how a market economy works, increasing the number of people who can teach and create educational materials on market economics, and increasing the number of people with the mind-set to adapt to a market economy is critical to the formulation and implementation of sound policy and the continuing development of a competitive market system in Russia. Funded by USAID/E&E and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	310,000
Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Policy Advocacy Program	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 (SME). Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Business Services & Training	200,000
US-Russian Far East Partnerships Program - Eco-Tourism Development	This project will develop, through advocacy, education and modeling of best practices, 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 (SME) 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, and (3) creating a system to facilitate hosting and management of eco-volunteer programs in the Lake Baikal region. Funded and implemented by USAID/Russia.	Tourism Sector Development	70,000
WTO Accession Support-Russia	Commercial Law Department Program (CLDP) activities support Russia's efforts to inform a broad constituency on the impact of Russia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession, particularly in the regions of Russia. CLDP programs also support legal and regulatory reforms adopted under the platform of the WTO. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	WTO Awareness	450,000
		WTO Accession	150,000
		Activity Total	600,000
Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Russia			12,744,535