

United States Government
2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
CARIBBEAN NS

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
CARICOM Legislative Drafting Facility	The Regional Legislative Drafting Facility (RLDF) was established to draft laws related to trade. Over the next three years, the primary focus of the RLDF will be to draft laws which will enable the establishment of a Caribbean Single Market and Economy. Laws which relate to the movement of goods, services, labor, capital and the rights of establishment will be addressed, and are critical to support increased business opportunities and ultimately trade throughout the region. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	900,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	100,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS)	Caribbean Open Trade Support (COTS) is a program designed to provide support to countries in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean Countries (OECS) to enhance national level competitiveness through the creation of models which can be replicated throughout the region. The program will focus on reducing impediments to trade as well as improving market access conditions, working with governments as well as the private sector to achieve its goals. In addition, the program will provide some support at the sub-regional and regional levels in areas which would positively impact on the ability of individual countries to succeed in an open trade environment, and under the conditions of trade stipulated by the various international trade regimes. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	WTO Awareness	590,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	295,000
		E-Commerce & IT	295,000
		Export Promotion	295,000
		Business Services & Training	590,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	885,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	590,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	295,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	295,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	295,000
		Tourism Sector Development	295,000
		Other Services Development	590,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	590,000
Activity Total	5,900,000		
Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance (CARTAC)	Supports the removal of trade related taxes on goods and services within the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and replaces them with a value-added tax system in which taxes will now be applied to the cost of inputs into the production of goods and services. This will facilitate greater trade through a process of simplification. The program will also provide support to relevant public sector entities to create greater efficiencies in the collection of customs data relating to trade within the OECS region. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	Customs Operation & Administration	160,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	240,000
		Activity Total	400,000

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NIST Standards Trade Workshop Enquiry Point Operations	The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in partnership with the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB Germany), offered a Standards in Trade Workshop on World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO TBT) Enquiry Point Operations for English-speaking Caribbean countries at NIST's Gaithersburg, Maryland campus the week of June 6-10, 2005. The workshop objective is to gain an understanding of WTO TBT Enquiry Point responsibilities under the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. Participants will discuss how to 1) establish or improve national Enquiry Point operations and meet Notification Authority responsibilities, 2) establish or improve national standards information center operations, and 3) use resources (including staff, reference collections, computer products, databases, and Internet services) to distribute standards information. Funded and implemented by Department of Commerce/NIST.	Agreement on TBT	1,663
Regional Negotiating Machinery	Limited support will be provided to the Regional Negotiating Machinery, which is the entity responsible for trade negotiations within the region, to enable them to more effectively represent countries in the service sector. This sector is considered as the most important within the region given the loss of preferences to external markets such as the UK market for sugar, and the demonstrated potential for growth in the future. Through technical assistance to the private sector, the program will provide support that will strengthen the link between the various negotiating arenas and the private sector, and will also disseminate information on agreements concluded, to the wider public. This activity is in support of the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Jamaica.	WTO Awareness	175,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	37,500
		Trade-Related Agriculture	37,500
		Activity Total	250,000
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Caribbean, ns			7,551,663