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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 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
Biotechnology Engagement Program Training	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provided Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) to representatives of the Institute of Bio-organic Chemistry in the Pushchino region of Russia in support of the Bio-Industry Initiative (BII) and the Biotechnology Engagement Program (BTEP). The BTEP essentially provides financial assistance and scientific expertise to the countries of the former Soviet Union. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on TBT	6,490
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	288,000
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	37,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	12,500
		Activity Total	50,000
Ecotourism Development at Lake Baikal	Activity establishes a long-term relationship of Forest Service with the Tahoe-Lake Baikal Institute to help develop ecotourism and watershed management. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Tourism Sector Development	14,000

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Faculty Exchange Program in Russia	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	240,000
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	35,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	35,000
		Activity Total	70,000
Improve 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 Dev. & Good Governance	200,000
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.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	150,000

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OECD Workshop on Harmonization of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology	Consultation on biotechnology regulations for transgenic animals. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	4,897
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.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	200,000
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	500,000
World Trade Organization Accession Support Russia	The Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) programs support Russian efforts to inform a broad constituency on the impact of the accession of Russia to the World Trade Organization, particularly on the different regions of the country. CLDP programs also support legal and regulatory reforms. Funded by USAID and implemented by Department of Commerce/CLDP.	WTO Awareness	200,000
		WTO Accession	300,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Russia			2,523,387