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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	
APEC Demonstration Project - eManifest Pilot Project	The technical assistance provided by this activity will help the General Department of Customs for Vietnam to improve the system of processing shipments, and trade and transportation security. This assistance will review the current customs environment in Vietnam with the aim of establishing an eManifest/pre-clearance system where shipments can be cleared in advance. Streamlining this process will provide benefits to shippers, customers, and the Government of Vietnam, and substantially promote the mandates for customs modernization set forth in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Framework. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	601,893
		Activity Total	601,893
Border Security: Commodity Identification Training in Vietnam	Promotes border security and customs operations by supporting the ability of Vietnam to conduct commodity identification programs. This activity is part of the Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance (EXBS) program, the premier initiative by the U.S. Government to help other countries improve their export control systems. The EXBS program takes a regional and multilateral approach, promoting harmonization of national export control systems with international standards and facilitating information-sharing agreements among nations. The program also organizes a number of regional fora to bring national policymakers and technical experts together to share information and best practices. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Energy.	Customs Operation & Administration	70,000
		Activity Total	70,000

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Border Security: Inspection / Detection Equipment and Training - Vietnam	Promotes border security and customs operations by providing Vietnam with inspection and detection equipment and training. This activity is part of the Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance (EXBS) program, the premier initiative by the U.S. Government to help other countries improve their export control systems. The EXBS program takes a regional and multilateral approach, promoting harmonization of national export control systems with international standards and facilitating information-sharing agreements among nations. The program also organizes a number of regional fora to bring national policymakers and technical experts together to share information and best practices. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Customs Operation & Administration	170,000
		Activity Total	170,000
Border Security: Maritime Inspection / Detection Equipment - Vietnam	Funding for equipment and training. Promotes border security and customs operations by supporting the ability of Vietnam to utilize inspection and detection equipment for maritime export controls. This activity is part of the Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance (EXBS) program, the premier initiative by the U.S. Government to help other countries improve their export control systems. The EXBS program takes a regional and multilateral approach, promoting harmonization of national export control systems with international standards and facilitating information-sharing agreements among nations. The program also organizes a number of regional fora to bring national policymakers and technical experts together to share information and best practices. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Homeland Security/Customs.	Customs Operation & Administration	150,000
		Activity Total	150,000

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CAAV Aviation Safety - Phase I	The technical assistance provided by this activity will help the Civil Aviation Administration of Vietnam (CAAV) make improvements to the air safety regulatory system of Vietnam, with the goal of gaining Category I status under the International Aviation Safety Assessment Program of the Federal Aviation Administration. Obtaining Category I status would permit direct access by Vietnam Airlines to the U.S. and promote greater investments by U.S. airlines and other aviation organizations in the growing air services market of Vietnam, as well as facilitating trade between the two countries by lowering transaction costs. It would also create ongoing partnerships that could lead to continual air safety improvement initiatives. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	105,412
		Physical Infrastructure Development	245,960
		Activity Total	351,372
Embassy Science Fellowship - Vietnam	Support for Embassy Science Fellowship to assist Vietnam. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	1,232
		Activity Total	1,232
Ministry of Finance IT Projects - Hanoi Securities Trading Center	This feasibility study grant will provide funding for the development of a roadmap and detailed technical design for expanding the information technology infrastructure for the Hanoi Securities Trading Center (HSTC), which is managed by the State Securities Commission in Vietnam. This expansion will allow the HSTC to operate at a greater capacity and efficiency. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	295,400
		E-Commerce & IT	126,600
		Activity Total	422,000
Risk Analysis Mentoring Program - Vietnam	Risk analysis mentoring program - advance pest risk analysis training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Trade-Related Agriculture	3,504
		Activity Total	3,504
Risk Insurance for Communication Services Development	The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is providing risk insurance for a project promoting communication services development. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Physical Infrastructure Development	111,277
		Activity Total	111,277
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Training - Vietnam	Support for avian influenza diagnostics training. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	125,034
		Activity Total	125,034

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Standards Development Initiative	The Standards Development Initiative Orientation Visit (OV) will expose senior standards officials from the Government of Vietnam to United States standards in a variety of sectors. The Vietnamese National Assembly will consider draft legislation to revise the standardization activities of the country in May 2006. In preparation for this process, the standards authorities of Vietnam are reaching out to international standard setting bodies to acquaint themselves with the standards regimes of other nations. This OV will introduce the delegates to a wide variety of U.S. standards setting authorities in sectors such as electricity, plumbing, safety, and building safety. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Environmental Trade & Standards	7,775
		Other Trade Facilitation	15,550
		Export Promotion	54,424
		Activity Total	77,748
Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR)- Vietnam	This activity supports Vietnam in implementing trade and investment-related reforms. The success of the reforms allows Vietnam to meet many of its commitments under the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and move Vietnam towards accession to the WTO. STAR supports activities and reforms by Vietnamese organizations in aspects of trade and investment liberalization contained in the BTA and as summarized in the BTA commitment roadmap. Support for Trade Acceleration has been the technical assistance to help implement the US-Vietnam BTA and accession to the WTO. The project has improved US-Vietnam trade relations through dialogue and study missions between policymakers, lawmakers, commercial entities and business leaders and by developing BTA implementation and WTO accession roadmaps for required reforms. The success of STAR has shown that such technical assistance can lead to economic and relationship benefits which are beneficial to Vietnam and the US. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Other TCB	567,500
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	113,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	113,500
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	113,500
		Agreement on TPRM	113,500
		Agreement on TRIPs	113,500
		General Agreement on Trade in Services	113,500
		Agreements on Trade in Goods	113,500
		WTO Accession	794,500
		WTO Awareness	113,500
Activity Total	2,270,000		
Technical Consultations on Good Aquaculture Practices - Vietnam	The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sent experts to conduct training and to hold technical consultations in aquaculture facilities in preparation for the first good- aquaculture-practices train-the-trainer workshop to be held later that summer. Funded and implemented by Health and Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	44,000
		Activity Total	44,000

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Vietnam Airlines Core Systems Upgrade	This technical assistance grant will fund U.S. experts to assist Vietnam Airlines (VNA) in its core systems upgrade, helping it to meet the obligations of the Simplifying the Business (StB) Program, an International Air Traffic Association (IATA) requirement. This project will help VNA determine which of its systems need to be upgraded and replaced, as well as identify and outline new system solutions to be implemented. This will in turn improve its safety and efficiency, increasing trade and tourism capacity. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	E-Commerce & IT	523,000
		Activity Total	523,000
Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative	Vietnam Competitiveness Initiative is a three to five year economic growth project, by the US Agency for International Development, to improve the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Vietnam. Its activities are in three areas: (i) Improve business policy environment through a provincial competitiveness index (PCI) that ranks over 40 provinces on their economic governance, and related policy studies and public-private dialogue events. (ii) Assist the information and communications technology (ICT), fruit and home furnishings industries through various initiatives. These include more ICT usage in trade, adopting international standards for exports in accordance with WTO rules, better market access and distribution channels to foreign markets and more access into foreign market by promoting Vietnamese products in international trade shows and exhibitions. (iii) Help joint stock banks in Vietnam to improve their capacity to lend more to SMEs. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	280,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	70,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	35,000
		Business Services & Training	70,000
		Export Promotion	105,000
		E-Commerce & IT	105,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	35,000
		Activity Total	700,000
Vietnam Training Modules	The United States has identified biotechnology as an area of interest in the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations with Vietnam. To supplement the negotiations, the United States plans to present two targeted training activities aimed at constructively addressing priority biotechnology interests. Training will include workshops on risk communication, intellectual property rights and technology transfer, as well as food and environmental safety. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	WTO Accession	68,944
		Activity Total	68,944

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