Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Eurasia Regional
Program Title: Democracy and Governance
Pillar: Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective: 110-0200
Status: Program Support Objective
Planned FY 2006 Obligation: $590,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated: $383,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation: $760,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation: 2005
Estimated Year of Final Obligation: 2010

Summary: USAID regional activities provide analysis and strategic programs that cannot be funded easily within single country programs as well as providing assistance for individual USAID Missions. Programs include regional work in strengthening civil society and independent media, free and fair elections and strengthened democratic political parties, rule of law and anticorruption, and decentralized governance and strengthened local governance.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:
FY 2006 Program:
Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information ($65,000 FSA). The Regional Media Program strengthens independent print and broadcast media in the region by creating linkages between journalists and other media professionals throughout the region and encouraging coverage of issues of regional importance. FY 2006 priorities include encouraging more cross-border and regional investigative reporting; monitoring media legal issues, including the drafting and implementation of media laws; defining best practices in media development; and assessing and ranking media systems in the region through the Media Sustainability Index (MSI). Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote the development of sustainable, independent media. Grantee: The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

Program Support ($255,000 FSA, $232,889 FSA carryover). Regional funding supports technical assistance to USAID missions and funds expert technical staff in the areas of media development, political processes and elections, rule of law and judicial reform, democratic governance, decentralization, and anti-corruption. This includes assessments and evaluations, strategy advice, sharing lessons learned, workshops, and program design.

Strengthen Civil Society ($270,000 FSA). In FY 2006, the ninth edition of the NGO (non-governmental organization) Sustainability Index (NGOSI) will be published. This analytical tool serves as a vital resource to the Agency and its Missions for both program planning and monitoring country progress exercises, and is also available to external organizations. Contractor: Management Systems International , the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law.

The ninth edition of Nations in Transit (NIT) will be published, measuring democratic reform throughout the region and contributing to an understanding of the programming challenges and development of appropriate strategies by USAID. Grantee: Freedom House.

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties ($150,000 FSA prior year recoveries). USAID will sponsor a conference in Moldova for young political leaders throughout the region. Funds will support conference planning and implementation, and travel and per diem for participants from Eurasia. Companion AEEB funds will cover the costs of participants from Southeast Europe. Principal contractors/grantees: International Republican Institute and National Democratic Institute (primes).

FY 2007 Program:
Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information ($65,000 FSA). The Regional Media Program will continue to support regional and cross-border media development activities, creating linkages between journalists in different countries. USAID will increase support to cross-border issues, including investigative reporting of trafficking in persons, and other organized criminal activities. The MSI will also be supported, creating a valuable resource for journalists from around the region. Technical assistance will be provided to USAID missions and partners to help them develop approaches and tools to promote the development of sustainable, independent media. Grantee: IREX (prime).

Program Support ($450,000 FSA). Regional funding supports technical assistance to USAID missions and funds expert technical staff in the areas of media development, political processes and elections, rule of law and judicial reform, democratic governance, decentralization, and anti-corruption. This includes assessments and evaluations, strategy advice, sharing lessons learned, workshops, and program design.

Strengthen Civil Society ($245,000 FSA). A tenth edition of NGOSI will be published. Each year, these materials serve as a vital analytic resource for the agency and its Missions as well as being available to external organizations. Contractor: To be determined.

The tenth edition of Nations in Transit will be published, measuring democratic reform throughout the region and contributing to understanding of the programming challenges and development of appropriate strategies by USAID. Grantee: Freedom House (prime).

Performance and Results: The eighth editions of the NGOSI and NIT were published. The fifth edition of the MSI was published. These publications all proved useful in projecting countries' progress and planning U.S. Government initiatives for democratic development in the region and the appropriate length of time for engagement. USAID assistance, including assessments and program design, helped to support the embrace of stronger democratic practices following democratic breakthroughs in Georgia, Ukraine, and Kyrgyzstan.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Eurasia Regional

110-0200 Democracy and Governance	FSA
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	424
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2005	
Obligations	424
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	424
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	383
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	590
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006	
Obligations	973
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA	
Obligations	760
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	2,157