Data Sheet

USAID Mission: Program Title: Pillar: Strategic Objective: Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: Prior Year Unobligated: Proposed FY 2005 Obligation: Year of Initial Obligation: Year of Final Obligation: Europe Regional Cross-Cutting Programs Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade 180-0420 \$6,170,000 AEEB \$3,465,000 AEEB \$5,886,000 AEEB FY 1991 FY 2009

Summary: The USAID regional cross-cutting program support objective supports activities that contribute to the achievement of other bureau objectives and agency initiatives. The objective comprises the following key elements: training, Georgetown University's East Central European Scholarship Program, values, and program develop and support.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Training (\$195,000 AEEB, \$30,000 AEEB carryover). Technical and administrative support is provided to all Europe missions for training and partnership design, planning and administration, performance monitoring and evaluation, and financial analysis and human capacity assessments. Training is also provided for program-funded staff and partners in performance measurement and reporting and other aspects of assistance oversight. Principal contractors are Aguirre International (prime) and the International Science and Technology Institute (sub).

Georgetown University's East Central European Scholarship Program (ECESP) (\$2,250,000 AEEB). This program operates in Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Romania. Training will focus on the areas of Economic Growth, Energy, Environment, Agribusiness, Health and Child Welfare, Democracy and Governance, Rule of Law, Anti-Corruption, and Social Transition. The ECESP program is designed to build a group of skilled leaders, experts, and administrators capable of analytic thinking and strategic planning, through short and long term training, in-country, in third countries, and in the U.S.

Values (\$1,695,000 AEEB, \$787,000 AEEB carryover, \$1,000,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). USAID plans to provide procurement awards to qualified organizations to implement innovative ideas that cultivate and strengthen universally recognized values that support USAID goals and objectives in the region. The goal of this initiative is to achieve positive, lasting attitudinal change, reflected in realizing more permanent advancements in social, economic and political practices. As part of an overall values program, USAID will also fund a conference on volunteerism and recognize individuals whose efforts have promoted the economic and democratic transition in the region.

Values are the necessary underpinning for lasting reforms in promoting democracy, human rights, religious freedom, free and open markets, anti-corruption efforts, and prevention of violence, and reduction of conflict. Failure to focus more attention on cultivating values means that efforts to sustain free societies in post-communist societies could be in vain. Examples of such values include human and minority rights, respect for rule of law, honesty and truthfulness, strong business ethics, truth in advertising, ending resentment and promoting reconciliation.

Program development and support (\$2,030,000 AEEB, \$1,237,000 AEEB carryover, \$411,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). Funds will be used to assess particular transition problems such as trafficking, to support the development of activities that are part of USAID's business model for the Global Development Alliance (GDA), and to evaluate the effectiveness of selected programs being implemented in multiple

countries in the region to share lessons learned, improve effectiveness, and deepen an understanding of the progress of transition. In addition, USAID will provide assistance through institutional and personal services contractors (PSCs) to manage activities and to help field missions and their partners design and manage their programs; and to support the inter-agency costs of the regional services center in Budapest and the Washington facility.

FY 2005 Program:

Use of funds in this objective in FY 2005 will be similar to uses in FY 2004. The estimated breakdown by functional area is: training (\$130,000 AEEB), Georgetown ECESP (\$2,000,000), values (\$365,000 AEEB), and program development and support (\$3,391,000 AEEB).

Performance and Results: The E&E Bureau funded training for approximately 35,000 host country national participants during fiscal year 2003. Participant training improves the sustainability of USAID's overseas programs by reinforcing local capacity to implement programs aimed at achieving economic, democratic and social transition in the region. The results achieved under this objective improve the sustainability of USAID's assistance in E&E countries by helping to halt and eventually reverse the declines in living standards experienced by citizens in the transition countries.

Georgetown University's Center for Intercultural Education and Development, East Central European Scholarship Program (ECESP) continues to help baders, administrators, experts, and managers of Eastern Europe transform their post-Communist societies and economies gain the skills they need to achieve the standards required for integration into Europe. ECESP administered short-term training programs for 1,036 participants through September 2003. These participants came from Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. Since 1999, ECESP has developed training programs on topics as varied as financial markets, NGO management, international accounting standards, and labor market policies.

Under the values program, three proposals for Europe were selected for funding. One promotes ethnic tolerance, another, anti-trafficking, and a third, conflict resolution.