

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	LAC Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	598-018
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$300,000 DA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$500,000 DA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2000
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2007

**Summary:** The U.S.-Latin America and Caribbean Environmental Partnership (U.S.-LACEP) program seeks to improve the environmental performance of targeted Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) businesses and communities by advancing replicable policy, technology, and finance mechanisms pertaining to: key trade-related environment issues within the context of the Free Trade Area of the Americas; efficient and renewable energy; industrial cleaner production; sound water resources management; and sustainable forestry.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Trade and environment (\$70,000 DA). USAID will continue to support activities that promote replicable market-based models for improved natural resource management. Environmental issues will be addressed that will arise in proposed free trade agreements in the LAC region emphasizing substantive research and technical dialogue. The program will continue to support regional and domestic analyses and dialogue on trade-environment issues in proposed Central America Free Trade Area countries, and may begin to incorporate countries in the Andes region. Implementers include the Organization of American States (prime) and the University of Miami North-South Center (sub).

Cleaner production (\$90,000 DA). USAID will continue to support the adoption of cleaner production technologies in the LAC region through activities including: (1) the creation of a cleaner production resources website in English and Spanish hosting publications, web links, organizations, and financing resources available to small and medium sized enterprises; (2) discussions with the private sector in the Caribbean regarding the possible creation of a regional cleaner production center to serve that community; and (3) replication, in a second country, of a waste exchange model developed in Bolivia in FY 2003. In addition, USAID will continue to promote the innovative use of the Development Credit Authority (DCA) loan portfolio guarantee as a promising means of opening barriers to investments in cleaner technology, particularly by small and medium sized enterprises. Implementers include PA Government Associates, Inc. (prime) and World Environment Center (sub).

Water and sanitation (\$70,000 DA). Through a continued partnership with USAID's Environmental Health Project, U.S.-LACEP will identify suitable and replicable management models for water supply and sanitation services in smaller towns and rural areas to complement and support the tremendous regional movement towards decentralization. The prime implementer is Camp Dresser & McKee International Inc.

Forestry (\$70,000 DA). USAID will partner with the Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance, a public-private partnership that supports biodiversity conservation and economic growth by promoting markets for responsibly harvested forest products. By contributing additional funds and technical assistance to the alliance, USAID will enhance the impact in the LAC region of alliance efforts to build the trade capacity of communities and small/medium enterprises by supporting the formation of producer groups; researching market trends and disseminating market information; and creating business networks through linking

producers to consumers in the international marketplace. Prime implementers include Metafor, World Wildlife Fund, and Forest Trends.

**FY 2005 Program:**

Trade and environment (\$130,000 DA). USAID will provide technical assistance to enhance the understanding of, and commitment by, LAC governments to address critical trade-related environmental issues. Same implementers as above.

Water and sanitation (\$115,000 DA). USAID will continue sanitation interventions in small towns that follow-up on water and sanitation decentralization activities. Same implementers as above.

Cleaner production (\$140,000 DA). Technical assistance will be provided to develop regulatory frameworks, address financing constraints, and promote the transfer of U.S. environmental technologies and expertise for cleaner production. Same implementers as above.

Forestry (\$115,000 DA). USAID will support public-private partnerships to identify and promote market opportunities for responsibly produced forest products. Implementers to be determined.

**Performance and Results:** U.S.-LACEP continues to build on previous experience with developing the DCA mechanism as a promising means of addressing the challenges that small and medium sized enterprises in the LAC region face in investing in cleaner technology. In FY 2003, following on a wave of interest generated by the promotion of a successful FY 2002 DCA in Peru, U.S.-LACEP partners provided technical assistance which resulted in the successful replication of the Peru model in Jamaica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Panama.

In FY 2003, U.S.-LACEP also made progress toward enhancing the understanding in key LAC countries of trade-related environmental issues and increasing these countries' in-country technical capacity to undertake environmental assessments of trade agreements. This was accomplished by facilitating analysis and dialogue on trade-related challenges and opportunities in Paraguay and Uruguay, within the MERCOSUR trade block, and Costa Rica and Guatemala, within the proposed Central America Free Trade Agreement block.

By the end of the program, the environmental performance of targeted LAC businesses and communities will be improved through the introduction of replicable market-based models. The adoption of improved policies, technologies and practices, and financing mechanisms will support environmentally-sound economic and social development.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

LAC Regional

598-018 U.S.-LAC Environmental Partnership	DA
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>	
Obligations	2,723
Expenditures	1,881
Unliquidated	842
<b>Fiscal Year 2003</b>	
Obligations	172
Expenditures	828
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	2,895
Expenditures	2,709
Unliquidated	186
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>	
Obligations	300
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	300
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	500
Future Obligations	2,278
Est. Total Cost	5,973