

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Russia
<b>Program Title:</b>	Environment
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	118-0161
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$3,590,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$246,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2000
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2005

**Summary:** USAID's environment program provides technical assistance, small grants and training to promote environmentally sustainable economic growth. Additional benefits include improved health for Russia's citizens, and mitigation of trans-boundary environmental issues such as the migration of pests and global climate change. A major focus is on environmentally-friendly business development, which also helps to meet the need to satisfy environmental standards necessary to join international economic organizations and to help firms to compete in the global marketplace. In the forestry sector, the program addresses the larger issues of protecting and preserving Russia's valuable carbon sink (forests that reduce the prevalence of greenhouse gases), while creating new small business and employment opportunities and promoting democratic reforms, civil society, and community development.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

This program is implemented through two projects: FOREST and Replication of Lessons Learned (ROLL). These projects are complementary and are comprise of the components below. Prime grantees are Winrock International and the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC). Both partners manage parts of all these components, with the exception of local governance capacity, which is managed entirely by ISC.

Business Development (\$990,000 FSA). USAID will continue to increase the capacity of trade associations in the Russian Far East (RFE) and Siberia to provide services such as strategic planning, market studies, information and training to member companies.

Technology and Processes (\$797,000 FSA). Training will be provided to businesses and government on environmental management systems (EMS) and ISO 14000 (international standards for environmental management) to prepare companies to implement EMS and enable government to design accreditation and certification systems. Additional feasibility studies and the identification of financing options will continue to increase the number of companies investing in biomass energy technologies.

Local Government Capacity (\$438,000 FSA). Targeted municipalities will replicate cost-saving energy efficiency projects and health risk assessments already successfully introduced in pilot regions. The assessments will be used to prioritize decisions on investments in municipal services.

Forest Resources (\$330,000 FSA). The new pest monitoring system introduced by USAID in 2001 will be institutionalized at the national level, and data already collected will be used to predict and prevent outbreaks throughout the country.

Civil Society Advocacy (\$845,000 FSA). The forest fire prevention campaign will be implemented at the national level though adoption of the approach by the Ministry of Natural Resources working in cooperation with the participation of citizen groups, schools, and local administrations. Environmental education and Internet linkages will continue to be promoted throughout Russia.

Program Support (\$190,000 FSA, \$246,155 FSA prior year recoveries). These funds will cover training, evaluations, studies, and related program management costs.

**FY 2005 Program:**

This program will continue under the two projects of FOREST and ROLL. The present programs are scheduled to close out in July 2005 and May 2005, respectively. The pipeline of funds from FY 2003 and FY 2004 funds is expected to take them to project end dates. No funding is presently identified for FY 2005.

**Performance and Results:** USAID's environmental programs have improved the profitability and sustainability of eco-businesses and the associations that support them. Russian businesses now have the capacity to implement environmental management systems conforming to WTO regulations. With USAID support, timber processing wastes are converted into biomass energy, providing additional revenue and saving fossil fuels. Energy efficiency programs provide schools, hospitals and average citizens with heat and are saving money that is used to address other social needs. Thanks to a new method to predict and control forest pest outbreaks, associated costs have been reduced by 80% in pilot regions. Sustainable forest management is performed on 43.2 million acres. More than 750 individuals and groups participated in a fire prevention campaign, disseminating the knowledge to thousands more. More than 20 new environmental education and public advocacy programs have been implemented, and an Internet network linking children in 140 cities enables them to share their environmental experiences.