

**USAID/South America Regional
Operational Plan**

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FY 2006 Program**SO: 530-001 Participation of the Andean Countries in Free Trade Agreements****Increase Trade and Investment**

Increase Trade and Investment (\$1,485,000 DA). To develop strategies and identify regional priorities, USAID continues to facilitate coordination with Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru through a trade capacity building working group during and following the FTA negotiations. Beginning in FY 2006, as FTA negotiations move towards completion, USAID is funding expert analyses and technical training for the four countries. Training consists of techniques for overcoming technical barriers to trade, strengthening transparency, improving the notification of regulations and building private sector awareness within the regulations. Overcoming technical barriers concerning the trade of processed agricultural products will be reviewed and assistance will be provided for its resolution. Technical assistance and training to host governments in the area of labor is improving regulatory frameworks for the Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Inspection Systems of Ecuador and Bolivia as well as enhancing the implementation of labor inspection systems in all four countries. Training and technical assistance in intellectual property rights of regulatory agencies and small and medium enterprises will increase utilization of brand registration, trademarks, and patents in the four countries. USAID is also supporting efforts to increase FTA awareness and other trade agreements. Further, USAID is building consensus in favor of an FTA with the U.S. in the Andean Executive and Legislative Branches, the private sector, with key civil society representatives, and the media. Principal contractors/grantees: Nathan Associates and other implementers to be determined through a competitive process.

FY 2007 Program**SO: 530-001 Participation of the Andean Countries in Free Trade Agreements****Increase Trade and Investment**

Increase Trade and Investment (\$2,000,000 DA). USAID plans to continue providing technical assistance to national authorities to facilitate compliance with the World Trade Organization (WTO) and FTA standards in the following areas: technical trade barriers, labor, intellectual property rights, and environment. USAID plans to continue to fund efforts to increase stakeholder and public awareness related to the FTA and the challenges and benefits associated with it (awareness, challenges and benefits of other trade issues such as the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and WTO are also a focus). In addition, USAID may provide technical assistance to targeted small and medium enterprises in the participating countries to improve their competitiveness and help them benefit from trade agreements. Principal contractors and grantees: To be determined through a competitive process.

Results Framework

530-001 Participation of the Andean Countries in Free Trade Agreements

Program Title: Andean Trade Capacity Building

IR 1: Regional capacity strengthened to assist countries in preparing for FTAA- related trade negotiations

IR 2: Country capacity to comply with and utilize existing WTO and emerging FTA/FTAA-related rules of Trade

IR 3: Targeted beneficiary capacity strengthened to participate in global markets