

**2005 Grants****Business:** 11 projects**Name of Organization:** WSOS Community Action Commission**Location:** Freemont, Ohio**Subject:** Promoting Capacity Building in Tanzania

WSOS Community Action Commission will provide professional capacity building for two delegations of five Tanzanians each. Participants will receive a 20-day study tour experience in northwest Ohio, including workshops, round-table discussion, site visits to regional business and business associations, individual meeting with entrepreneurs, mentoring and interaction with U.S. partners in both urban and rural areas. The 15-day out-bound component includes two teams of five Americans each who will organize three workforce development workshops in Tanzania and will participate in professional events and provide consultations and assistance with follow-on projects.

Country(ies): Tanzania

Region: Africa

U.S. State: Ohio

Theme(s): Business

**Name of Organization:** Washington State University**Location:** Pullman, Washington**Subject:** Developing Information Technology and Entrepreneurial Training in Rwandan Secondary Schools

Washington State University's (WSU) Center to Bridge the Digital Divide (CBDD) will develop information technology and entrepreneurial training at five secondary schools in Rwanda, working with the Rwandan Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Research. The grant builds on work initiated by CBDD earlier this year and will include travel to WSU by Rwandan stakeholders to learn on-site about WSU/CBDD activities, especially its training modules, and travel to Rwanda by a WSU team to assist with training there.

Country(ies): Rwanda

Region: Africa

U.S. State: Washington

Theme(s): Business

**Name of Organization:** Columbia University**Location:** New York, New York

**Subject:** Developing Ecotourism and Conservation Materials for Tibetans

Columbia University will conduct an educational and cultural exchange to develop human capacity in Tibet that will facilitate the training of Tibetans in ecotourism and conservation. The project will develop relevant educational materials and courses in the Tibetan language in order to support the work of other NGOs working with Tibetans on ecotourism implementation. It will also provide training for government planners and policymakers. Through exchanges between U.S. and Tibetan educators, conservationists and experts, the project will train tourism practitioners and equip a core group of Tibetan teachers to develop the knowledge and teaching of ecotourism and conservation, by holding courses, workshops and meetings in the U.S. and in various areas of Tibet, and by preparing and distributing Tibetan-language case studies and educational materials.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: New York

Theme(s): Business, Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

**Name of Organization:** The Tibet Fund

**Location:** New York, New York

**Subject:** Accessing Higher Education in Tibet through Entrepreneurship Training

The Tibet Fund will implement an exchange program designed to give Tibetans access to higher education in China and the United States. The project's goal is to improve economic conditions in all of Tibet, including the Tibetan areas in the surrounding provinces of Qinghai, Gansu, Sichuan, and Yunnan. The program will encourage the development of entrepreneurship among Tibetans by training them in fields such as computer science, tourism, and English. This grant will support the continuation of two programs, one of which sends ten professionals to train for a year in the United States, and the other for 40 students to train in English, computer science, and tourism at the Khampa Institute in Dhartsedo.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: China (Tibet)

Theme(s): Business, Congressional Interest Project

**Name of Organization:** Tibet Poverty Alleviation Fund

**Location:** Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Subject:** Developing Enterprise Management in Tibet

This grant will provide four months of theoretical and practical on-the-job training to at least 80 township- and village-level Tibetans in motorcycle repair skills, supplemented by training in basic enterprise management and accounting skills for rural enterprises. The project will provide small grants to help with the establishment of township and village motorcycle repair enterprises and provide them with their initial stock of tools and motorcycle spare parts. Training will be conducted at the Nakchu Vocational Training Center, while main responsibility for the selection of trainees and support to the establishment of township and village enterprises will rest with the staff of the Nakchu Poverty Alleviation Office.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Business

**Name of Organization:** University of Virginia

**Location:** Charlottesville, Virginia

**Subject:** Promoting Geotourism in Tibet

This grant to the University of Virginia (UVA) will create an innovative model for Tibetan geotourism -- tourism that is culturally, economically and ecologically attentive to and beneficial to local communities - thereby addressing the need for responsible models of educating tourists and agencies on community realities, perspectives and needs. UVA will implement that model in Kham, eastern Tibet (in present-day Sichuan Province), which lags behind the Tibet Autonomous Region yet has tremendous potential for tourism because of its striking landscape, rich culture, and permit-free travel. UVA will design and implement sustainable instances of three types of tourism (mainstream, volunteer, and study abroad) to refine the model, create momentum, and produce detailed case studies.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Virginia

Theme(s): Business, Congressional Interest Project

**Name of Organization:** Northern Illinois University

**Location:** DeKalb, Illinois

**Subject:** Promoting Democracy & Governance

Northern Illinois University (NIU) will implement a multi-phase program for leaders from government, education, religious, media and business communities to promote democratic ideals in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The four-phase program includes: (1) an orientation program on political processes in the Philippines and the U.S. for ARMM participants; (2) a four-week U.S.-based program of professional development, action plan development, study tour/site visits, interaction and dialogue; (3) implementation of action plans in selected communities in the ARMM; and (4) follow-on activities and site visits by the NIU team to monitor and evaluate the community projects. The follow-on activities in Mindanao will enable continued dialogue between the government of the Philippines, the leadership and civil society actors in the ARMM, and international experts.

Country(ies): Philippines

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Illinois

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Media, Business

**Name of Organization:** University of Massachusetts

**Location:** Boston, Massachusetts

**Subject:** Training Program on Intellectual Property Rights in Russia

This grant will support a training program on intellectual property rights (IPR) in Russia coordinated by the University of Massachusetts John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. The program will consist of two visits by six U.S. experts to Russia and the travel of 14 Russian judges, industry representatives, and legal educators to Boston for trainings and presentations over the course of eighteen months. The program will expose participants to ways that litigators, judges, educators, and industry approach IPR issues in the U.S., and it will examine how participants might apply these approaches in Russia.

Country(ies): Russia

Region: Europe

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Business

**Name of Organization:** Atlantic Corridor, USA

**Location:** Buffalo, NY

**Subject:** Supporting exchanges on hospital administration, business and cultural tourism

Atlantic Corridor will conduct exchanges with Ireland and Northern Ireland on such topics as hospital administration, business for young leaders, and cultural tourism.

Project activities will include site visits in New Orleans, Louisiana; Austin, Texas; and St. Paul, Minnesota, as well as seminars and workshops in Upstate New York for approximately 36 participants. The project will also send Americans to Northern Ireland and Ireland to conduct workshops and consultations for a wider audience.

Country(ies): Ireland and United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)

Region: Europe

U.S. State: New York

Theme(s): Health and Business

Congressional Interest Project

**Name of Organization:** American Center for International Labor Solidarity

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Subject:** Trade Unions

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) will implement the following exchanges: 1) scholarships for foreign trade union leaders to study at the George Meany Center; 2) a study tour of El Salvador and Guatemala for U.S. labor activists; 3) Nigerian Labor Congress study tour of the United States; 4) an exchange visit by U.S. trade unionists to export processing zone in Indonesia; 5) state and local labor council leaders study tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe; 6) a study tour of the United States for Algerian trade union leaders; 7) state and local labor council leaders study tour of Cambodia; 8) multi-regional trade union exchange to the United States; 9) education exchange for American trade unionists to Thailand; and 10) Ecuador electrical and agro-industry workers study tour of the U.S.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Business

**Name of Organization:** International Education Corps

**Location:** Denver, Colorado

**Subject:** Enhancing Human Capacity

International Education Corps (IEC) will manage programs worldwide to enhance human capacity development within host countries. U.S. experts will conduct hands-on training on such topics as technology, public health, environment, economic development and education.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: Colorado  
Theme(s): Business, Health