

Trade Policy Training and Legal Services: Canada is working to facilitate Russia's integration into the global trading system through two complementary initiatives. Under the first \$615 000 project, MacLeod Dixon Barristers and Solicitors of Calgary has been providing on-site legal advice to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations (MFER) on accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) since December 1992. Complementing this is a one-year, \$230 000 initiative managed by the University of Ottawa/Carleton University's Centre for Trade Policy and Law, which has provided trade policy training to 12 senior MFER officials on key issues relating to multilateral trade negotiations. In addition, two Russian officials have completed intensive two-month internships with Canadian government divisions responsible for multilateral trade policy.

Renaissance Eastern Europe: Over \$6 million has been provided to Canadian firms through the Renaissance Eastern Europe program for the development of business and investment opportunities in Russia. The program provides funding on a cost-shared basis to support enterprise-specific feasibility studies, the establishment of joint ventures and enterprise-specific training. The program also supports bilateral business councils, trade fairs, seminars and missions. To date, some 100 projects have been approved, primarily in the energy, agriculture, telecommunications, mining and forestry sectors.

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Electrical Utility Manager Training: This nearly completed, 18-month, \$2.2-million program managed by British Columbia Hydro International Ltd. has assisted in strengthening the training capacity of the Russian Ministry of Fuels and Energy. To date, the program has trained over 40 electrical utility managers from seven regions across Russia through a combination of classroom instruction and placements with Canadian utility companies. Following completion of the training component, a Canadian team worked with the Russian managers on site to introduce training programs in each of the seven regional utilities. The Russian officials have now begun to offer in-house training based on the Canadian model.

Oil and Gas Training Institutes: The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in Calgary is managing a 10-month, \$525 000 project to develop a petroleum business curriculum for, and upgrade existing courses at, 31 Russian oil and gas training institutes. The project will provide a combination of professional development and curriculum development seminars, as well as English language training for up to 170 Russian instructors. In addition, 18 Russian instructors will participate in internships in Canada. This project builds on earlier Canadian technical assistance initiatives undertaken by the Association of Community Colleges of Canada and the Petroleum Industry Training Service. As a direct result of Canadian assistance in this area, Canadian oil and gas training institutes have received some \$2.5 million in direct contracts for training in Russia.