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Investment, finance, business development, free trade, and land reform are a few of the areas essential to Russia's economic revitalization. Anti-corruption measures and public/private economic development partnerships are among the topics to be covered under this theme. The visit to Columbus, December 12-20, 2003 will highlight the small business development methods utilized by city and state governments. The program is being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by Meridian International Center.

Program Objectives:

- ◆ Acquire an understanding of the important elements of American civil society, to be able to make comparisons with Russian civil society.
- ◆ Acquire an understanding of governance and the rule of law in American society, including the concepts of accountability and transparency, the separation of powers, and the interrelationship of federal, state, and local governments.
- ◆ Develop an understanding of the free enterprise system and its relationship to government.
- ◆ Acquire an understanding of the roles of American government, civic institutions, free enterprise, and voluntary organizations as they relate to the relevant Open World civic theme.
- ◆ Develop an appreciation of American culture.
- ◆ Interact with Americans and develop contacts and relationships that will generate enduring ties.

IVC's mission is to build partnerships between Central Ohioans and citizens of other countries that strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development, and promote cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

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Franklin Park Conservatory

Columbus Museum of Art

Columbus Zoo

Palace Theater

Ohio Theater

Ohio Historical Society

State of Ohio

Franklin County

City of Columbus

City of Gahanna

Service Corps of Retired
Executives

Small Business
Administration

US Department of Commerce
Export Assistance Center

Community Development
Collaborative of Central Ohio

OSU

Columbus Chamber of
Commerce

Community Capital
Development Corporation

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Research Institute

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