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FEDERALISM

October 17-25, 2003

Federalism has been the core theme for the Open World Program since its inception. Ten Russian Open World participants will observe the interaction of local, state, and federal government entities with businesses and NGOs. The visit to Columbus, October 17-25, 2003 will highlight the United States' strong tradition of decentralized government, grassroots activism, and reliance on nongovernmental sectors. The program is being coordinated locally by International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by the USDA-Graduate School.

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.

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