



2005 SABIT GRANT PROGRAM **STRENGTHENING U.S. - EURASIAN PARTNERSHIPS**

The Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT) is pleased to announce the 2005 Grant Program.

SABIT Grants enable U.S. companies and organizations to build in-depth relationships and explore commercial opportunities with Eurasian managers and scientists. Through the support of technical assistance training, the SABIT Grant Program promotes Eurasian economic development and the expansion of civil society in the region, and also provides a unique opportunity for American companies and organizations to establish or expand their cooperation with targeted individuals and businesses in Eurasia. U.S. hosts frequently enter into commercial relationships with their trainees in the form of joint ventures, distributorships, licensure of products and technologies, or other contractual arrangements.

Structured as reimbursable awards, SABIT Grants offset a substantial share of the costs incurred while hosting Eurasian managers and scientists for 3- 6 months of training. Trainees are mid- to senior-level professionals, who have the capacity to make changes in their companies and countries.

SABIT anticipates funding availability to be published in the *Federal Register* in early January 2005, at which time Grant Applications will be accessible on the SABIT website: www.mac.doc.gov/sabit

Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by April 1, 2005. Grants will be awarded by September 30, 2005. For more information, or to be notified of funding availability, please contact Patrick Brennan at (202) 482-2077, or Patrick_Brennan@ita.doc.gov.

