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Breaking News from Florida's International Volunteer Agency



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Haitian Diaspora
Security proposal
INL proposal
Volunteers for Prosperity
Levi Strauss

Florida's Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) movement gets a boost from FAVACA. The Florida International Volunteer Corps' 20-year history of technical assistance to the region is convincing evidence that Florida is a Caribbean State and shares the fate of the region. Florida is promoting Miami as the site of the FTAA Secretariat, set to be selected in 2005. ([hyperlink](#))

AT&T Foundation funds FAVACA volunteer mission. A grant from AT&T will support a Volunteer Corps consultant headed to the Caribbean later this year to establish emergency radio communication capabilities needed to save lives in natural disasters.

FAVACA recruits volunteers, links the Haitian Diaspora to opportunities in their native land. Since 1982 FAVACA has provided training to Haiti, using Haitian-Americans and now offers investment connections to development projects throughout the country. Working with the Haitian Resource Development Foundation, and Development Alternatives/USAID's Hillside Agriculture Project, FAVACA promotes links for Haitian agricultural products for the 267,000 Haitian-Americans living in the Sunshine State. ([hyperlink here](#))

Caribbean Security and Threat Reduction Project Proposed. FAVACA has submitted a proposal for federal funds for a regional ports and tourism security training initiative. According to US "Counterterrorism" Ambassador Cofer Black, the Caribbean presents a broad range of targets for terrorists, particularly in the tourism and economic areas. As reported in *Caribbean Insight* "...Ambassador Black identified cruise liners, ports and airports, hotel resorts and the energy sector as potential targets and warned that 'a Bali-style attack that would cripple your tourism and energy industries and reduce investor confidence.'

US State Department Drug Prevention Projects Continue in the Eastern Caribbean. For the fourth year the Florida International Volunteer Corps has been funded by the International

Narcotics and Legal Affairs (INL) Bureau of the US State Department. The grant is to conduct drug abuse prevention training for youth in Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. INL has asked FAVACA to submit a proposal to continue this work in 2004.

Volunteer Corps clicks on Presidential volunteer initiative. President Bush has initiated the Volunteers for Prosperity (VfP) a project that links volunteer web sites offering opportunities for service overseas. The White House has asked FAVACA to be a collaborating partner with VfP ([hyperlink here](#))

Levi Strauss funds Haitian HIV/AIDS project. FAVACA has received a two-year grant from the Levi Strauss Foundation to conduct cross training in HIV/AIDS education and prevention and develop educational materials to raise public awareness of HIV/AIDS in Miami and several cities in Haiti, including Port-au-Prince.

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