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To: GTAP Board
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Subject: Board Report

Nathan Associates has been engaged with GTAP in several areas:

- Sponsoring a short course scholarship for candidates from developing countries
- Teaching at the short course in 2007 and in the upcoming short course in 2008
- Sending three staff members from the Egyptian Ministry of Trade to the GTAP short course in 2008
- Delivering a paper at the upcoming conference on the economic impacts of trade facilitation
- Producing a database of the value of time in trade at GTAP sector and region levels

Regarding the production of the value of time in trade database, Nathan Associates is willing to make the database available to board members and is willing to discuss wider distribution to the modeling community. Interest in this database has been high with several US agencies already requesting it to estimate such policy impacts as measuring the cost of proposed US security measures in customs that will increase the time to import in the US by a day.

Nathan Associates intends to continue support for increased participation of developing country nationals in the GTAP programs by sponsoring its scholarship and integrating GTAP trainings into its development programs sponsored primarily by USAID.