

Resource record

UAA. American Russian Center (ARC) records.

creator:

<u>dates</u>	<u>call Number/resource</u>	<u>resource level</u>
1990-2008	UAA / 0046	collection

language

English

extent

6.58 Cubic feet

container summary

restrictions apply

Open to researchers without restrictions

Agency history and functions

The American Russian Center (ARC) was created in 1993 from a federal grant to promote democracy and solidify a relationship with post-Cold War Far East Russia. ARC primarily focused on sharing knowledge and providing education to Russian students and employees of US and Russian businesses, while providing grants to small businesses and entrepreneurs to help stimulate the Russian Far East's economy. ARC partnered with the Far Eastern State Transport University to create the exchange program, "Plus 1," in which Russian students spend two years studying business at UAA. In addition, ARC had centers in Khabarovsk, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Magadan, Blagoveschensk, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Komsomolsk, Yakutsk and Vladivostok. Each center provided basic and advance business trainings. Centers at Khabarovsk, Sakhalin and Vladivostok also provided in-depth training for technical professionals and project management and logistics management. In December, 2008, the ARC center was closed. University of Alaska Anchorage plans to incorporate the American Russian Center into an International Center.

Series description

The collection consists of records produced by the American Russian Center during the course of their activities from 1990 to 2008. Records include correspondence, grant applications, seminar/training records, implementation plans, staff meeting notes/minutes, trip reports, surveys to evaluate their programs, records from their satellite offices in Russia and copies of their publication, "Russian Far East News." A portion of ARC's electronic records were transferred to the archives in 3.5 floppy disks. Content of those disk have been transferred to the Archives' server. In addition, a significant amount of the records from 2000 to 2008 are stored in ARC's server and will be transferred to the archives and made available in the future.

Arrangement

Original order of the records are maintained. Boxes 1-4 are in chronological order. Boxes 5-7 do not appear to have an order. Box 8 contains video cassettes that were used or created by ARC. For access to ARC computer files, please contact Archives and Special Collections.

Language of Materials

Collection materials are predominantly in English, with some records in Russian.

Acquisition

Transferred to archives by Russ Howell in January, 2009. Additions were made by Russ Howell in August, 2009.

Related records

At one point the American Russian Center was under the director of the Alaska Center for International Business (ACIB). The University of Alaska Anchorage. School of Business and Public Administration. Alaska Center for International Business (ACIB), UAA-0049, is available for research.

Processing information

Personnel and student records were deaccessioned and destroyed. Computer files on 3.5 floppy disk

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Retention

As records that document the University of Alaska Anchorage's work with the Far East, these records will be retained permanently.
