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The first of the guidebooks, Television and Elections, is available in more than a dozen languages. There have been three editions in Russian and two in Ukrainian. The USIA makes it mandatory for some of its training programs. It has been used in the Russian, Iraqi, Romanian, West Bank and Bosnian elections. A prominent Lithuanian translated the book into his own language and was subsequently sent to Bosnia to advise on the elections. He found the book’s Bosnian translation being used there. The book has influenced parliamentary debate and parts have been written into Russian law.

Five additional guidebooks have been published, Television/Radio News and Minorities (Russian, Belarussian, and Lithuanian and forthcoming in Kazakh and Ukrainian); Television, Radio and Privatization (English and Russian); and Television Autonomy and the State (English and Russian). An updated, second edition of Television and Elections and a compendium volume entitled Democracy on the Air were published in November 1999.