Francisco, from on or about February 28, 1995 through April 30, 1995, and at the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, from on or about September 9, 1995 through March 31, 1996, and at the Peabody Essex Museum of Salem, Massachusetts, from on or about April 25, 1996 through July 22, 1996, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**

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Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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Workshop/Seminar Grants in the People's Republic of China

ACTION: Notice—Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Educational institutions and law associations meeting the provisions as described in IRS regulation 501 (c) may apply to develop workshop/seminars in ''American Corporations'' and ''American Law'' in the People's Republic of China Support is offered for Workshops and Seminars. There will be two separate workshops and/or seminars. This is a request for proposals from educational institutions and professional associations only.

Overall grant making authority for this program is continued in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, Public Law 87–256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is ''to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations between the United States and other countries of the world.''

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT NAME AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning the announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/AEF–95–07.

DATES: Deadline for proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, February 10, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on February 10, 1995 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Shine, Room 208, E/AEF, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547, FAX: 202–401–1728, or E-Mail: WSHINE@ USIA.GOV to request a Solicitation Package, which includes more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Requests via Fax are encouraged. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the Office of Academic Programs or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the Office of Academic Programs may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal process has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The original and 12 complete copies of the application, including required forms, should be addressed as follows: U.S. Information Agency, Ref: E/AEF–95–07, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 336, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social and cultural life. ''Diversity'' should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including but not limited to race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle.

Overview: The overall purpose of this RFP is to provide opportunities for U.S. educational institutions and law associations to conduct scholarly workshops/seminars in the People's Republic of China in the theory and practice of the American Corporation and of American Law and thereby give the opportunity for Chinese institutions to offer their members access to recent information and perspectives in these fields as well as to allow for the substantive exchange of ideas. The focus of the proposals should be on the academic study of the American Corporation and the Rule of Law in American Society respectively. An approach combining theoretical sessions and sessions emphasizing the implementation of theory in practice is requested.

Workshops/seminars should take place in one Chinese city. American organizations are encouraged, however, to propose programs that would include participants from a variety of Chinese institutions from across the People's Republic of China. A workshop on American judicial process, for example, could include law professors, law students, as well as legal and judicial officials. Applicants should specify the workshop length and venue, the intended audience, the audience's level of sophistication, e.g., faculty, graduate students, researchers, government officials, and whether there would be any co-sponsor.

A. Workshop/Seminar in American Corporations

Such a program is intended to outline the legal foundation, organization and structure, management principles and status of the corporation in the United States; and the sociology of corporate life and the place of the corporation in American society. The project seeks to satisfy two goals. The first is to satisfy the need of the Chinese universities to get a better understanding of how an American corporation works in a market economy as they examine models for China's economic development. The second goal is to promote understanding of American life and society by looking at the American corporation from a sociological and cultural point of view. The venue will be People's University in Beijing. The American institution will be required to coordinate its program with the Foreign Affairs Office of People's University.

B. Seminar/Workshop in American Law

Grant funding under this category is intended to enhance and expand the scope of American legal studies programs in the People's Republic of China. Proposals with a particular emphasis upon the rule of law in American Society and its relevance to China are encouraged. Familiarity with the functioning of Chinese civil law is a preference factor. Intense, scholarly 3–4 week summer programs are preferred. Individual participants on the American side must be citizens of the U.S. Both projects that have been previously conducted and new projects are eligible.

Duration: Applications will be accepted for projects from at least 21 days to no more than 30 days duration. Programs should be completed by September 30, 1995.

Guidelines: Preference will be given to organizations with demonstrated expertise in the proposed workshop/seminar fields.

Previous experience with conducting scholarly seminars in the People's Republic of China and/or current working relations with Chinese educational institutions will be considered a plus. A substantive history of organizing subject-specific programs led by acknowledged experts in the field who also have considerable teaching experience is highly advantageous. Proposals should present a very clearly designed program plan that shows specific objectives and that demonstrates the likelihood of substantive follow-through. Be specific as to what issues the workshop/seminar will address and who the intended audience is. In the context of the intended audience(s), please describe clearly the proposed approach, e.g., didactic, participatory, etc., and resource materials to be used.

Proposed Budget

Organizations must submit a comprehensive line item budget based on the specific guidance in the Solicitation Package. Project awards to U.S. institutions can be made in a range of amounts but will not exceed $75,000. The Agency reserves the right to reduce, revise or increase budgets. For organizations with less than four years of experience in international exchange activities, total grants will be limited to a maximum of $60,000 from USIA, and total proposed budgets should not exceed this amount.

Please Note: Applicants must submit a comprehensive budget for the entire program. There must be a summary budget as well as a breakdown reflecting both the administrative budget and the program budget. For better understanding or further clarification, applicants may provide a separate sub-budget for each program component, phase, location, or activity in order to facilitate USIA decisions on funding.

Please refer to the Solicitation Package for complete budget guidelines and formatting instructions.

Review Process

USIA will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines established herein and in the Solicitation Package. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of USIA officers for advisory review. All eligible proposals will also be reviewed by the Agency's Office of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, the USIS section of the American Embassy in Beijing, and the Agency contracts offices. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Agency's Office of General Counsel or other Agency elements. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the USIA Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Final technical authority for grant awards resides with USIA's contracting officer.

Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation:

1. *Quality of Program Idea:* Proposals should exhibit originality, substance, precision, and relevance to Agency mission.

2. *Program Planning:* Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above.

3. *Ability to achieve program objectives:* Objectives should be reasonable, feasible and flexible. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan.

4. *Multiplier Effect/impact:* Proposed program should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

5. *Support of Diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate the recipient's commitment to promoting the awareness and understanding of diversity.

6. *Institutional Capacity:* Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goals.

7. *Institution's Record/ability:* Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Agency grants as determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

8. *Follow-on Activities:* Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without USIA support) which insures that USIA supported programs are not isolated events.

9. *Project Evaluation:* Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the program's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. USIA recommends that the proposal include a draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives. Award-receiving organizations/institutions will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly, whichever is less frequent.

10. *Cost-effectiveness:* The overhead and administration components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

11. *Cost-sharing:* Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

12. *Value to U.S.-Partner Country Relations:* Proposed projects should receive positive assessments by USIA's geographic area office and overseas offices of program need, potential impact, and significance in the partner country.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by the Agency that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. Final award cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about May 12, 1995. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Dated: January 5, 1995.

John P. Loiello,

Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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