

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 stated herein and in the Solicitation Package. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of USIA officers for advisory review. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the Agency contracts office, as well as the USIA Office of North African, Near Eastern, and South Asian Affairs; the USIA Office of African Affairs; and USIS Tunis. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the General Counsel or by other Agency elements. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the USIA Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the USIA grants 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. *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 describe above.

2. *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.

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

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

5. *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.

6. *Cost-effectiveness*: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as

possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

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

8. *Area expertise*: Proposals should give evidence of relevant knowledge of the geographic area.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by an 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. The needs of the program may require the award to be reduced, revised, or increased. Final awards cannot be made until funds have been 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 March 17, 1995. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Dated: January 12, 1995.

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Deputy Associate Director, Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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Republic of El Salvador; Receipt of Cultural Property Request

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Cultural Property Request from the Republic of El Salvador.

The Republic of El Salvador has submitted a cultural property request to the Government of the United States under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention. The request was received on January 13, 1995, by the United States Information Agency. The request seeks U.S. protection of certain categories of archaeological material the pillage of which, it is alleged, jeopardizes the national cultural patrimony of El Salvador. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2603 et al) the request will be reviewed by the Cultural Property Advisory Committee which

will develop recommendations before a determination is made.

Dated: January 17, 1995.

Penn Kemble,

Deputy Director, United States Information Agency.

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Cultural Property Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Cultural Property Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, January 30, 1995, from approximately 2:00 to 5:00 PM, and on January 31, 1995, from approximately 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at USIA headquarters, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The agenda on January 30, will include administrative briefings and will be open to the public. The agenda on January 31, will include deliberation of a cultural property request from El Salvador seeking U.S. protection of certain archaeological resources. This request, submitted under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO Convention will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C., 2601 et al, P.L. 97-446). Since discussion of this matter will involve information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed actions, this portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h) (see attachment).

Due to security requirements and limited space, persons wishing to attend the open portion of the meeting on January 30, should telephone (202) 619-6612 by 5 PM (EST) on Friday, January 27, 1995. A list of public attendees will be posted at the security desk of USIA in order to facilitate access to the meeting room.

Dated: January 17, 1995.

Penn Kemble,

Deputy Director, United States Information Agency.

Attachment—Determination To Close the Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee January 31, 1995

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h), I hereby determine that the portion of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee meeting on January 31, 1995, devoted to deliberations about possible

U.S. protection of archaeological material
originating in El Salvador, may be closed to
the public.

Dated: January 17, 1995.

Penn Kemble,

*Deputy Director, United States Information
Agency.*

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