

Department Circular 570, which outlines details as to underwriting limitations, areas in which licensed to transact surety business and other information. Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 1994 Revision, at page 34180 to reflect this change.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, Telephone (202/FTS) 874-6696.

Dated: March 20, 1995.

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THRIFT DEPOSITOR PROTECTION OVERSIGHT BOARD

National Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., announcement is hereby published for a meeting of the National Advisory Board. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The National Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 1995, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Board Room 6010, 550 17th St., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Nevius, Committee Management Officer, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, 808 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20232, 202/416-2626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 21A (d) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board established a National Advisory Board and six Regional Advisory Boards to advise the Oversight Board and the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) on the disposition of real property assets of the Corporation.

Agenda

A detailed agenda will be available at the meeting. The meeting will include remarks from executives of the RTC, the Executive Director of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board

and the chair of the National Advisory Board. In addition, there will be briefings from the chairpersons of the six regional advisory boards on their respective meetings held throughout the country from March 2 through April 7. The Board will address the issues involving the RTC's disposition of environmental resources and other special properties. Specific topics addressed at the six regional meetings include: the nature and extent of environmentally sensitive RTC properties; RTC activity in assisting environmental interests to acquire significant properties; the future of the RTC's environmentally sensitive properties when taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; oversight of the hazard remediation program initiated by the RTC, and the status of properties covered by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act.

Statements

Interested persons may submit, in writing, data, information or views on the issues pending before the National Advisory Board prior to or at the meeting. Seating is available on a first come first served basis for this open meeting.

Dated: March 27, 1995.

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Committee Management Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Management of the Summer Institute for EFL Teacher Trainers in Eastern/ Central Europe and the NIS

ACTION: Notice—request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, English Language programs Division, Programs Branch, of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to conduct a five- to six-week Summer Institute for up to 20 EFL teacher trainers from Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine. The exact number of participants will be contingent on available funding.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual

Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, 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 the 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 the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program cited above is provided through the Fulbright Hayes Act.

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 this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/ALP-95-02.

Deadline for Proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Friday, April 21, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on April 21 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Grants should begin by July 5; the program should not run over 6 weeks; it should begin the weekend of July 15 and conclude the week of August 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Academic Programs, English Language Programs Division, E/ELP—Room 304, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 220547, telephone number 202-619-5869, fax number 202-401-1250 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. Please specify USIA Program Officer/Specialist Marguerite Hess on all industries and correspondences. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the Office of Academic Programs, English Language Programs Division, Programs Branch, or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the Office of Academic Programs, English Language

Program Division, Programs Branch, may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 10 copies of the complete application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/ALP-95-02, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 336, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 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 U.S. Information Agency (USIA) is soliciting proposals from U.S. professional or educational not-for-profit institutions/organizations to hold a 5-6 week Summer Institute, whose purpose will be to prepare the participants to coordinate EFL teacher training activities in their respective countries upon their return. The Institute will therefore encompass curriculum design and program management as well as training in methodology. Upon completion of the program, graduates of the institution will work together with USIA EFL Fellows who are already working in each country as part of the Eastern/Central European and NIS EFL Fellow Program.

Guidelines

Programs must comply with J-1 visa regulations. Please refer to program specific guidelines (POGI) in the Solicitation Package for further details.

Proposed Budget

The proposal must contain a comprehensive line item budget, based on the specific guidance in the Solicitation Package. At this time, the Agency has not determined the full funding level for FY'95.

Grants awarded to eligible organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000.

Applicants must submit a comprehensive budget for the entire

program. There must be a summary budget as well as a break-down reflecting both the administrative budget and the program budget. For better understanding or further clarification, applicants may provide separate sub-budgets for each program component, phase, location, or activity in order to facilitate USIA decisions on funding.

Allowable costs for the program include the following:
 Domestic Ground Travel
 Book Allowance (not to exceed \$400 per participant)
 Weekly Stipend for participants
 Meals and Lodging for participants and Washington, D.C. escort
 Cultural Activities Fee
 TESOL Membership Fee
 Course/Accreditation Fees
 Tax Guidance/Preparation
 Educational/Course Materials
 Administrative Expenses and Honoraria
 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 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 Eastern European and NIS Affairs. 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. Quality of the 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 programs 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 activity'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 frequent.

10. 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.

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 desk and overseas officers of program need, potential impact, and significance in the partner country(ies).

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. 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

June 30, 1995. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

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