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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Interest Rate for FY 1997 RUS Cost-of-Money Loans

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is announcing that interest rates on Cost-of-Money loans approved during fiscal year 1997 may exceed the 7 percent per year statutory limit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is given that under Title III of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1997 (Appropriations Act of 1997) (Pub. L. 104-180, August 6, 1996), the interest rate for loans approved during fiscal year 1997 may exceed the 7 percent per year ceiling established by Public Law 103-129 (see 7 CFR 1735.31(c)(1)). The Appropriations Act of 1997 removes the 7 percent interest rate ceiling for loans made during fiscal year 1997 only (October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997).

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

Announcement of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Competition for the 1997-98 Academic Year

The United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency will conduct a competition in 1997 for one-year Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships in support of unclassified doctoral dissertation research in arms control, nonproliferation and disarmament studies. Law candidates for the Juris Doctor are also eligible if they are writing a substantial paper in partial fulfillment of degree requirements. The fellowship stipends for the Ph.D. candidates will be \$8,000 plus reimbursement for tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$6,000. Stipends and tuition for law candidates will be prorated according to the number of credits given for the research paper.

Qualified applicants must be citizens of the United States and degree candidates at a U.S. college or university. Candidates are asked to submit an application, a five-page thesis abstract with bibliography, three letters of reference, transcripts of all graduate course work, and university approval of the dissertation topic. The application deadline for the 1997 competition is March 15, 1997. Awards will be for a twelve month period beginning in September 1997 on January 1998.

For information and application materials please write to: Hubert H. Humphrey Doctoral Fellowship Program, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 320 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20451; or call (202) 647-8090.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

Ambassador James Sweeney,

Chief Science Advisor.

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Announcement of the William C. Foster Fellows Visiting Scholars Program for the 1997-98 Academic Year

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) will conduct a competition to select visiting scholars to serve at the Agency during the 1997-98 academic year. University faculty from a variety of fields are sought, including those in the physical

sciences, engineering, international relations, economics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and computer science.

Section 28 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2568), as amended, provides that "a program for visiting scholars in the field of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament shall be established by the Director in order to obtain the services of scholars from the faculties of recognized institutions of higher learning." The law states that "the purpose of the program will be to give specialists in the physical sciences and other disciplines relevant to the Agency's activities an opportunity for active participation in the arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament activities of the Agency and to gain for the Agency the perspective and expertise such persons can offer * * *." Scholars are known as William C. Foster Fellows, in honor of the first Director of ACDA, who served from 1961 to 1969.

Assignments are available in the Bureaus of Strategic and Eurasian Affairs (SEA); Multilateral Affairs (MA); Intelligence, Verification and Information Management (IVI); and Nonproliferation Policy and Regional Arms Control (NP). Visiting scholars participate in a wide range of Agency activities, such as performing arms control research and analyses, evaluating data relating to compliance with treaties in force, supporting interagency development of arms control policy, and taking part in international arms control and disarmament negotiations.

Visiting scholars will be detailed to ACDA by their universities for one full year. The institutions will be compensated for the scholars' salaries and benefits in accordance with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 and within Agency budgetary limitations. Each Fellow will receive reimbursement for travel to and from the Washington, DC area for his/her one year assignment and either a per diem allowance during the one year detail or relocation costs.

Qualified candidates must be citizens of the United States, on the faculty of a recognized U.S. institution of higher learning, and tenured or on a tenure track. ACDA is an equal opportunity employer. Selections will be made without regard to race, color, religion,