

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, innovation, and relevance to Agency mission.
2. **Program Objectives and Planning:** Objectives should be reasonable, feasible, and flexible. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan. 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. **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.
4. **Support of Diversity:** Proposals should demonstrate the recipient's commitment to promoting the awareness and understanding of diversity.
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. Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goals.
6. **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.
7. **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 less frequent.
8. **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.

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

10. **Value to U.S.-Partner Country Relations:** Proposed programs 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 Agency reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

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Exchanges and Training Program With Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan

ACTION: Amendment—Request for Proposals.

This is an amendment to the request for proposals (RFP) published on October 10, 1996, concerning exchange and training programs for Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan (Announcement Number E/PN-97-10). The second sentence under REVIEW CRITERIA, 3. Cost Effectiveness, reads "While this announcement does not proscribe a rigid ratio of administrative to program costs, in general, priority will be given to proposals whose administrative costs are less than twenty-five (25) per cent of the total requested from USIA." That sentence should read as follows: "While this announcement does not proscribe a rigid ratio of administrative to program costs, in general, priority will be given to proposals whose administrative costs are less than twenty-five (25) per cent of the total requested from USIA."

Notification

Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

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Summer Institutes for the Study of the United States

ACTION: Notice—Request for Proposals (RFP).

SUMMARY: The Branch for the Study of the U.S. of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for three (3) assistance awards. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to develop and implement one of the following three six-week post-graduate level programs designed for multinational groups of 18 experienced foreign university educators:

1. Summer Institute on the U.S. Political System
1. Summer Institute on the U.S. Economy
1. Summer Institute on U.S. Society

The Programs are intended to provide participants with a deeper understanding of American life and institutions, past and present, in order to improve courses and teaching about the U.S. abroad. Participants will have had few prior opportunities to formally study or visit the U.S., and most will be coming from institutions that are just beginning to introduce the study of the U.S. into the curriculum. Tentative program dates are June 28 to August 8, 1997.

USIA is seeking detailed proposals from colleges, universities, consortia of colleges and universities, and other not-for-profit academic organizations that have an established reputation in the institute subject field, and that can demonstrate expertise in conducting post-graduate programs for foreign educators. *Applicant institutions must have a minimum of four years experience in conducting international exchange programs.* The project director or one of the key program staff responsible for the academic program must have an advanced degree in a discipline directly related to the subject field of the institute. Staff escorts traveling under the USIA cooperative agreement support must be U.S. citizens