

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 2, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[Delegation Order No. 67 (Rev. 23)]

Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service.

ACTION: Delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The specific authority to sign the name of, or on behalf of, Michael P. Dolan, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service. The text of the delegation order appears below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald R. Ridgley, Chief, Office of Organizational Research, M:SP:A, Room 401, 1255 22d Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 874-4479 (not a toll-free call).

Effective: May 26, 1997.

Signing the Commissioner's Name or on the Commissioner's Behalf.

Authority: To sign the name of, or on behalf of, Michael P. Dolan, Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Delegated to: Persons with existing authority to sign the name of, or on behalf of, Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Redelegation: This authority may not be redelegated.

Source of Authority: Treasury Order 150-10.

This order is effective 12:01 a.m., May 26, 1997, and supersedes Delegation Order No. 67 (Rev. 22), effective May 12, 1993.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Michael P. Dolan,

Acting Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Civic Education Institute for the Middle East

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Study of the U.S. Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational 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) may apply to conduct a 3-4 week U.S.-based institute on innovative approaches to curriculum development and teaching methodology in civic education and social studies for approximately 15 educators from Israel, Jordan, and West Bank/Gaza (Palestinian Authority). The purpose of this institute is to expose participants to recent developments in U.S. civic education curriculum and teaching practice, and to enable participants to examine and discuss their current/projects approaches with U.S. educators and with each other. Anticipated outcomes of the institute would be the development/refinement of viable curricular materials that will enable these educational sectors to prepare students to become responsible community members as the peace process develops. The long-term goal of the institute is to strengthen the teaching of citizenship skills in the region. Participants will have professional responsibilities which are concerned with the development/revision of up-to-date civic education and social studies curricular materials, and appropriate teaching methodologies for such materials. Overseas participants in this program will be identified and selected by U.S. Information Service (USIS) posts abroad, and will be English-speaking. The program should take place for 3-4 weeks during January/February of 1998.

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 Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, Public Law 87-256 (Fulbright Hays Act.) The Fulbright program seeks to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. 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," and must "maintain their scholarly integrity and shall meet the highest standards of academic excellence * * *"

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 TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this RFP should refer to the announcement's title and reference number E/AAS-97-12.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, August 15, 1997. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked by the due date but received at a later date will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals (including specific information on budget preparation), applicants should contact: Gretchen Christison, Study of the U.S. Branch, E/AAS, Room 256, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, tel: 202-619-4557 fax: 202-619-6790, Internet address gchristi@usia.gov.

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