

Applications must be submitted to the Grants Management Team at the address specified in number 7, below.

#### 4. Application Consideration

Applications are initially screened for relevance to this announcement. If judged irrelevant, the applications are returned to the applicants.

Applications that conform to the requirements of this program announcement will be reviewed and evaluated against the evaluation criteria specified in this announcement and evaluated by Federal and non-Federal personnel. The results of this evaluation will assist SSA in selecting the applications to be funded.

#### 5. Application Approval

Grant awards will be issued within the limits of Federal funds available following the approval of the applications selected for funding. The official award document is the "Notice of Grant Award." It will provide the amount of funds awarded, the purpose of the award, the budget period for which support is given, the total project period for which support is contemplated, the amount of grantee financial participation, and any special terms and conditions of the grant award.

#### 6. Screening Requirements

In order for an application to be in conformance, it must meet *all* of the following requirements:

(a) *Number of Copies:* An original signed and dated application plus at least two copies must be submitted. Five additional copies are optional and will expedite processing of the grant application.

(b) *Length:* The narrative portion of the application (Part III of form SSA-96-BK) must not exceed 20 single-or 40 double-spaced pages, exclusive of resumes, forms, etc., typewritten on one side only using standard size (8 1/2" x 11") paper. Applications should neither be unduly elaborative nor contain voluminous documentation.

#### 7. Closing Date for Receipt of Applications

The closing date for receipt of grant applications for Federal funds in response to this announcement is July 14, 1998.

Applications may be mailed or sent by commercial carrier or personally delivered to: Grants Management Team; Office of Operations Contracts and Grants; Office of Acquisition and Grants; Social Security Administration; ATTN: SSA-ORES-98-2; 1-E-4 Gwynn Oak Building; 1710 Gwynn Oak

Avenue; Baltimore, Maryland 21207-5279.

Hand-delivered applications are accepted during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. An application will be considered as meeting the deadline if it is either:

- Received on or before the deadline date at the above address; or
- Mailed through the U.S. Postal Service or sent by commercial carrier on or before the deadline date and received in time to be considered during the competitive review and evaluation process. Applicants are cautioned to request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier as evidence of timely mailing. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications which do not meet the above criteria are considered late applications. SSA will notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered.

**Note:** Facsimile Copies Will Not Be Accepted.

#### Notice Procedures

##### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This notice contains reporting requirements in the "Application Process" section. However, the information is collected using form SSA-96-BK, *Federal Assistance*, which has Office of Management and Budget clearance No. 0960-0184.

##### *Executive Orders 12372 and 12416—Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs*

This program is not covered by the requirements of Executive Order 12372, as amended by Executive Order 12416, relating to Federal agencies providing opportunities for consultation with State and local elected officials on proposed Federal financial assistance or direct Federal development.

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Dated: May 7, 1998.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2815]

#### Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold

its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 6320, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled, and individual building passes are required for each attendee. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, SA-29, Room 245, Washington, DC 20522-2902, telephone 703-875-7800, prior to June 7, 1998. Visitors will be asked to provide their date of birth and Social Security number at the time they register their intention to attend and must carry a valid photo ID with them to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

**Keith D. Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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#### Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) International Project Finance: Request for Public Comments

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) is in the process of preparing a "Legislative Guide" for countries to use as a basis for legislation or otherwise, so as to provide enabling authority for infrastructure projects to be privately financed in whole or in part, and to allow private sector development and operation, often for a fixed period of years. Legislation in this field often