

determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The Agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

*9. Ability for Institutions To Develop or Enhance Linkages With Bosnian Institutions*

Proposals should demonstrate how hosting Bosnian students will further strengthen existing programs/activities/linkages of the applicant institution with Bosnia, and provide a plan for developing or enhancing a relationship with Bosnian institutions.

**Authority**

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."

**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.

**Notification**

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Dated: December 27, 1998.

**William Bader,**

*Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.*

**Notification**

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

**Judith Siegel,**

*Deputy Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.*

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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**BILLING CODE:** BAC 6820-AR.

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, January 21, 1999, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

**STATUS:** Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

**AGENDA:** January 1999 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Eighty-seventh Meeting (November 19, 1998) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Review of Unsolicited Grant Applications; Selection of 2000 Essay Contest Topic; Other General Issues.

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Dated: January 5, 1999.

**Charles E. Nelson,**

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