

for developing and implementing security requirements/safeguards for SSA's State information exchange program.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

**Paul D. Barnes,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3202]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Treasures of the Last Empire"

**AGENCY:** United States Department of State.

**ACTION:** Amendment.

**SUMMARY:** On June 30, 1999, notice was published at page 35253 of the **Federal Register** (64 FR 35253) by the United States Information Agency pursuant to Pub. L. 89-259 relating to the exhibit "Treasures of the Last Empire." I hereby determine that seventeen additional works of art to be included in the exhibit and imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States are of cultural significance. I also determine that the temporary exhibition of these works of art as part of the exhibit aboard The Queen Mary, Long Beach, California, from on or about January 15, 2000, to on or about April 25, 2000, is in the national interest.

Dated: January 9, 2000.

**William B. Bader,**

*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3203]

### Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program Orientation

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Request for Proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Global Educational Programs of the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Public and private non-profit organizations, with a minimum of four years of experience in successfully administering orientation programs, and meeting the provisions

described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop and administer August 2000 orientation activities in Washington DC for approximately 570 foreign and U.S. teachers and dependents participating in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. The activities prepare participants in the program to teach (elementary, secondary, or college level) in the educational system of another country. The programming specifically strives: (a) To provide U.S. teachers with opportunities to meet face-to-face with their foreign exchange partners to discuss the details of their individual exchange assignments; (b) To provide participants with an understanding of the educational systems in which they will be teaching; and (c) To provide teachers with practical guidance on living in their countries of destination, with particular references to cross-cultural differences. The award in the FY-2000 competition will be approximately \$260,000. Grants are subject to the availability of committed funds for Fiscal Year 2000.

#### Proposal

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 Fulbright-Hays Act.

Programs and projects must conform to Bureau requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package for this RFP. The Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation (POGI), and the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI), which contain additional guidelines, are included in the Solicitation Package. Proposals that do not follow RFP requirements and the guidelines appearing in the POGI and PSI may be excluded from consideration due to technical ineligibility.

**Announcement Title and Number:** All communications with the Bureau concerning this RFP should refer to Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

Orientation and reference number ECA/A/S/X-00-03.

**Deadline for Proposals:** All copies must be received at the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on *Friday, March 10, 2000*. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time, nor will documents postmarked *March 10, 2000*, but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure compliance with the deadline.

**Program Dates:** Grant should begin on or about May 1, 2000 and run through April 30, 2001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs, Office of Global Educational Programs, Fulbright Teacher Exchange Branch, State Annex 44, ECA/A/S/X, room 349, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547, telephone: (202) 619-4556, fax: (202) 401-1433 to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please specify Bureau Program Officer Dehab Ghebreab, (telephone: 202-619-4556; e-mail: [dghebra@usia.gov](mailto:dghebra@usia.gov)) on all inquiries and correspondence.

#### To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet

The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from the Bureau's website at <http://e.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

#### Submissions

Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 10 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Ref.: ECA/A/S/X-00-03, Program Management Staff, ECA/EX/PM, Room 336, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547.

#### Diversity Guidelines

Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the