

2. *Multiplier effect/impact:* The proposed administrative strategy should maximize the Humphrey Program's potential to encourage the establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

3. *Support for Diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate the recipient's commitment to promoting the awareness and understanding of diversity, and should include a strategy for achieving a diverse applicant pool for host institutions. In addition, diversity should be addressed in any program plans such as the fall seminar and, end-of-year workshop and professional enhancement workshops.

4. *Institutional Capacity and Record:* Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Bureau grants as determined by grants staff. The Bureau 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's goals.

5. *Follow-on and Alumni Activities:* Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (both with and without Bureau support) ensuring that the Humphrey Fellowship year is not an isolated event. Activities should include tracking and maintaining updated lists of all alumni and facilitating follow-up activities for alumni.

6. *Project Evaluation:* Proposals should include a plan and methodology to evaluate the Humphrey Program's degree of success in meeting program goals, both as the activities unfold and at their conclusion. Draft survey questionnaires or other techniques plus a description of methodologies to use to link outcomes to original project objectives are recommended. Successful applicants will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly.

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

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." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Department 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 Bureau 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 Bureau procedures.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3225]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Partners in Education Program; Notice: Amendment to Original Request for Proposals (RFPs)

SUMMARY: The United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, announces revisions to the original RFP announced in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1999:

(1) Due to funding cuts, the overall budget for programming and administration has decreased from \$1,420,000 to \$1,125,000; therefore, the

number of participants has been lowered correspondingly. The NIS teacher/administrator/trainer exchange should now involve approximately 36 Russian, 25 Ukrainian, 14 Kyrgyz and 10 Uzbek participants. The US teacher exchange now involves approximately 20. The NIS directors exchange remains at approximately 22 but also involves 4 interpreters. The Bureau reserves the right to adjust the budget further in accordance with availability of funds.

(2) The following program costs are corrected from the original RFP:

I. NIS teacher/administrator/trainer component: \$6,720 per person × 85 participants = \$571,200.

II. US teacher component: \$3,000 per person × 20 participants = \$60,000.

III. NIS Directors component: \$6,900 per person × 26 (22 participants + 4 interpreters) = \$179,400.

IV. General Program Costs: \$52,070.

Total program costs + administrative costs = \$1,125,000.

(3) NIS teacher/administrator/trainer component host site financial incentive: \$9,000 (originally \$5,000). This amount is included in the per participant program cost.

(4) Deadline for proposals has been moved from Monday, February 28 to Monday, March 20, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested organizations should contact Rachel Waldstein, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Educational Programs, Teacher Exchange Branch, 202-619-4568 prior to Monday, March 20, 2000.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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Application of Spernak Airways, Inc. for Certificate Authority

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Order to Show Cause.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order finding Spernak Airways, Inc., fit, willing, and able, and awarding it a certificate of public convenience and necessity to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property and mail.