

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 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

[Order 2000-2-14; Docket OST-99-6499]

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.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than February 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Docket OST-99-6499 and addressed to the Department of Transportation Dockets (SVC-124.1, Room PL-401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Delores King, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-2343.

Dated: February 10, 2000.

A. Bradley Mims,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-439 (Sub-No. 5X); STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 144X)]

Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Abandonment Exemption in Dallas County, TX; Union Pacific Railroad Company, Discontinuance of Service Exemption in Dallas County, TX

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances* for DART to abandon and UP to discontinue service over approximately 1.585 miles of rail line from milepost 213.024 at Malcolm X Boulevard to milepost 211.439 near Fletcher Street, just west of the switch to the Age of Steam Museum in the City and County of Dallas, TX.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 75223, 75226, and 75246.

DART and UP have certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line during the past 2 years; (3) no formal complaint

¹ DART acquired this line from the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in 1990. See *Dallas Area Rapid Transit—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company*, Finance Docket No. 31690 (ICC served July 17, 1990). UP concurrently acquired trackage rights over the line. See *Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Dallas Area Rapid Transit*, Finance Docket No. 31733 (ICC served Sept. 13, 1990).

filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on March 18, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by February 28, 2000. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by March 8, 2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representatives: Judith H. Caldwell, Oppenheimer Wolff Donnelly & Bayh LLP, 1350 Eye Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005-3324; and James P. Gatlin, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0001.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

DART and UP have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects of the abandonment and discontinuance, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by February 22, 2000. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), DART shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by DART's filing of a notice of consummation by February 17, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: February 10, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 10, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 20, 2000 to be assured of consideration.