

to review whistleblower disclosures of wrongdoing in federal agencies, and to refer disclosures in appropriate cases to the head of the agency involved for investigation, pursuant to its statutory authority at 5 U.S.C. 1211, *et seq.*

*Likely Respondents:* Current and former federal employees, and applicants for federal employment.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 475.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 475 hours.

The two proposed forms described above are available on OSC's Web site (at [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov)).

Dated: June 29, 2000.

**Erin M. McDonnell,**

*Associate Special Counsel for Planning and Advice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3357]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Drink and Be Merry: Wine and Beer in Ancient Times"

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority of October 19, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Drink and Be Merry: Wine and Beer in Ancient Times" imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Jewish Museum, New York, NY from July 30, thru November 5, 2000 is in the national interest. The action of the United States in this matter and the immunity based on the application of the provisions of the law involved does not imply any view of the United States concerning the ownership of these exhibition objects. Further, it is not based upon and does not represent any change in

the position of the United States regarding the status of Jerusalem or the territories 1978, of President Jimmy Carter, attached to the Camp David Accords, reprinted in 78 *Dept. of State Bulletin* 11 (October 1978); Statement of September 1, 1982 of President Ronald Reagan, reprinted in 82 *Dept. of State Bulletin* 23 (September 1982). Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Carol Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301-4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 23, 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 #3356]

### FY 2000 Funding Under the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983

On April 21, 2000, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. The Title VIII program, administered by the Department of State, seeks to build expertise among Americans on Russia, Eurasia, and Central and East Europe through support for advanced research, language and graduate training, and other activities both in the US and in the region. FY 2000 grant recipients are listed below.

#### 1. American Council of Learned Societies

*Grant:* \$420,000 (EE).

*Purpose:* To support dissertation fellowships, institutional grants for language training in the U.S. covering the basic languages of Central and East Europe, the Junior Scholars' Training Seminar, and post-doctoral research fellowships.

*Contact:* Jason Parker, Executive Associate, American Council of Learned Societies, 228 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017-3398, (212) 697-1505

(ext. 134/135), Fax (212) 949-8058, e-mail: [jason@acl.s.org](mailto:jason@acl.s.org).

#### 2. American Councils for International Education

*Grant:* \$420,000 (\$355,000-NIS, \$65,000-EE/B).

*Purpose:* To support programs for Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies, Languages of the NIS, Central and East European languages, Individualized Language Training and Research, Field Research Fellowships with the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, and Policy Forums.

*Contact:* Graham Hettlinger, American Councils for International Education, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 833-7522, Fax (202) 833-7523, e-mail: [Hettlinger@actr.org](mailto:Hettlinger@actr.org).

#### 3. The William Davidson Institute of the University of Michigan Business School

*Grant:* \$170,000 (\$70,000-NIS; \$100,000-EE).

*Purpose:* To support post-doctoral research fellowships on public policy affecting the development of markets in the Balkans and in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

*Contact:* Sharon Nakpairat, Administrative Director, The William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan Business School, 724 East University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1234, (734) 936-0041, Fax (734) 763-5850.

#### 4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Grant:* \$125,000 (\$95,000-NIS; \$30,000-EE/B).

*Purpose:* To support the Summer Research Laboratory, which provides dormitory housing and access to the University's library for advanced research, and the Slavic Reference Service, which locates materials unavailable through regular interlibrary loan.

*Contact:* Dianne Merridith, Program Administrator, Russian and East European Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 104 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-1244, Fax (217) 333-1582, e-mail: [reec@uiuc.edu](mailto:reec@uiuc.edu).

#### 5. Institute of International Education

*Grant:* \$100,000 (\$50,000-NIS; \$50,000-EE).

*Purpose:* To support Professional Development Fellowships for young professionals in fields related to public service and civil policy in the Balkans and in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

*Contact:* Andrew Small, Program Manager, US Student Programs, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3580, (212) 984-5326, Fax (212) 984-5325, e-mail: [asmall@iie.org](mailto:asmall@iie.org).

#### 6. International Research and Exchanges Board

*Grant:* \$565,000 (\$315,000-NIS; \$250,000-EE/B).

*Purpose:* To support its programs for Individual Advanced Research Opportunities, Short-term Travel Grants, Black Sea and Caspian Regional Policy Symposia, Dissemination, and Policy Forums.

*Contact:* Joyce Warner, Director, Academic Exchanges and Research Division, International Research and Exchanges Board, 1616 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 628-8188, Fax (202) 628-8189, e-mail: [jwarner@irex.org](mailto:jwarner@irex.org).

#### 7. National Council for Eurasian and East European Research

*Grant:* \$1,200,000 (\$900,000-NIS; \$300,000-EE/B).

*Purpose:* To support the Research Contract and Fellowship Grant Programs for postdoctoral research, Policy Research Fellowships in the NIS and Central and East Europe, and the Ed. A. Hewett Fellowship Program to allow a scholar to work on a research project for a year while serving in a USG agency.

*Contact:* Robert Huber, President, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 910 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 822-6950, Fax (202) 822-6955, e-mail: [nceerdc@aol.com](mailto:nceerdc@aol.com).

#### 8. Social Science Research Council

*Grant:* \$775,000 (\$745,000-NIS, \$30,000-EE/B).

*Purpose:* To support dissertation fellowships, advanced graduate fellowships, US-based institutional training in the languages of the NIS, the dissertation workshop on understudied regions, and postdoctoral fellowships.

*Contact:* Seteney Shami, Program Director, Social Science Research Council, 810 7th Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10019, (212) 377-2700, Fax (212) 377-2727, e-mail: [shami@ssrc.org](mailto:shami@ssrc.org).

#### 9. The Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

*Grant:* \$720,000 (\$470,000-NIS; \$250,000-EE/B).

*Purpose:* To support the Research and Short-term Scholar Programs, internships, meetings, outreach and publications of the Kennan Institute for

Advanced Russian Studies and the East European Studies of the European Program, including the Kennan's Workshop on the Role of Women in Post-Communist Transitions and the East European Program's Junior Scholars' Training Seminar.

*Contact:* Nancy Popson, Deputy Director, Kennan Institute, (202) 691-4100, Fax (202) 691-4247 or

Martin Sletzinger, Director, East European Studies, The Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-3027, (202) 691-4263, Fax (202) 691-4247.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

#### W. Kendall Myers,

*Acting Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 3355]

#### Universal Postal Union Reform Initiatives

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

**ACTION:** Notice of briefing.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State will host a briefing on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, to provide an update on reform initiatives at the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

The briefing will be held from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m., on September 26, 2000, in Room 1105 of the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The briefing will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room.

The briefing will provide information on the results of the recent meetings of the High-Level Group on the Future of the UPU, and of the UPU Postal Operations Council, as well as on other significant UPU-related issues. The briefing will be chaired by Ambassador E. Michael Southwick of the Department of State.

Entry to the Department of State building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. In order to arrange admittance, persons desiring to attend the briefing should, no later than noon on September 25, 2000, notify the Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, preferably by fax, providing the name of the meeting and

the individual's name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number. The fax number to use is (202) 647-8902. Voice telephone is (202) 647-2752. This request applies to both government and non-government individuals.

All attendees must use the Department of State diplomatic entrance at 22nd and C Streets, NW. One of the following means of identification will be required for admittance: Any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or any U.S. Government agency identification card.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the briefing may be directed to Mr. Neil Boyer at (202) 647-1044.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

#### Neil A. Boyer,

*Acting Director, Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.*

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### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

#### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Deadline for Submission of Petitions for the 2000 Annual Country Eligibility Practices Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of the 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility Practices Review and Cancellation of the 2000 Annual GSP Product Review.

**SUMMARY:** The deadline for the submission of petitions for the 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility Practices Review is 5 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Announcement of 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility Practices Review and Cancellation of 2000 Annual GSP Product Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified by a **Federal Register** notice. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility