

the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a national market system or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The proposal provides for the recognition of the BSE's and the PCX's use of remote specialists to carry out their specialist operations off the floors of the BSE and the PCX. The proposal also provides for the implementation of the National Market Test System, which supports testing of the Consolidated Tape System, Consolidated Quotation System, and ITS. In addition, the proposal provides for the codification of procedures for trade adjustment. The Commission believes that the foregoing measures should improve the efficiency and reliability of ITS. Lastly, the proposal provides additional technical amendments to the ITS Plan consistent with ITS's purpose: to facilitate intermarket trading in exchange-listed equity securities.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed amendment is consistent with Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the ITS and, in particular, Sections 11A(a)(1)(C)(ii) and (D) of the Act⁸ and Rule 11Aa3-2(c)(2).⁹

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 11A(a)(3)(B) of the Act,¹⁰ that the proposed amendment be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collection that requires submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collection listed below has been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collection would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed after this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

Waiver of Right to Appear, Disability Hearing—0960-0534. The Social Security Administration uses Form SSA-773-U4 to provide claimants with an effective means of requesting waiver of their right to appear at a disability hearing. The information collected will be used as documentation that claimants understand their right to appear and the effects of the decision to waive this right. The respondents are claimants under Title II (Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) and Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) of the Social Security Act, who wish to waive their right to appear at a disability hearing.

Number of Respondents: 194.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 81 hours. (SSA Address) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235

(OMB Address) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503

Dated: November 7, 2000.

Liz Davidson,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3472]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Egypt in the Walters Art Gallery"

AGENCY: 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 No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Egypt in the Walters Art Gallery" imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with a foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland, from January 15, 2001, through January 15, 2004, is in the national interest. 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 Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: October 31, 2000.

William B. Bader,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3471]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations:

AGENCY: "Unseen Treasures: Imperial Russia and the New World" United States Department of State.

ACTION: Amendment.

SUMMARY: On July 30, 1999, Notice was published on page 41488 of the **Federal Register** (Volume 64, Number 146) by the Department of State pursuant to Pub. L. 89-259 relating to the exhibition "Unseen Treasures: Imperial Russia and the New World." That referenced Notice is hereby amended as follows: after the words "on or about December 31, 2000," insert the following additional language: "and at the Presidio Trust Exhibition Hall, San Francisco, California, from on or about March 16, 2001, to on or about June 15, 2001,".

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(ii) and (D).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.11Aa3-2(c)(2).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(3)(B).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(29).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is United States Department of State, SA-44, Room 700, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: November 6, 2000.

William B. Bader,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice # 3473]

Discretionary Grant Programs Application Notice Establishing Closing Date for Transmittal of Certain Fiscal Year 2001 Applications

AGENCY: The Department of State invites applications from national organizations with interest and expertise in conducting research and training to serve as intermediaries administering national competitive programs concerning the countries of Central and East Europe and the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. The grants will be awarded through an open, national competition among applicant organizations.

Authority for this Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union is contained in the Soviet-Eastern European Research and Training Act of 1983 (22 U.S.C. 4501-4508, as amended).

SUMMARY: The purpose of this application notice is to inform potential applicant organizations of fiscal and programmatic information and closing dates for transmittal of applications for awards in Fiscal Year 2001 under a program administered by the Department of State. The program seeks to build and sustain expertise among Americans willing to make a career commitment to the study of Central and East Europe and the NIS.

Organization of Notice: This notice contains three parts. Part I lists the closing date covered by this notice. Part II consists of a statement of purpose and priorities of the program. Part III provides the fiscal data for the program.

Part I

Closing Date for Transmittal of Applications

An application for an award must be mailed or hand-delivered by February 2, 2001.

Applications Delivered by Mail

An application sent by mail must be addressed to W. Kendall Myers, Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, INR/RES, Room 2251, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20520-6510.

An applicant must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial center.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Department of State.

If any application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Department of State does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark; or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

An applicant should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with the local post office.

An applicant is encouraged to use registered or at least first class mail. Late applications will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant.

Applications Delivered by Hand

An application that is hand delivered must be taken to W. Kendall Myers, Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, INR/RES, Room 2251, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. Please phone first at (202) 736-4572 to gain access to the building.

The Advisory Committee staff will accept hand-delivered applications between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

An application that is hand delivered will not be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on the closing date.

Part II

Program Information

In the Soviet-Eastern European Research and Training Act of 1983, the

Congress declared that independently verified factual knowledge about the countries of that area is "of utmost importance for the national security of the United States, for the furtherance of our national interests in the conduct of foreign relations, and for the prudent management of our domestic affairs." Congress also declared that the development and maintenance of such knowledge and expertise "depends upon the national capability for advanced research by highly trained and experienced specialists, available for service in and out of Government." The program provides financial support for advanced research, training and other related functions on the countries of the region. By strengthening and sustaining in the United States a cadre of experts on Central and East Europe and the NIS, the program contributes to the overall objectives of the FREEDOM Support and SEED Acts.

The full purpose of the Act and the eligibility requirements are set forth in Pub. L. 98164, 97 Stat. 1047-50, as amended. The countries include Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia (including Kosovo and Montenegro), Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The Act establishes an Advisory Committee to recommend grant policies and recipients. The Secretary of State, after consultation with the Advisory Committee, approves policies and makes the final determination on awards.

Applications for funding under the Act are invited from U.S. organizations prepared to conduct competitive programs on Central and East Europe and the NIS and related fields. Applying organizations or institutions should have the capability to conduct competitive award programs that are national in scope. Programs of this nature are those that make awards based upon an open, nationwide competition, incorporating peer group review mechanisms. Individual end-users of these funds—those to whom the applicant organizations or institutions propose to make awards—must be at the graduate or post-doctoral level, and must have demonstrated a likely career commitment to the study of Central and East Europe and/or the NIS.

Applications sought in this competition among organizations or institutions are those that would