

published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP 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: December 8, 2000.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3510]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Extension to the Deadline for the Wye River People-to-People Exchange Program

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to the Department's interest in providing opportunities for a broad range of organizations to apply for grants, the deadline for the Wye River People-to-People Exchange Program has been extended from January 5, 2001, to April 6, 2001.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information, U.S. organizations should contact Thomas Johnston at 202-619-5325 or email tjohnsto@pd.state.gov. Israeli organizations or organizations located in Gaza should contact the Programs and Exchanges Office, U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, at 03-516-3210 or email p-e@usembassy-israel.org.il.

Palestinian organizations located in the West Bank should contact the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem, at 02-622-7207 or email peoplejeru@pd.state.gov.

The Wye River People-to-People Exchange Program was announced in the **Federal Register** on September 21, 2000.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments on Proposed United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct negotiations, initiation of environmental review, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States intends to conduct negotiations with the Republic of Chile to conclude a free trade agreement. The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written comments from the public to assist the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in formulating negotiating objectives for the agreement and to provide advice on how specific goods and services and other matters should be treated under the agreement.

Pursuant to Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169), USTR, through the TPSC, is initiating an environmental review of the agreement. The TPSC is also requesting written comments from the public on what should be included in the scope of the environmental review, including the potential environmental effects that might flow from the free trade agreement and the potential implications for environmental laws and regulations. Persons submitting written comments should provide as much detail as possible on the degree to which the subject matter they propose for inclusion in the review may raise significant environmental issues in the context of the negotiation.

DATES: Public comments should be received by noon, January 29, 2001.

ADDRESS: Public comment should be submitted to: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508 Attention: U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508 (202) 395-3475. All questions regarding the environmental review should be addressed to Mary Latimer, Deputy Assistant USTR for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the USTR (202) 395-7320. All other questions regarding the negotiations should be addressed to Susan Cronin, Director for Brazil and the Southern Cone, Office of the Western Hemisphere of the USTR (202) 395-5190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 2000, President Clinton agreed with Chile's President Ricardo Lagos to negotiate a bilateral free trade agreement. In the negotiations, the United States and the Republic of Chile will seek to eliminate duties and commercial barriers to bilateral trade in U.S.-and Chilean-origin goods and also expect to address trade in services, agricultural products, investment, trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights, government procurement, trade-related environmental and labor matters, and other issues. Two-way trade between the United States and Republic of Chile approached \$6 billion in 1999. USTR is requesting that the U.S. International Trade Commission conduct a study of the potential economic impacts of the free trade agreement.

USTR, through the TPSC, will perform an environmental review of the agreement pursuant to Executive Order 13141, 64 FR 63169.

Written comments with as much specificity as possible, including data, views and recommendations, are invited on:

(a) General and commodity-specific negotiating objectives for the agreement.

(b) Economic costs and benefits to U.S. producers and consumers of the removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers to U.S.-Chile trade.

(c) Treatment of specific goods (described by Harmonized System tariff numbers) under the agreement, including comments on (1) product-specific import or export interests or barriers, (2) experience with particular measures that should be addressed in the negotiations, and (3) in the case of articles for which immediate elimination of tariffs is not appropriate, recommended staging schedule for such elimination.

(d) Proposals for service sectors to be addressed in the agreement, existing barriers to trade in those sectors, and economic costs and benefits of removing such barriers.

(e) Relevant trade-related intellectual property rights issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(f) Relevant investment issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(g) Relevant environmental and labor issues that should be addressed in the negotiations

(h) Relevant government procurement issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(i) Possible environmental effects of the proposed agreement and the scope of the U.S. environmental review of the proposed agreement.