

this announcement and articulate the organization's ability to successfully carry out the objectives. U.S. and foreign staff and participant responsibilities should be outlined. A monthly timetable and schedule for the training session(s) should be included.

2. Cost Effectiveness and Cost Sharing: Administrative costs should be kept to a minimum. Proposals should maximize cost sharing through support and in-kind contributions from the U.S. and partner organization(s).

3. Program Evaluation: Proposals must include a plan and methodology to evaluate the program's successes, both as the activities unfold and at the program's conclusion. The evaluation plan should show a clear link between program objectives and expected outcomes and list performance indicators and measurement tools. A draft survey questionnaire may be attached to the proposal.

4. Support of Diversity: Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the ECA's policy on diversity. Program content (orientation, evaluation, program sessions, resource materials, follow-on activities) and program administration (selection process, orientation, evaluation) should address diversity in a comprehensive and innovative manner. Applicants should refer to ECA's Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines on page four of the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI).

Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines

Pursuant to ECA's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle both in program administration and in program content. Please refer to the review criteria under the 'Support for Diversity' section for specific suggestions on incorporating diversity into the total proposal. Public Law 104-319 provides that "in carrying out programs of educational and cultural exchange in countries whose people do not fully enjoy freedom and democracy," ECA "shall take appropriate steps to provide opportunities for participation in such programs to human rights and democracy leaders of such countries."

Public Law 106-113 requires that the governments of the countries described above do not have inappropriate influence in the selection process. Proposals should reflect advancement of these goals in their program contents, to the full extent deemed feasible.

Deadline for Proposals

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs must receive all copies by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Thursday, April 19, 2001. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. The mailroom closes at 5:00 p.m.; no late submissions will be accepted. Documents postmarked by April 19, 2001, but received at a later date, will not be accepted. Each applicant must ensure that the proposals are received by the above deadline.

To Download an Application Package Via the Internet

The entire Application Package may be downloaded from ECA's website at <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/rfps/>.

Submissions

Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Application Package. The applicant's original proposal and ten (10) copies should be sent to: U.S. Department of State, Ref.: ECA/PE/C/EUR-01-38, Program Management, ECA/EX/PM, Room 534, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

Applicants must also submit the "Executive Summary" and "Proposal Narrative" sections of the proposal in MSWord on a 3.5" diskette. ECA will transmit these files electronically to the Public Affairs Sections of the U.S. Embassies for review. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: By mail: United States Department of State, SA-44, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges (ECA/PE/C), Room 220, Washington, DC 20547, Attn: Small Grants Competition 2001, By phone: (202) 205-2209; By e-mail: smallgrants@pd.state.gov.

Interested applicants may request the Application Package, which includes the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI). Please specify "Small Grants Competition" on all inquiries and correspondence. All potential applicants should read the complete

announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals.

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 Bureau or program officers that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the U.S. 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. Organizations will be expected to cooperate with the Bureau in evaluating their programs under the principles of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, which requires federal agencies to measure and report on the results of their programs and activities.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal U.S. Department of State procedures.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Helena Kane Finn,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3597]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Language and Culture Enhancement Program

NOTICE: Amendment to extend deadline.

SUMMARY: Due to an administrative error, the deadline for the Language and Culture Enhancement Program has been extended from March 29, 2001 to April 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested organizations should contact Anna Mussman at (202) 619-5904 or (202) 619-5311 (fax).

The Language and Culture Enhancement Program was announced in the **Federal Register**, Volume 66, Number 36, page 11194, on February 22, 2001.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Helena Kane Finn,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3584]

Fine Arts Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Fine Arts Committee of the Department of State will meet on Saturday, March 31, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. in the Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room. The meeting will last until approximately 12:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The agenda for the committee meeting will include a summary of the work of the Fine Arts Office since its last meeting in October 2000 and the announcement of gifts of furnishings as well as financial contributions for calendar year 2000. Public access to Department of State is strictly controlled. Members of the public wishing to take part in the meeting should telephone the Fine Arts Office by March 26, 2001, telephone (202) 647-1990 to make arrangements to enter the building. The public may take part in the discussion as long as time permits and at the discretion of the chairman.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Gail F. Serfaty,

Vice Chairman, Fine Arts Committee, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3581]

Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Meeting Notice

The Department of State is announcing the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy.

The Committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development,

foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

There will be a featured guest speaker at the meeting who will speak on an important topic involving international communications and information policy.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2001, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 1912 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Timothy C. Finton at <fintontc@state.gov> no later than noon on Wednesday, March 21. All attendees for this meeting must use the 21st Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID. Non-U.S. Government attendees must be escorted by State Department personnel at all times when in the State Department building.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385 or <fintontc@state.gov>.

Dated: February 21, 2001.

Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary of the Committee, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3582]

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, reauthorized pursuant to P.L. 106-113 (H.R. 3194, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000), will meet on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in Room 600, 301 4th St., SW., Washington, DC from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

The Commission will discuss FSI training programs on public diplomacy, public diplomacy in the Far East, and the Smith-Mundt Act.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting, though attendance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the building is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees. Persons who plan to attend should contact David J. Kramer, Executive Director, at (202) 619-4463.

Dated: February 22, 2001.

David J. Kramer,

Executive Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3548]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Draft Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will hold a meeting on March 14, 2001 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm to obtain public comment on issues to be addressed at the March 26-April 6, 2001 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) meeting of governmental experts on the draft Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage.

The meeting will be held in the Department of State located at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520, Room 1207. Interested members of the public are invited to attend, up to the capacity of the room. To expedite entry into the Department of State, please provide your name, social security number, and date of birth to Yvonne Seward (202) 647-3262, at least one week prior to the meeting. To enter the building you must present a photo ID, such as a driving license or passport. Please use the entrance to the Department of State on C Street.

For further information, please contact Mr. Harlan Cohen, Office of Oceans Affairs, telephone (202) 647-0237.

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, U.S. Department of State.

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