

Persons making written submission should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2001-24 and should be submitted by November 8, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3818]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of DOS-Sponsored Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs (Formerly USIA-Sponsored Educational and Cultural Exchange Activities; USIA Participant Survey Questionnaire #3116-0199) OMB Control #1405-0118

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection, OMB Control #1405-0118.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation (ECA/P).

*Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of DOS-sponsored

Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on a per evaluation project basis.

*Form Number:* N/A [Multiple survey questionnaires may be used for evaluation projects, on a one-time, per-project basis.]

*Respondents:* U.S. and foreign applicants, current grantee exchange visitor participants (J-1 visa) and alumni of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' exchange programs, program administrators, domestic and foreign partner organizations, domestic and foreign hosts of exchange visitor participants, and other similar types of respondents associated with the Bureau's exchange programs.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,938.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 1,938 (3,877 total annual responses × 30 minutes).

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

#### FOR FURTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation, 301 4th Street, SW (SA-44), Room 357, Washington, DC 20547, or by telephone at (202) 619-5307. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

Dated: August 15, 2001.

**David Whitten,**

*Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3816]

### Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: FREEDOM Support Act Undergraduate Program

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the FREEDOM Support Act Undergraduate Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulations 26 CFR 1.501(c)(2)-1 through 1.501(c)(21)-2 may submit proposals to administer the placement, monitoring, evaluation, follow-on, and alumni activities for the FY 2002 FREEDOM Support Act Undergraduate Program. Proposals should include provisions for the recruitment and selection of FY 2003 participants. Organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs are not eligible for this competition.

#### Program Information

The FREEDOM Support Act Undergraduate Program (herein referred to as the FSAU Program) provides scholarships for one-year, non-degree study at U.S. institutes of higher education to outstanding students of the New Independent States (NIS). Scholarships are available in the fields of agriculture, American studies, business, computer science, economics, education, environmental management, international relations, journalism and mass communication, political science, and sociology. Scholarships are granted to students who have completed at least one year of study at an accredited university in their home countries. Students must be citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, or Uzbekistan. FSAU participants will be enrolled in one-year, non-degree programs at both four-year colleges and universities, and community colleges. Students will enhance their academic education with participation in community service and an internship. Interested organizations should read the entire **Federal Register** announcement for all information prior to preparing a proposal. Programs must comply with J-1 Visa regulations. Please refer to the Solicitation Package for further information. Awards will begin on or about May 30, 2002.

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).