

the program office, as well as the Public Diplomacy section overseas, where appropriate. Eligible proposals will be subject to compliance with Federal and ECA regulations and guidelines and forwarded to ECA grant panels for advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards resides with ECA's Grants Officer.

Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation: Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. Proposals should adequately address each area of review. These criteria are not rank ordered.

1. *Program Planning and Ability to Achieve Objectives:* Program objectives should be stated clearly and precisely and should reflect the applicant's expertise in the subject area and the region. Objectives should respond to the priority topics in this announcement and should relate to the current conditions in the included countries. Objectives should be reasonable and attainable. A detailed work plan should explain step-by-step how objectives will be achieved and should include a timetable for completion of major tasks. The substance of workshops, internships, seminars, presentations and/or consulting should be described in detail. Sample training schedules should be outlined. Responsibilities of in-country partners should be clearly described.

2. *Institutional Capacity:* The proposal should include (1) the U.S. institution's mission and date of establishment (2) detailed information about the in-country partner institution's capacity and the history of the U.S. and in-country partnership (3) an outline of prior awards—U.S. government and private support received for the target theme/region (4) descriptions of experienced staff members who will implement the program. Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program's goals. The narrative should demonstrate proven ability to handle logistics. The proposal should reflect the institution's expertise in the subject

area and knowledge of the conditions in the target country/region(s).

3. *Cost Effectiveness and Cost Sharing:* Overhead and administrative costs for the proposal, including salaries, honoraria and subcontracts for services, should be kept to a minimum. Priority will be given to proposals whose administrative costs are less than twenty-five (25) per cent of the total funds requested from ECA. Applicants are encouraged to cost share a portion of overhead and administrative expenses. Cost-sharing, including contributions from the applicant, the in-country partner, and other sources should be included in the budget.

4. *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. ECA recommends that the proposal include a draft survey questionnaire or other technique (such as a series of questions for a focus group). The evaluation plan should show a clear link between program objectives and expected outcomes in the short- and medium-term, and provide a well-thought-out description of performance indicators and measurement tools.

5. *Multiplier Effect/Impact:* Proposals should show how the program will strengthen long-term mutual understanding and institutionalization of program goals. Applicants should describe how responsibility and ownership of the program will be transferred to the in-country participants to ensure continued activity and impact. Programs that include convincing plans for sustainability will be given top priority.

6. *Follow-on Activities:* Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (beyond ECA grant period) ensuring that the ECA-supported programs are not isolated events. Follow-on activities should be clearly outlined.

7. *Support of Diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of 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).

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual

Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries* * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations* * *and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act and the FREEDOM Support Act.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any ECA representative. Explanatory information provided by ECA that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. ECA 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: October 30, 2001.

Patricia S. Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3825]

Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 27, from approximately 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 28, from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Department of State, Annex 44, Room 800-A, 301 4th St., SW., Washington, DC to review the

proposal to extend the "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material."

The Committee's responsibilities are carried out in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). A copy of the Act, the subject Agreement, and related information may be found at this web site: <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/culprop>.

During its meeting on Tuesday, November 27, the Committee will hold an open session, from 1:30–3:30 p.m. to receive oral public comment on the proposal to extend the Agreement. Persons wishing to attend this open session should notify the Cultural Property office at (202) 619–6612 by Monday, November 20, to arrange for admission, as seating is limited. Those who wish to make oral presentations should also request to be scheduled, and submit a written text of the oral comments, by November 20 to allow time for distribution of them to Committee members prior to the meeting. Oral comments will be limited to five minutes each to allow time for questions from members of the Committee and must specifically address the proposal to extend the Agreement with particular attention to determinations that will be made under Section 303 (a)(1) of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, 19 U.S.C. 2602. The Committee also invites written comments and asks that they be submitted by November 20. All written materials, including the written texts of oral statements, should be faxed to (202) 619–5177.

Other portions of the meeting on November 27 and 28 will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Dated: November 1, 2001.

Patricia S. Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3804]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Open Meeting Notice

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on

Tuesday, November 20, 2001, in Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. The meeting will be hosted by Committee Chairman R. Michael Gadbaw and Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs E. Anthony Wayne.

The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. The objective of the ACIEP is to provide expertise and insight on these issues that are not available within the U.S. Government.

Topics for the November 20 meeting will be:

- China's Accession to the WTO
- Results of the Doha WTO Ministerial
- The Campaign Against International Terrorism

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media is welcome but discussions are off the record. Admittance to the Department of State building is by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on this list, please provide your name, title, company or other affiliation if appropriate, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to the ACIEP Executive Secretariat by fax (202) 647–5936 (Attention: Raynell Bowling); Tel: (202) 647–0847; or e-mail: (bowlingra@state.gov) by November 16th. On the date of the meeting, persons who have pre-registered should come to the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid means of identification will be required for admittance: a U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government ID.

For further information about the meeting, contact Deborah Grout, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 3526, Main State, Washington, DC 20520. Tel: 202–647–1826.

Dated: November 1, 2001.

Deborah Grout,

Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to the safety of navigation. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: NAVSAC will meet on Monday and Tuesday, December 10 and 11, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 28, 2001. Requests to have material distributed to each member of the Council prior to the meeting should reach the Executive Director of NASAC along with 25 copies of the material on or before November 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: NAVSAC will meet at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 601 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Ms. Margie G. Hegy, Commandant (G–MW), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margie G. Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC, telephone 202–267–0415, fax 202–267–4700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

- The agenda includes the following:
- (1) Maritime security briefing and member information exchange.
 - (2) Update on the Marine Transportation System (MTS) Initiative.
 - (3) Presentation on International Safety Management (ISM) Code.
 - (4) Status report on ballast water issues.
 - (5) Acceleration of Automatic Identification System (AIS) Implementation.
 - (6) Presentation on Pacific States/ British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force's Offshore Vessel Traffic Risk Management Project.
 - (7) Council planning session for 2002.