

and guidelines and forwarded to Bureau 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 the Bureau's grants contracting 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:

1. *Program Planning:* Proposals should exhibit originality, substance, precision, and relevance to design a web site, produce a publication, and provide e-mail updates on timely topics that will address the need for in-depth and balanced exploration of issues and topics important to overseas educational advisers. In addition, the proposal should demonstrate the resources and professional contacts necessary to respond in a timely manner to inquiries by overseas educational advisers.

2. *Institution's Track Record/Ability:* Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past grants as determined by the Bureau's Office of Contracts. Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program goals.

3. *Demonstrated Ability:* Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan. The proposal should describe technological and editorial capability.

4. *Project Evaluation:* Proposal should provide a plan for evaluation by the grantee institution that includes measures of success. Evaluation plan should include periodic progress reports at the end of the grant cycle, as well as intermediate reports describing results of the project.

5. *Cost-Effectiveness:* The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

6. *Cost-Sharing:* Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions. For both electronic and print versions, applicants may sell subscriptions and use advertising to

offset production costs in excess of the grant.

7. *Support of Diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate the recipient's commitment to promoting the awareness and understanding of diversity, and to exposing readers to the widest possible range of views and approaches to U.S. higher education. Attention should be given to printing articles relating to different kinds of schools and universities from various regions of the U.S. The Department of State strives to ensure that all programs conducted under its mandate reflect the diversity of the intended audiences.

The Bureau aggressively seeks and actively encourages the involvement of American and international participants from traditionally underrepresented groups in all its grants, programs and other activities. These include women, racial and ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

Authority

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 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 legislation.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts 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.

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Advisory Committee on International Law; Notice of Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Law will take place on Friday, February 1, 2002, from 10 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m., as necessary, in Room 1207 of the United States Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be chaired by the Legal Adviser of the Department of State, William H. Taft, IV, and will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. The meeting will discuss the Draft Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments, the Draft United Nations Convention on Terrorism, the International Law Commission's Articles on State Responsibility, recent legal developments related to International Court of Justice, and other current legal topics.

Entry to the building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. Members of the public desiring access to the session should, by Wednesday, January 30, 2002, notify the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs (telephone (202) 647-2767) of their name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number in order to arrange admittance. This includes both government and non-government admittance. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid IDs will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID. Because an escort is required at all times, attendees should expect to remain in the meeting for the entire morning or afternoon session.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

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