

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Rachel Waldstein, Program Officer, (ECA/A/S/X); Department of State, SA-44, Room 349; 301 Fourth St., SW; Washington, DC 20547 who may be reached on (202) 619-4556.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3057, Medical Clearance Update; OMB Number 1405-0131

**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:* Reinstatement without change of a current collection.

*Originating Office:* Office of Medical Services, M/DGHR/MED.

*Title of Information Collection:* Medical Clearance Update.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Form Number:* DS-3057.

*Respondents:* Foreign Service Employees and Eligible Family Members.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 3,000 hours.

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 INFORMATION:** Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Kumiko Cross, FSHP, Office of Medical Services, 2401 E Street, NW., Room 201, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. 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: January 8, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Request for Grant Proposals: Human Rights and Democratization Initiatives in the Muslim World

**SUMMARY:** The Office for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor announces an open competition for human rights and democratization initiatives in the Muslim world. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer these programs. Grants should begin no earlier than Summer 2002.

*Program Information:* The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor

(DRL) invites applicants to submit proposals that address programs and activities that foster democracy, human rights, press freedoms, women's political development and the rule of law in countries with a significant Muslim population, and where such programs and activities would be important to United States efforts to respond to, deter, or prevent acts of international terrorism. Innovative projects in predominantly Muslim countries will be considered, in particular, those that focus on the Middle East, including the Gulf States, and Central Asia.

U.S. national interests are best served by funding human rights and democratization initiatives in countries and regions of the world that are geo-strategically critical to the United States. Economic Support Funds (ESF) through the Human Rights and Democracy Fund (HRDF) support the implementation of innovative programs, and underscore the United States Government's continued commitment to promoting and protecting human rights and democracy in its fight against terrorism. HRDF projects must not duplicate or simply add to efforts by other entities.

Strong proposals usually have the following characteristics: an active, existing partnership between a U.S. organization and in-country organization(s); a proven track record for conducting successful program activity; a convincing plan outlining exactly how the program components will be carried out and what results will be achieved as a result of the grant; take place in-country or in a third country; and a follow-on plan that extends beyond the grant period ensuring that Bureau-supported programs are not isolated events.

Proposals should reflect a practical understanding of the current political, legal, economic and social environment that is relevant to the themes addressed in the proposal. In order to avoid the duplication of activities and programs, proposals should also indicate knowledge of similar projects being conducted in the region.

Applicants are expected to identify the U.S. and in-country partner organizations and individuals with whom they are proposing to collaborate and describe in detail previous cooperative projects undertaken by the organizations. Specific information about in-country partners' activities and accomplishments is required and should be included in the section on "Institutional Capacity."

To be eligible for a grant award under this competition, the proposed programs must address one of the following