

proposed rule change and Amendments No. 1 and 2 thereto (SR-Phlx-2004-92) are hereby approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Senior Executive Service: Performance Review Board Members

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Notice of members for the FY 04 Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: Section 4314(c)(4) of Title 5, U.S.C.; requires each agency to publish notification of the appointment of individuals who may serve as members of that Agency's Performance Review Board (PRB). The following individuals have been designated to serve on the FY 04 Performance Review Board for the U.S. Small Business Administration:

1. Lewis D. Andrews, Jr., Associate Deputy Administrator for Management and Administration;
2. Anthony Bedell, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs;
3. Delorice Ford, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Hearings and Appeals;
4. Janet Tasker, Associate Administrator for the Office of Lender Oversight;
5. Jose Sifontes, Office of the District Director—New York District Office;
6. Jerry E. Williams, Deputy Chief Information Officer; and,
7. Herbert Mitchell, Associate Administrator for the Office of Disaster Assistance.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4959]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Partnerships for Learning (P4L) Afghanistan Global Connections and Exchange Program

Announcement Type: New Grant.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/PE/C/PY-05-27.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 00.000.

Key Dates: Application Deadline: March 17, 2005.

Executive Summary: The Youth Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the P4L Afghanistan Global Connections and Exchange program. The Bureau will award one grant. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) and public institutions may submit proposals to select Afghanistan schools and provide them with access to the Internet and related training to develop collaborative school partnerships with U.S. schools. Thematic online projects will enhance learning, research and cross-border communication among participating schools. Organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs are not eligible for this competition.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

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.

Purpose: The P4L Afghanistan Global Connections and Exchange program is designed to introduce youth and communities to a broad range of ideas and resources while enhancing the use of information technology in schools. Through this program, Afghanistan secondary schools and communities will expand computer literacy skills, improve general education, and gain a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture and values. They will also increase their capacity to generate change through programs that foster tolerance and mutual respect, and enhance grassroots community

participation. American students will in turn gain a greater understanding of Afghanistan culture and society. The goals of the program are:

- Enhance general education by providing access to information via the Internet;
- Increase and improve education tools, resources and learning through the application of information technology, complementary teacher training, online resource development, school partnerships, and student collaboration;
- Increase the number of students who qualify for exchange and academic study opportunities in the U.S. by providing them with the necessary skills;
- Enhance community capacity and youth activism via Internet access and related training;
- Generate personal and institutional ties across borders among students, educators, and their schools;
- Ensure the sustainability of information technology and Internet access in schools partnered under this grant.

Guidelines: Applicants should identify specific objectives and measurable outcomes based on program goals and project specifications provided in the solicitation.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Grant Agreement.
Fiscal Year Funds: FY 2005.
Approximate Total Funding: \$300,000.

Approximate Number of Awards: One grant will be awarded.

Anticipated Award Date: Pending availability of funds, April 2005.

Anticipated Project Completion Date: April 2007.

Additional Information: 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. Pending successful implementation of this program and the availability of funds in subsequent fiscal years, it is ECA's intent to renew this grant for two additional years before openly competing it again.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching Funds

There is no minimum or maximum percentage required for this

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).