DEPARTMENT OF STATE


ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the Federal Register preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- **Title of Information Collection:** DOS-sponsored Academic Exchange Program Application and Evaluation.
- **OMB Control Number:** 1405–0138.
- **Type of Request:** Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- **Originating Office:** Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA/A/E/EUR.
- **Form Number:** N/A.
- **Respondents:** Applicants, current participants, and program alumni.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 20,500.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 20,500.
- **Average Hours Per Response:** 0.74.
- **Total Estimated Burden:** 15,250.
- **Frequency:** On occasion.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Voluntary.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from May 16, 2005.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
- E-mail: Alami.LTstate.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Fax: 202–260–7985.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Same as mailing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Laura Alami, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA/A/E/EUR.
Affairs, Room 246, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on 202–260–5275 or AlamiLT@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: This collection was formerly entitled Evaluation of DOS-sponsored Academic Exchange Programs. The Department of State collects this information to identify qualified candidates for, as well as to evaluate, the grants unit’s academic exchange programs.

Methodology: The majority of data collection regarding the evaluation forms occurs on site with gathered groups of respondents at program events. Applications are submitted either electronically or through the mail.

Additional Information: None.


Thomas Farrell,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Jennifer Gibson, Branch Chief, or Ruta Chagnon, Program Officer (ECA/A/S/X); Department of State, SA–44, Room 349, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

Fax: 202–401–1433
Hand Delivery or Courier: Same as mail address.

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60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS Form 4502, Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program Application Package, OMB Control No. 1405–0114

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the Federal Register preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program Application Package.
- OMB Control Number: 1405–0114.
- Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.
- Originating Office: Office of Global Educational Programs (ECA/A/S).
- Form Number: DS–4502.
- Respondents: Educators desiring to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 950.
- Estimated Number of Responses: 950.
- Average Hours Per Response: 3.
- Total Estimated Burden: 2850.
- Frequency: On occasion.
- Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from May 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions): Teacher Exchange Branch (ECA/A/S/X), Department of State, SA–44, Room 349, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.
- Fax: 202–401–1433
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Same as mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Jennifer Gibson, Branch Chief, or Ruta Chagnon, Program Officer (ECA/A/S/X); Department of State, SA–44, Room 349, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on 202–619–4555/6.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the agency to:

- 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.

Abstract of proposed collection: Under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange (Fulbright-Hays) Act of 1961, as amended, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program offers six-week, semester, and academic-year exchanges and seminar opportunities to U.S. educators. The data collected is used to determine whether prospective candidates are qualified for participation in the program.

Methodology: Applicants submit either a paper or electronic application to ECA. The receiving office programs the data into a computer for retention and program use as appropriate.

Additional Information: None.

Dated: April 8, 2005.

Cathy Chikes,
Executive Director, Office of Global Educational Programs, Department of State.

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[Public Notice 5079]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Rockwell Kent: The Mythic and the Modern”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (70 Stat. 965; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 9875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Rockwell Kent: The Mythic and the Modern,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME from on or about June 23, 2005 to on or about October 6, 2005, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State,