

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Maine (FEMA-1693-DR), dated 05/09/2007.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Inland and Coastal Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 04/15/2007 through 04/23/2007.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 05/24/2007.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/09/2007.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/11/2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of Maine, dated 05/09/2007 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc.

*Contiguous Counties:*

Maine: Franklin, Kennebec, Waldo, New Hampshire: Coos.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**Herbert L. Mitchell**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration # 10881 and # 10882]

**South Dakota Disaster # SD-00012**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of South Dakota (FEMA-1702-DR), dated 5/22/2007.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 5/4/2007 and continuing.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 5/22/2007.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 7/23/2007.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 2/22/2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 5/22/2007, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):*

Beadle, Brown, Clark, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Miner, Sanborn, Spink, Yankton.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

South Dakota: Aurora, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Codington, Day, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Hamlin, Hand, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Turner.

North Dakota: Dickey, Sargent.

Nebraska: Cedar, Knox.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.750
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.875
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10881 B and for economic injury is 10882 B.

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**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration # 10862 and # 10863]

**Texas Disaster Number TX-00251**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 2.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1697-DR), dated 5/1/2007.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

*Incident Period:* 4/21/2007 through 4/24/2007.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 5/21/2007.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 7/2/2007.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 2/1/2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of Texas, dated 05/01/2007 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Atascosa.

*Contiguous Counties:*

Texas: Bexar, Frio, Karnes, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Medina, Wilson.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing; Region IX Regulatory Fairness Board**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Appendix 2 of title 5, United States Code, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Region IX Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National

Ombudsman will hold a National Regulatory Fairness Hearing on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 10 a.m. The forum will take place at the U.S. Small Business Administration, Los Angeles District Office, 330 North Brand Boulevard, Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91203. The purpose of the meeting is for Business Organizations, Trade Associations, Chambers of Commerce and related organizations serving small business concerns to report experiences regarding unfair or excessive Federal regulatory enforcement issues affecting their members.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Natalie Orta, in writing or by fax in order to be placed on the agenda. Natalie Orta, Chief, Economic Development, SBA, Los Angeles District Office, 330 North Brand Blvd., Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91203, phone (818) 552-3291 and fax (202) 481-4720, e-mail: [Natalie.orta@sba.gov](mailto:Natalie.orta@sba.gov).

For more information, see our Web site at [www.sba.gov/ombudsman](http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman).

**Matthew Teague,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5820]

### **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Survey of International Educational Exchange Activity in the United States**

*Announcement Type:* New Cooperative Agreement.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* ECA/A/S/A-08-01.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 00.000.

*Key Dates:* October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2009.

*Key Dates:* Application Deadline: Friday, July 13, 2007.

*Executive Summary:* The Educational Information and Resources Branch, Office of Global Educational Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (the Bureau) announces an open competition for a survey of International Educational Exchange Activity in the United States. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a statistical survey (census) of foreign nationals enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the United States. The survey must provide detailed

individual student profile data and country-specific aggregate data that enumerate the numbers of foreign students and scholars from a given country affiliated with individual U.S. institutions. In addition, the report should include information about first-time enrollments to facilitate the analysis of enrollment trends. The survey, which should be conducted in the most cost-effective way possible, should identify the number of foreign students and scholars studying, conducting research, or teaching at all accredited universities and colleges in the United States during the 2007/2008 academic year (fall 2007 through summer 2008). Finally, the report should also include data about the number of American students studying abroad in credit-bearing programs of all types (year-long, semester, short-term and summer). Proposals should describe the methodology that will be used to collect the data and how the material will be analyzed and presented to the public. To the extent possible, cooperation is encouraged with the Department of Homeland Security on data comparison and sharing. Proposals must also include plans to establish an advisory board to provide assistance in identifying and framing policy issues that may need to be addressed by policy makers.

### **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*

Since 1974, the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with its mandate under the Fulbright-Hays Act to promote mutual understanding through international educational exchange, has supported an

annual survey of foreign students in the United States in order to gain an accurate and up-to-date picture of international educational exchange activity in the United States. Recent reports have expanded on the original survey's parameters to include foreign scholars and U.S. students studying overseas. Proposals to conduct this project should describe plans for a statistical survey that would offer a detailed and comprehensive picture of the number and academic characteristics (major fields of study or program, level of study, etc.) of non-immigrant foreign nationals (that is, excluding permanent residents and refugees) affiliated with (*i.e.*, enrolled at, employed by, etc.) American institutions of higher learning, as well the number of U.S. students studying abroad. Topics that should be covered in the survey include the number of foreign students and scholars, their gender and countries of origin. Information about students' academic level (undergraduate, graduate, post-doctorate), fields of study, primary source of financial support, financial contributions they make while in the United States, and location of study should be included. Proposals may request Bureau funding of a publication, Web site, database, newsletter, or another medium that is presented as a viable vehicle for making this data widely available to the public in a timely manner and in a clear and concise format. The Bureau reserves the right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use any work developed under this grant for U.S. Government purposes.

#### *Guidelines*

Proposals should include a precise description of the methodology to be used to obtain the data called for in this solicitation. Applicants are reminded of the need to find the most efficient and economical approach to gathering the data and are encouraged to explore electronic data collection. Applicants should also seek ways of making the information available to the public within the academic year that it is collected. Data collected should be published and made available in coordination with the Bureau.

Applicants are also encouraged to include information about their capacity to carry out electronic surveys and to report on findings at the request of the Bureau that would focus on one or more critical issues related to international educational exchange that may arise during the period in which census data is being gathered.

To provide for a more detailed analysis and cross tabulation of the