

All other counties contiguous to the above named primary county have previously been declared.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11122 and #11123]

Oregon Disaster Number OR-00023

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 3.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Oregon (FEMA-1733-DR), dated 12/09/2007.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, And Mudslides.

Incident Period: 12/01/2007 And Continuing Through 12/17/2007.

Effective Date: 12/17/2007.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/07/2008.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/09/2008.

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 President's major disaster declaration for the State of Oregon, dated 12/09/2007 is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 12/01/2007 and continuing through 12/17/2007.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11124 and #11125]

Washington Disaster Number WA-00015

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 4.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Washington (FEMA-1734-DR), dated 12/09/2007.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.

Incident Period: 12/01/2007 Through 12/17/2007.

Effective Date: 12/21/2007.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/07/2008.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/09/2008.

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 Washington, dated 12/09/2007 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: King, Snohomish.

Contiguous Counties: Washington, Chelan, Island, Kittitas, Skagit.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 4.750 (4¾) percent for the January-March quarter of FY 2008.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Walter C. Intlekofer,

Acting Director, Office of Financial Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11145]

Missouri Disaster Number MO-00019

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Missouri (FEMA-1736-DR), dated 12/27/2007.

Incident: Severe Winter Storms.

Incident Period: 12/06/2007 and Continuing.

Effective Date: 12/27/2007.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 2/25/2008.

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, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 12/27/2007, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barton, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Cedar, Clinton, Cole, Dade, Daviess, Dekalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Hickory, Holt,

Jasper, Lincoln, Linn, Mcdonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Osage, Pike, Putnam, Saint Clair, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, Warren, Worth.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11145.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008).

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6057]

Determination Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 Relating to the Designation of the Teyrebazen Azadiya Kurdistan aka TAK aka Kurdistan Freedom Hawks aka The Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the organization known as Teyrebazen Azadiya Kurdistan (aka TAK, aka Kurdistan Freedom Hawks, aka The Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan) has committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that “prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously,” I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render

ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Condoleezza Rice,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6054]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Chilean English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Student Teacher Program

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/L-08-01.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 00.000.

Key Dates: (Pending availability of funds)

Anticipated Grant Start Date: May 5, 2008.

Anticipated Program Start Date: August 2008.

Anticipated Grant End Date: February 28, 2009.

Application Deadline: March 13, 2008.

Executive Summary: The Office of English Language Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Chilean English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Student Teacher Program. Accredited, U.S. post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer this semester-long program for Chilean pre-service teachers. Post-secondary educational institutions may apply independently or in a consortium with other post-secondary institutions. The program will include academic coursework and practicum/student teaching for Chilean EFL student teachers in their penultimate year of undergraduate study. ECA plans to award two grants for the administration of this program under which a total of approximately thirty EFL student teachers will be placed in two groups at two different U.S. universities. The program will take place during the fall semester of 2008 and will, in addition to teaching participants about student-centered methodology, give them an in-depth experience of U.S. life and culture and contribute to mutual understanding between Chile and the United States.

The program should include both a theoretical component, provided through courses and professional development seminars in an academic setting, and a practical component, provided through practice teaching under the guidance of experienced mentor teachers in local school districts. Interested post-secondary educational institutions should indicate strong contacts with local U.S. school districts in order to provide the practical student-teaching component, as well as a demonstrated ability to conduct a substantive academic program. Host schools for student teaching may be public, magnet or charter schools, and should exemplify best practices. The total funding available for program and administrative purposes is anticipated to be approximately \$450,000, and will be awarded in two separate grants of \$225,000. This exchange program will be funded in FY-2008 pending the availability of funds.

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 Chilean EFL Student Teacher Program is designed to assist Chile in its goal of becoming a bilingual society. The people of the United States and Chile enjoy a particularly close relationship, nurtured by longstanding and strong cultural, diplomatic and commercial ties. As leading members of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) inter-governmental forum, the governments of the U.S. and Chile share a common commitment to democracy and sustainable economic growth, and work together to the mutual benefit of their citizens and neighbors.