

**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.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Overseas Schools Grant Request Automated Submissions Program (GRASP).
- *OMB Control Number:* OMB Control No. 1405-0035.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, A/OPR/OS.
- *Form Number:* DS-573, DS-574, DS-575, and DS-576.
- *Respondents:* Recipients of grants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 194.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 194.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 1.5.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 291.
- *Frequency:* Annually.
- *Obligation To Respond:* Required to obtain a benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from July 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- *Fax:* 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Keith D. Miller, Office of Overseas Schools, U.S. Department of State, Room H-328, 2301 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0132, who may be reached on 202-261-8200 or at [millerkd2@state.gov](mailto:millerkd2@state.gov).

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

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform 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.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS) is responsible for determining that adequate educational opportunities exist at Foreign Service posts for dependents of U.S. Government personnel stationed abroad and for assisting American-sponsored overseas schools in their efforts to demonstrate U.S. educational philosophy and practice. The information gathered enables A/OPR/OS to advise the Department and other foreign affairs agencies regarding current and constantly changing conditions, and enables A/OPR/OS to make judgments regarding assistance to school for the improvement of educational opportunities.

#### Methodology

Information is collected via electronic media.

Dated: May 16, 2008.

**Peggy M. Philbin,**

*Executive Director, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6244]

#### Determination Under Section 699C of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008, Relating to Assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 699C(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, P.I. 110-161), I hereby determine that waiver of the application of the restriction in Section 699C(a) to the Democratic Republic of Congo is important to the national interest of the United States and thereby waive this restriction with respect to that country.

This determination shall be reported to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 9, 2008.

**Condoleezza Rice,**

*Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6177]

#### Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, June 19, 2008, in the East Auditorium at the U.S. Department of State, Harry S. Truman Building, Washington, DC. Entry and registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. Please use the building entrance located at 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC between C & D Streets. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade representatives, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

Members of the public may attend this open session and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chair's instructions. Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As access to the Department of State facilities is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by COB Thursday, June 12, 2008. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat cannot guarantee that the Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security can complete the necessary processing required to attend the June 19 plenary.

Each non-member observer or DTAG member needing building access that wishes to attend this plenary session should provide: his/her name; company or organizational affiliation; phone number; date of birth; and identifying data such as driver's license number, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, to the DTAG Secretariat contact person, Allie Frantz, via e-mail at [FrantzA@state.gov](mailto:FrantzA@state.gov). DTAG members planning to attend the plenary session should notify the DTAG Secretariat contact person, Allie Frantz, at the e-mail provided above. A RSVP list will be provided to Diplomatic Security. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for