

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****U.S.-European Union (EU) Safe Harbor Framework—Notice of Request for Public Comment**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) is proposing implementation of a cost recovery program to support the operation of the U.S.-European Union (EU) Safe Harbor Framework. The Framework allows U.S. companies to satisfy the requirements of the EU's Directive on Data Protection when transferring personal information from the EU, thereby ensuring uninterrupted data transfers worth billions of dollars in trade between the EU and the United States. As the program has grown from 6 companies to nearly 1,700, so too have the requests from these U.S. companies for Safe Harbor-related services, including education, outreach, and counseling. ITA is responsible for managing the U.S.-EU Safe Harbor Framework for the Administration. In order to better serve ITA's clients, ITA is proposing to establish a two-tiered fee structure in which new clients would be required to pay a \$200 registration (processing) fee and existing clients who renew their certification commitment to Safe Harbor would pay \$100 each year following their initial certification.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Input on or inquiries about ITA's proposed cost recovery program for operation of the U.S.-EU Safe Harbor Framework should be addressed to the contact below, and received by close of business on December 16, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Ritchie, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Technology and Electronic Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2003, Washington, DC 20230; Telephone: 202-482-4936.; e-mail: david.ritchie@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: December 2, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

Docket No. 0811251525-81526-01

Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT): Closing Date

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Closing Date for Solicitation of Applications.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, Public Law 110-329 (2008), the U.S. Department of Commerce announces the solicitation of applications for a grant for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program. Projects funded pursuant to this Notice are intended to support the PEACESAT Program's acquisition of satellite communications to service Pacific Basin communities and to manage the operations of this network. Applications for the PEACESAT Program grant will compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, January 15, 2009. Applications submitted by facsimile are not acceptable. NTIA will not accept applications received after the deadline. However, if an application is received after the Closing Date due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the Closing Date and Time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, NTIA will, upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a printed application package, submit completed applications, or send any other correspondence, write to: NTIA/PTFP, Room H-4812, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Application materials may be obtained electronically via the Internet at www.grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Cooperman, Director, Public Broadcasting Division, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

The full funding opportunity announcement for the PEACESAT Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 grant cycle is available through www.grants.gov or by contacting the PTFP office at the address noted above. Application materials may be obtained electronically via the Internet www.grants.gov.

Funding Availability

Issuance of grants is subject to the availability of FY 2009 funds. At this time, the Congress has passed the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, Public Law No. 110-329 (2008), to fund operations from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account through March 6, 2009. Further notice will be made in the **Federal Register** about the final status of funding for this program at the appropriate time. Funding for the PEACESAT Program is authorized by Public Law 106-113, "The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000." Public Law 106-113 provides "That, hereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program is eligible to compete for Public Broadcasting Facilities, Planning and Construction funds."

NTIA anticipates making a single award for approximately \$500,000 for the PEACESAT Program in FY 2009. For FY 2008, NTIA issued one award for the PEACESAT project in the amount of \$499,677.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

The PEACESAT Program was authorized under Public Law 100-584 (102 Stat. 2970) and also Public Law 101-555 (104 Stat. 2758) to acquire satellite communications services to provide educational, medical, and cultural needs of Pacific Basin communities. The PEACESAT Program has been operational since 1971 and has received funding from NTIA for support of the project since 1988.

Applications submitted in response to this solicitation for PEACESAT applications are not subject to the PTFP regulations at 15 CFR Part 2301.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

N/A

Eligibility

Eligible applicants will include any for-profit or non-profit organization, public or private entity, other than an agency or division of the Federal government. Individuals are not eligible