POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Mexico – BELL 412EP Helicopters

The Government of Mexico has requested a possible sale of five BELL 412EP Helicopters, spare and repair parts, support equipment, ferry services, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $93 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve Mexico's fight against criminal organizations, drugs, and gang activities. This proposed sale directly supports the Mexican government and serves the interests of the Mexican people and the U.S.

The proposed sale of the helicopters will increase the Mexican Air Force's air capabilities to support its interdiction activities, rapid response of law enforcement in Mexico, and support for the civilian population in natural disasters.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor is Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth, Texas. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U. S. Government personnel in country. One U.G. Government and one contractor representative will travel to Mexico three times per year, one week per trip for a period of three years to provide logistic support services.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Comprehensive Review Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. para. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR para. 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Comprehensive Review Advisory Committee will take place. This meeting is a continuation of the meeting scheduled to be held on February 3, 2009, that was announced in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2009 (74 FR 4142). The February 3, 2009, meeting was rescheduled to February 18, 2009, and then to March 2, 2009.

DATES: March 31, 2009 from 0800–1600.

ADDRESSES: Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William L. Jones, (703) 681–1924, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: Continuation of previous meeting for the Federal Advisory Committee to continue to review and discuss contents of its Final Report.

Agenda: March 31, 2009.

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 a.m	Administrative Remarks	CAPT Budney, USN (NSS).
8:45 a.m	Review and Discussion.	
10:45 a.m	Break.	
11 a.m	Review and Discussion.	
12 p.m	Lunch.	
1 p.m	Review and Discussion.	
3:15 p.m	Break.	
3:30 p.m	Deliberations and Guidance.	
4:30 p.m	Adjourn.	

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. para. 552b, as amended and 41 CFR para. 102–3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Director, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff, in consultation with his General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the committee's meeting will be closed to the public because they will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by section 5 U.S.C. para. 552b(c)(1).

Committee's Designated Federal Officer: Mr. William L. Jones, (703) 681–8681, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia 22041. *William.jones@nss.pentagon.mil*.

Pursuant to 41 CFR paras. 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements at any time to the Nuclear Command and Control System Federal Advisory Committee about its mission and functions. All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Nuclear Command and Control System Federal Advisory Committee. He will ensure that written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Written statements may also be submitted in response to the stated agenda of planned committee meetings. Contact information for the Designated Federal Officer is listed above.

March 25, 2009.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information Institute of International Public Policy; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.269A.

Dates:

Applications Available: April 1, 2009.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 1, 2009.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 30, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: To provide a grant that establishes an Institute for International Public Policy that will conduct a program to enhance the international competitiveness of the United States by increasing the participation of underrepresented populations in the international service, including private international voluntary organizations and the foreign service of the United States. The program shall include a program for students to study abroad in their junior year, fellowships for graduate study, internships, and intensive academic programs, such as summer institutes, or intensive language training.

Priorities: Under this competition we are particularly interested in applications that address the following priority.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2009 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

The priority is:

Invitational Priority:

Projects that focus on any of the following seventy-eight (78) priority languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs): Akan (Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic (all dialects), Armenian, Azeri (Azerbaijani), Balochi, Bamanakan (Bamana, Bambara, Mandikan, Mandingo, Maninka, Dyula), Belarusian, Bengali (Bangla), Berber (all languages), Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano (Visayan), Chechen, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Gan), Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese (Min), Chinese (Wu), Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Georgian, Gujarati, Hausa, Hebrew (Modern), Hindi, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer (Cambodian), Kirghiz, Korean, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kurdish (Sorani), Lao, Malay (Bahasa Melayu or Malaysian), Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepali, Oromo, Panjabi, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (all varieties), Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala (Sinhalese), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrigna, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur/Uigur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1131–1131f.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 655.

Note: Because there are no program-specific regulations for the Institute for International Public Policy Program, applicants are encouraged to read the authorizing statute in sections 621 through 629 of part C, Title VI, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1131–1131f).

Areas of National Need: In accordance with section 601(c) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1121(c)(1)), the Secretary has consulted with and received recommendations regarding national need for expertise in foreign languages and world regions from the head officials of a wide range of Federal agencies. The Secretary has taken these recommendations into account and a list of foreign languages and world regions identified by the Secretary as