

fee withholding and direct payment of fees under both Titles II and XVI. SSA uses the information obtained through this demonstration project to administer

fee withholding and direct payment to certain non-attorney representatives. Respondents are non-attorneys who are

eligible to receive direct payment of fees for representing individuals before SSA. *Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Regulation section	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
404.1730(c)(2)(i)	841	10/year	30	4,205
404.1730(c)(2)(ii)	600	1	3	30
416.1530(c)(2)(i)	561	10/year	30	2,805
416.1530(c)(2)(ii)	400	1	3	20
Totals	2,402	7,060

Dated: February 26, 2010.

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Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6911]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP): One-time Competitive Grants Program—Competition A—Academic Programs

Announcement Type: New Grant
Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A-10-One-time-Comp-A
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.014

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: April 12, 2010

Executive Summary: This competition

is one of two competitions that the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is conducting in accordance with the Conference Report (House Report 111-366) accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117) under Division F of the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriation Act 2010, “Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs” in support of an \$8 million “One-Time Competitive Grants Program.” All applications must be submitted by public or private non-profit organizations, meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3). Total funding for this “One-Time Competitive Grants Program” is \$8 million. Four million dollars will be dedicated to Competition A—Academic Programs One-time Grants Program—reference number ECA/A-10-One-time-Comp-A, and \$4 million will be dedicated to and announced simultaneously in a separate RFGP Competition B—Professional, Cultural and Youth One-time Grants Program—reference number ECA/PE/C-10-One-time-Comp-B. **Please note:** The Bureau reserves the right to reallocate funds it has initially allocated to each of these two competitions, based upon factors such as the number of applications received and

responsiveness to the review criteria outlined in each of the solicitations.

Applicants may submit only one proposal (total) to one of the two competitions referenced above. In addition, applicants under this competition (ECA/A-10-One-time-Comp-A) may apply to administer only one of the listed activities (total). If multiple proposals are received from the same applicant, all submissions will be declared technically ineligible and will be given no further consideration in the review process. Eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to read both RFGPs thoroughly, prior to developing and submitting proposals, to ensure that proposed activities are appropriate and responsive to the goals, objectives and criteria outlined in the solicitations.

As further directed by the Congress, “The program shall be only for the actual exchange of people and should benefit a population that is not being addressed through existing authorized exchanges.”

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces a competition for grants that support international exchanges in order to increase mutual understanding and build relationships, through individuals and organizations, between the people of the United States and their counterparts in other countries. The Bureau welcomes proposals from organizations that have not received a previous grant from the Bureau as well as from those which have; see eligibility information below and in section III.

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

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6913]

Determination and Waiver Regarding the Sixth Proviso under the Heading “Economic Support Funds” in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111-8) Relating to Assistance for Afghanistan

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including by Presidential Delegation No. 2007-29 of August 27, 2007, I hereby determine that it is in the national security interests of the United States to make available \$200,000,000 appropriated under the heading Economic Support Funds in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111-8), without regard to the restriction in the sixth proviso under that heading.

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

Dated: October 15, 2009.

Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State.

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