

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 16, 2011 from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Small Business Administration Conference Room, located at 8701 South Gessner, Suite 1200, Houston, TX. 77074.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Houston District Office Advisory Committee. The Houston District Office Advisory Committee is tasked with providing advice and recommendations to the District Director, Regional Administrator, and the SBA Administrator.

The purpose of the meeting is to interact and get feedback from the community stakeholders on how we can better serve our community and to create new networking opportunities with the Houston community. The agenda or topics to be discussed will include: Lender Performance, Small Business Job Act update Guest Speaker: Jacqueline Taylor, Associate Region Director of U of H SBDC, Lender SBA Goals for FY 2010–2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The meeting is open to the public, however, advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make a presentation to the Houston District Office Advisory Committee must contact Sonia Maldonado, Business Development Specialist by February 9, 2011, by fax or e-mail in order to be placed on the agenda. Sonia Maldonado, Business Development Specialist, 8701 S. Gessner Drive, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77074, Fax 202–481–5617, or e-mail [Sonia.maldonado@sba.gov](mailto:Sonia.maldonado@sba.gov).

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information, please contact Sonia Maldonado.

For more information, please visit our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/tx>.

Dated: January 4, 2011.

**Dan Jones,**

*SBA Committee Management Officer.*

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

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### **Bancshares Capital, L.P.; Notice of Surrender Under 13 CFR 107.1900**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the United States Small Business

Administration under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, under section 309 of the Act and Section 13 CFR 107.1900 of the Small Business Administration Rules and Regulations Bancshares Capital, L.P., 16118 72nd Avenue West, Edmonds, Washington, 98026 (License number 10/10–0194), licensed September 28, 2000 as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC), has surrendered; its license is hereby declared null and void.

Date: June 6, 2010.

**Sean J. Greene,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 7295]

### **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: FY2012 Humphrey Fellowship Program**

*Announcement Type:* New Cooperative Agreement.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* ECA/A/S/U–12–01.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.010.

*Application Deadline:* April 4, 2011.

*Executive Summary:* The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition to assist in the administration of the FY2012 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration and implementation of the FY2012 Humphrey Program. The final amount that will be available in FY2012 to fund the Humphrey Program has not yet been determined. Applicants are asked to prepare a budget not to exceed \$13,500,000 for program and administrative costs. Please indicate the number of participants who can be accommodated based on detailed calculations of program and administrative costs. For more information about calculating budget requests, see paragraph IV.3.e.1 of this document. Pending the availability of FY2012 funds, the Agreement should begin on October 1, 2011 and should expire on September 30, 2014.

## **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*

*Overview:* The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was established in 1978. The goal of the Humphrey Program is to strengthen U.S. interaction with professionals from developing and emerging countries who are well placed to address their countries' development needs in key areas including public health, sustainable growth, and democratic institution-building, while providing participants with opportunities to develop professional expertise and leadership skills for public service in their countries. Each year the Humphrey Program brings accomplished professionals from North Africa and the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, South and Central Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia to the U.S. for a ten-month stay combining non-degree graduate study, leadership training, and professional development. Candidates for the Humphrey Program are nominated by U.S. Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions, based on the candidates' professional backgrounds, academic qualifications, and leadership potential. By providing these emerging leaders with opportunities to understand U.S. society and culture and to participate with U.S. colleagues in current approaches to the fields in which they work, the Humphrey Program provides a basis for on-going cooperation between U.S. citizens and their professional counterparts in other countries.

Fellowships are granted competitively to candidates who have a public service orientation, a commitment to their