3. Multiplier effect/impact: Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

4. Support of Diversity: Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau’s policy on diversity. Achievable and relevant features should be cited in both program administration (selection of participants, program venue and program evaluation) and program content (orientation and wrap-up sessions, program meetings, resource materials and follow-up activities).

5. Institutional Capacity/Record/Ability: Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project’s goals. Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Bureau awards (grants or cooperative agreements) as determined by Bureau Grants Staff. The Bureau will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

6. Project Evaluation: Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the activity’s success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. A draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives is recommended.

7. Cost-effectiveness and cost-sharing: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1a. Award Notices

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures. Successful applicants will receive an Federal Assistance Award (FAA) from the Bureau’s Grants Office. The FAA and the original proposal with subsequent modifications (if applicable) shall be the only binding authorizing document between the recipient and the U.S. Government. The FAA will be signed by an authorized Grants Officer, and mailed to the recipient’s responsible officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA program office coordinating this competition.

VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Terms and Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:


Office of Management and Budget Circular A–21, “Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.”

OMB Circular A–87, “Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments.”

OMB Circular No. A–110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A–102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.


Please reference the following Web sites for additional information:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements: You must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus one copy of the following reports:

Mandatory:

(1) A final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award.

(2) A concise, one-page final program report summarizing program outcomes no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award. This one-page report will be transmitted to OMB, and be made available to the public via OMB’s USAspending.gov Web site—as part of ECA’s Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting requirements.

(3) A SF–PPR “Performance Progress Report” Cover Sheet with all program reports.

Award recipients will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions [IV.3.d.3] above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.)

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Karene Grad Steiner, U.S. Department of State, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, ECA/ A/E/EUR, SA–5, Fourth Floor, ECA/A/E/EUR–11–07, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, (202) 632–3237, GradKE@state.gov.

All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/A/E/EUR–11–07.

Please read the complete announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: January 26, 2011.

Ann Stock,
Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Public Availability of the Department of Transportation FY 2010 Service Contract Inventory

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.


SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117, Department of Transportation is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2010
Service Contract Inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over $25,000 that were made in FY 2010. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP’s guidance is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf. Department of Transportation has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the Department of Transportation’s homepage at the following link: http://www.dot.gov/ost/m60/serv_contract_inv.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Ames Owens in the Senior Procurement Executive office at 202–366–9614 or ames.owens@dot.gov.

Dated: January 28, 2011.

Ames Owens,
Associate Director of Commercial Services.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Deadline for Notification of Intent to Use the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Primary, Cargo, and Nonprimary Entitlement Funds for Fiscal Year 2011

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces February 22, 2011, as the deadline for each airport sponsor to notify the FAA whether or not it will use its fiscal year 2011 entitlement funds available under Public Law 111–322 to accomplish Airport Improvement Program (AIP)-eligible projects that the sponsor previously identified through the Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) process during the preceding year. If a sponsor does not declare their intention regarding their fiscal year 2011 entitlement funds by February 22, 2011, FAA will be unable to take the necessary actions to award these funds, nor designate these funds as “protected” carryover funds. In addition, these funds will not be carried over without a legislative enactment that provides an additional AIP authorization and an extension of the FAA’s spending authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund beyond March 31, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank J. San Martin, Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division, APP–500, on (202) 267–3831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 49 of the United States Code, section 47105(f), provides that the sponsor of each airport to which funds are apportioned shall notify the Secretary by such time and in a form as prescribed by the Secretary, of the sponsor’s intent to apply for the funds apportioned to it (entitlements). This notice applies only to those airports that have had entitlement funds apportioned to them, except those nonprimary airports located in designated Block Grant States. Sponsors intending to apply for any of their available entitlement funds, including those unused from prior years, shall submit by February 22, 2011, an application to the designated Airports District Office (or Regional Office in regions without Airports District Offices) that they will submit a grant application prior to February 25, 2011, or by a prior date established by the designated Airport District or Regional Office. This notice is promulgated to expedite and prioritize the grant-making process. In the past when there has been full-year funding for AIP, the FAA has established a deadline of May 1 for an airport sponsor to declare whether it will apply for, or defer use of its entitlement funding. Considering that Congress has authorized the AIP program only until March 31, 2011, i.e. into the middle of a fiscal year, the FAA is establishing February 22, 2011, as the deadline for each airport sponsor to notify the FAA whether or not it will use its fiscal year 2011 entitlement funds.

The AIP grant program is operating under the requirements of Public Law 111–329, the “Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part IV,” enacted on December 22, 2010, which amends 49 U.S.C. 48103, to extend AIP through March 31, 2011. The FAA’s expenditure authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund will also expire on March 31, 2011, in the absence of an additional statutory extension. Therefore, to avoid the risk of not being able to carryover funds if an additional extension is not enacted, and to allow sufficient time for accounting processing, AIP funds should be obligated in FAA’s accounting records on or before March 17, 2011.

Sponsors have three options available regarding AIP grants during this period. First, sponsors may elect to make an application for a grant based on entitlements currently available to them. Sponsors that elect to take such a grant must submit grant applications to the FAA no later than February 25, 2011, in order to meet the March 17, 2011 obligation deadline. Second, sponsors may elect to wait until after the February 22, 2011 notification date for protection of carryover entitlements. However, if a sponsor does not declare their intention regarding the use of fiscal year 2011 entitlement funds by the February 22, 2011 deadline, FAA will be unable to take the necessary actions to designate these as “protected” carryover funds. In addition, these funds would not be carried over without a legislative enactment that provides additional AIP authorization for fiscal year 2011 and extends the FAA’s spending authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund beyond March 31, 2011. Third, sponsors may elect to declare their intention to carryover the entitlements by sending written notification of such intention by February 22, 2011. Unused carryover entitlements that have been deferred will be available in fiscal year 2012 pending legislative action to further extend authorization and appropriations.

If a statutory extension beyond March 31, 2011 of the AIP program and the FAA’s authority to make expenditures from the Trust Fund is enacted, additional entitlement funds may be available to sponsors. In that case, airport sponsors who did not previously declare their intention to carryover the entitlements must provide a written indication by May 1, 2011 to the designated Airports District Office (or Regional Office in regions without Airports District Offices) that they will either carryover or use their fiscal year 2011 entitlements by submitting a grant application by August 1, 2011.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 28, 2011.

Frank J. San Martin,
Manager, Airports Financial Assistance Division, Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

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