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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent, Federal grantmaking agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners. The Institute fosters leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the Nation's 15,000 museums and 122,000 libraries. The Institute also encourages partnerships to expand the educational benefit of libraries and museums.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) was established within the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities by the Museum and Library Services Act of September 30, 1996 (110 Stat. 3009-293), which amended the Museum Services Act (20 U.S.C. 961 *et seq.*). The Institute combines administration of Federal museum programs formerly carried out by the Institute of Museum Services and Federal library programs formerly carried out by the Department of Education. The Institute's Director is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate and is authorized to make grants to museums and libraries. The Director receives policy advice on

museum and library programs from the National Museum and Library Services Board, which is comprised of 20 Presidentially appointed members, the Director, the Deputy Director for the Office of Museum Services, and the Deputy Director for the Office of Library Services.

In addition to providing distinct programs of support for museums and libraries, IMLS encourages collaboration between these community resources. The Institute's library programs help libraries use new technologies to identify, preserve, and share library and information resources across institutional, local, and State boundaries and to reach those for whom library use

requires extra effort or special materials. Museum programs strengthen museum operations, improve care of collections, increase professional development opportunities, and enhance the community service role of museums.

IMLS awards grants to all types of museums and libraries. Eligible museums include art, history, general, children's, natural history, science and technology, as well as historic houses, zoos and aquariums, botanical gardens and arboretums, nature centers, and planetariums. Eligible libraries include public, school, academic, research, and special libraries. The Institute makes grants in 10 program categories.

States These grants improve electronic sharing of information and expand public access to an increasing wealth of information and services.

Native Americans This program provides small grants for core library operations of tribes and Alaska Native villages, technical assistance for these libraries, and enhancement grants to promote innovative practices in libraries serving Native Americans and Alaska Native villages.

Native Hawaiians This program provides a single grant to an organization that primarily serves and represents Native Hawaiians.

National Leadership Grants This program provides grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to enhance the quality of library and museum services nationwide. The program supports model projects that can be widely replicated and encourages the use of promising practices in libraries and museums.

Museums for America This program provides funds to aid museums in advancing their capacity to serve a wider, more diverse public through education, partnerships, and technology.

Librarians for the 21st Century This program supports efforts to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians and the faculty who will prepare them for careers in library science.

21st Century Museum Professionals This program supports the preparation of museum professionals for the future by

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Native American Museum Service Program The Native American Museum Program is not yet finalized. Please check www.ims.gov, or contact the Office of Museum Services for information, guidelines, and application forms after January 1, 2005.

Conservation Project Support This program awards matching grants to help museums identify conservation needs and priorities and perform activities to ensure the safekeeping of their collections.

Museum Assessment This program offers museums grants of technical assistance in the areas of institutional assessment, collections management assessment, and a public dimension assessment.

Conservation Assessment The program provides eligible museums with an alternative source of general conservation survey grants. For more information, contact the Conservation Assessment Program, Suite 566, 1730 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20006. Phone, 202-634-1422.

National Award for Museum Service This program recognizes outstanding museums that provide meaningful public service for their communities.

Sources of Information

Electronic Access Information about IMLS programs, application guidelines, and lists of grantees are available electronically. Internet, www.ims.gov. E-mail, imlsinfo@ims.gov.

Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements For information about applying for IMLS funding, contact the appropriate program office. Museums should contact the Office of Museum Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Room 609, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506 (phone, 202-606-8539). Libraries should contact the Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Room 802, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506 (phone, 202-606-5227).

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The National Labor Relations Board is vested with the power to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions and to safeguard employees' rights to organize and determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative.

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is an independent agency created by the National Labor Relations Act of 1935 (Wagner Act) (29 U.S.C. 167). The Board is authorized to designate appropriate units for collective bargaining and to conduct secret ballot elections to determine whether employees desire representation by a labor organization.

Activities

NLRB has two principal functions: preventing and remedying unfair labor practices by employers and labor organizations or their agents, and conducting secret ballot elections among employees in appropriate collective-bargaining units to determine whether or not they desire to be represented by a labor organization in bargaining with employers about their wages, hours, and working conditions. The agency also

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The regional directors and their staffs process representation, unfair labor practice, and jurisdictional dispute cases. They issue complaints in unfair labor practice cases; seek settlement of unfair labor practice charges; obtain compliance with Board orders and court judgments; and petition district courts for injunctions to prevent or remedy unfair labor practices. The regional directors direct hearings in representation cases; conduct elections pursuant to the agreement of the parties or the decision-making authority delegated to them by