

be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; New Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than February 17, 1997, Marc C. Owen, Advisory Board Liaison, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; 202-366-0091.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, D.C. on January 24, 1997.

Marc C. Owen,

*Advisory Board Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Quarterly Publication of Individuals, Who Have Chosen To Expatriate, as Required by Section 877(a)

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is provided in accordance with IRC section 877(a), as amended, by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996. This listing contains the name of each individual losing United States citizenship (within the meaning of 877(a)) with respect to whom the Secretary received information during the quarter ending December 31, 1996.

The following individuals have lost their U.S. citizenship during the quarter ending December 31, 1996.

*Last Name, First Name, Middle Name*

Alger, Frederick Moulton  
 Anthony, Susan  
 Binder, Heide Marie  
 Briloth, Margaret Joan French  
 Brown, Dolores Celia  
 Buck, Helen Smith  
 Carter, Wesley Anthony  
 Cattier, Mathieu Francois Felicien  
 Cha, Stephen Sungdeok  
 Chae, Soo Jung  
 Chastain, Heidi Keim  
 Choi, Jong Suk  
 Choi, Jeong Hyoun  
 Cheng, Wen Hon  
 Chu, Samuel Wai Tak  
 Churchill, Owen Paul

Clyde, Kyung Ja  
 Creeth, Patricia Marilyn  
 Davis, Sonja Elisa  
 Diamond, Monica Clara  
 Dimma, Katharine Louise  
 Dobmeier, Brigitte  
 Dworschak, Elisabeth  
 Eggers, Carsten Rolf  
 El Ouassil, Victoria Johanna  
 Exelby Nee Bergdahl, Shirley Yvonne  
 Feiner, Gideon  
 Fergusson, Barbara  
 Gaffney, Michael Terry  
 Garza, Caroline Ellen  
 Gerstner, Sylvia Grace  
 Getty, Mark Harris  
 Grlica, George  
 Guillon-Teruel, Francoise Laure  
 Gulya, Gabor Laszlo  
 Haas, Eric Michael  
 Hively, Ronald Andre  
 Hwang, Paul Philip  
 Johnson, Chris Norman  
 Keel, Yolinda  
 Kiang, David Tien Sik  
 Kim, Soo Hong  
 Kim, Jong Hwan  
 Knight, Louis Helmer  
 Kosta, Robert Stanley  
 Kraus, Ruth  
 Krimholtz, Michael John  
 Krupiak, Katharine Elfriede  
 Leathers, Christina Helene  
 Lee, Sung Soo  
 Lee, Jennie Mi  
 Lee, Hae Ree  
 Lee, Tse-Tah  
 Lim, Byung Ok  
 Manquen, Timothy Duane  
 Marti, Ruth Daniela  
 Martinez, Roland Joe  
 McMillan, Norman  
 Minz Geneen, Florence Rose  
 Moon, Steve Young Chang  
 Morris, Joan Marie  
 Mussells, Emily Layman  
 Olausson, Tom Kaare  
 Parsons, Graham Turner  
 Patterson, Yong Tok  
 Phillip, Thomas William  
 Posey, Franklin Melvin  
 Priest, Francesca Louise  
 Pujals, Eduardo Fernandez  
 Roh, Young Jeung Woo  
 Rossing, Dennis Siegbert  
 Segewitz, Elise  
 Seto, John Gin Chung  
 Simonsen, Thomas Keith  
 Smith, Beverly Anne  
 Sofronas, Angelos  
 Sommerlad, Elizabeth Hale Winkler  
 Stortjohann, Carol Ann  
 Su, Beyue Chen  
 Tanenbaum, Julie Lynn  
 Tanenbaum, Kenneth Michael  
 Tanenbaum, Lisa Ellen  
 Trihey, Timothy Patrick  
 Trotta, Robert Thomas  
 Tze, Lou Man Ping  
 Vourecas-Petalas, Tatiana  
 Wong, Michelle Nancy  
 Wong, Denise Angela  
 Wurtz, Patrick George  
 Yarnall, Alexander Coxe

Approved: January 22, 1997.

Doug Rogers,

*Project Manager, International District Operations.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Foreign Language and Area Studies—U.S. Students and Scholars; Request for Proposals

**ACTION:** Notice—Request for Proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop and administer programs in cooperation with USIA that will assist U.S. citizens who are graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in North African, Middle Eastern and South Asian studies. Activities permitted under this program include foreign language training, foreign area studies and foreign area research for periods ranging from two to twenty-four months abroad.

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 cited above is provided through the Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (Public Law 102-138, Section 228 as amended by Public Law 103-236, Section 233).

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

For the purpose of this program, the geographic area refers to the region

consisting of countries and peoples covered by the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the U.S. Department of State as of October, 1991, and Turkey.

Current eligible locales for overseas research are: Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Yemen, Pakistan, Indian, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Individual NMERTA grantees are required to provide proof of insurance to the grant-making organizations before fellowship funds can be released. Health and accident, MEDEVAC and repatriation insurance is strongly recommended.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/AEN-97-01.

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, March 28, 1997. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked March 28, 1997 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Grants should begin no earlier than September 1, 1997 and no later than September 31, 1997 and end no later than 24 months thereafter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Patricia Spann or John Sedlins in the Academic Exchange Program Division, North Africa, Middle East and South Asia branch, E/AEN, Room 212, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone number (202) 619-5368, fax number (202) 205-2466, Internet address PSPAN@USIA.GOV or JSEDLINS@USIA.GOV to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

**TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET:** The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/> or from the Internet Gopher at <gopher://gopher.usia.gov>. Under the heading "International Exchanges/Training," select "Request for Proposals (RFPs)." Please read "About the Following RFPs" before downloading.

**TO RECEIVE A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA FAX ON DEMAND:** The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the

Bureau's Grants Information Fax on Demand System," which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. Please request a "Catalog" of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify USIA Program Assistant Patricia Spann on all inquiries and correspondences. Interested applicants should read the complete Federal Register announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 7 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/AEN-97-01, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

Applicants must also submit the "Executive Summary" and "Proposal Narrative" sections of the proposal on a 3.5" diskette, formatted for DOS. This material must be provided in ASCII text (DOS) format with a maximum line length of 65 characters. USIA will transmit these files electronically to USIS posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get posts' comments for the Agency's grants review process.

#### Diversity Guidelines

Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle both in program administration and in program content. Please refer to the review criteria under the Support for Diversity section for specific suggestions on incorporating diversity into the total proposal.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Overview:

Pursuant to the Agency's authorizing legislation, (the Fulbright-Hays Act, Public Law 87-256), programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative

of the diversity of American political, social and cultural life.

Support is offered in two categories. Organizations may address one or both categories, but must submit a separate proposal for each category. Special emphasis will be given to the social sciences and humanities.

**Category A—Pre-doctoral students.** Organizations that are awarded funding shall solicit and receive applications from U.S.-citizen, graduate students nationwide who seek to conduct overseas study and research in the eligible locales listed above. Eligible fields of study and research shall be open to students of all disciplines with a new or established interest in topics requiring study or research in the geographic area(s). Eligibility shall be restricted to applicants who have a baccalaureate degree and who are already enrolled in graduate-level academic programs.

**Category B—Postdoctoral scholars.** Organizations that are awarded funding shall solicit and receive applications from U.S.-citizen, postdoctoral scholars nationwide who seek to conduct overseas study and research in the eligible locales listed above. Eligible fields of study and research shall be open to scholars of all disciplines with a new or established interest in topics requiring study or research in the geographic area(s). Eligibility shall be restricted to applicants who have a Ph.D. and who have college or university teaching experience.

In preparing a proposal, organizations should address the subjects of program design and scheduling, as well as program administration. At a minimum, a successful proposal should clearly cover publicity, selection process, orientation for participants, and logistical and scheduling measures. A basic plan for post-program follow-up and evaluation should also be included. In keeping with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, proposals should emphasize how grantee organizations will measure the effectiveness, economy and efficiency of their program responsibilities. Cost-sharing will be used in the review process as one such measure. The proposal must be typewritten, double-spaced and may not exceed twenty (20) pages including budget attachments.

**Proposed budget:** Awards will not exceed \$200,000. Awards to eligible organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000.

Applicants must submit a comprehensive, line-item budget based on the specific guidance in the

Solicitation Package for the entire program. There must be a summary budget as well as a break-down reflecting both the administrative budget and the program budget. For better understanding or further clarification, applicants must provide separate sub-budgets for each program component, phase, location, or activity in order to facilitate USIA decisions on funding.

Budget guidelines apply to proposals submitted in both Category A and B described above.

Allowable costs for the program include the following:

- (1) round-trip international travel via an American flag carrier;
- (2) domestic travel;
- (3) maintenance and per diem;
- (4) academic program costs (e.g. book allowance);
- (5) orientation costs;
- (6) cultural enrichment costs (e.g. admissions, tickets, etc.);
- (7) U.S.-based administration costs (e.g. advertisement, recruitment and selection costs).

Please refer to the Solicitation Package (the Proposal Submission Instructions or PSI) for complete budget guidelines for formatting instructions.

Administrative costs are not to exceed 20 percent of the requested budget. Cost-sharing is strongly encouraged.

#### Review Process

USIA will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the Solicitation Package. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of USIA officers for advisory review. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the USIA Office of Academic Programs, as well as by the USIA Office of North African, Near Eastern, and South Asian Affairs and the USIA post(s) overseas, where appropriate. Proposals may be reviewed by the Office of the General Counsel or by other Agency elements. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the USIA Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the USIA grants officer.

#### Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation:

1. *Quality of the program idea:* Proposals should exhibit originality,

substance, precision, and relevance to Agency mission.

2. *Program planning:* Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above.

3. *Ability to achieve program objectives:* Objectives should be reasonable, feasible, and flexible. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan.

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

5. *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-on activities).

6. *Institutional Capacity:* Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goals.

7. *Institution's Record/Ability:* Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Agency grants as determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The Agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

8. *Follow-on Activities:* Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without USIA support) which ensures that USIA-supported programs are not isolated events.

9. *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. Successful applicants will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly, whichever is less frequent.

10. *Cost-effectiveness:* 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.

11. *Cost-sharing:* Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

12. *Value to U.S.-Partner Country Relations:* Proposed projects should receive positive assessments by USIA's geographic area desk and overseas officers of program need, potential impact, and significance in the partner country(ies).

#### Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by the Agency that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Agency 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.

#### Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

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Dell Pendergrast,

Deputy Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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### Telecommunications Training Program for Slovenia

**ACTION:** Notice—request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to develop training programs in telecommunications for Slovenia.

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