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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Proposed Collection; Electronic License Application Form

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets  
Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the  
Treasury, as part of its continuing effort  
to reduce paperwork and respondent  
burden, invites the general public and  
other Federal agencies to take this  
opportunity to comment on the Office of  
Foreign Assets Control's Electronic  
License Application Form information  
collection, as required by the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-  
13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be  
received on or before September 27,  
1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments  
to Dennis P. Wood, Chief, Compliance  
Programs Division, or William B.  
Hoffman, Chief Counsel, Office of  
Foreign Assets Control, Department of  
the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania  
Avenue, NW, Annex-2nd Floor,  
Washington, DC 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Requests for additional information  
about the filings or procedures should  
be directed to Dennis P. Wood, Chief,  
Compliance Programs Division, (tel.:  
202/622-2490), Office of Foreign Assets  
Control, Department of the Treasury,  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,  
Annex-2nd Floor, Washington, DC  
20220.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Electronic Form for OFAC  
License Applications.

**OMB Number:** 1505-0170.

**Abstract:** Transactions prohibited  
pursuant to the Trading With The  
Enemy Act, 50 U.S.C. App. 1-44, and  
the International Emergency Economic  
Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701, may be  
authorized by means of specific licenses  
issued by the Office of Foreign Assets  
control (OFAC). Such licenses are  
issued in response to applications  
submitted by persons or institutions

whose property has been blocked or  
who wish to engage in transactions that  
would otherwise be prohibited. This  
form—which provides a standardized  
method for all applicants and is  
available in electron form on our  
website—was new upon OMB's initial  
approval in December 1998. Applicants  
are not required to use the form.  
However, its use greatly facilitates and  
speeds applicants' submissions and  
OFAC's processing of applications and  
obviates the need for applicants to write  
lengthy letters to OFAC, thus reducing  
the overall burden of the application  
process.

**Current Action:** Extension.

**Type of Review:** Extension.

**Affected Public:** Individuals/  
businesses and other for-profit  
institutions/ banking institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:**  
2,751.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 30  
minutes.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:**  
1,376.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to  
this notice will be summarized and/or  
included in the request for OMB  
approval. All comments will become a  
matter of public record. Comments are  
invited on: (a) Whether the collection of  
information is necessary for the proper  
performance of the agency's functions,  
including whether the information has  
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the  
agency's estimate of the burden of the  
collection of information; (c) ways to  
enhance the quality, utility, and clarity  
of the information to be collected; and  
(d) ways to minimize the burden of the  
collection of information on  
respondents, including through the use  
of automated collection techniques or  
other forms of information technology;  
and (e) estimates of capital or start-up  
costs and costs of operation,  
maintenance, and purchase of services  
to provide information.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

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**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the  
Treasury, as part of its continuing effort  
to reduce paperwork and respondent  
burden, invites the general public and  
other Federal agencies to take this  
opportunity to comment on the Office of  
Foreign Assets Control's Cuba Travel  
Declaration information collection, as  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44  
U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be  
received on or before September 27,  
1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments  
to Dennis P. Wood, Chief, Compliance  
Programs Division, or William B.  
Hoffman, Chief Counsel, Office of  
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Control, Department of the Treasury,  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,  
Annex-2nd Floor, Washington, DC  
20220.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Electronic Form for OFAC  
License Applications.

**OMB Number:** 1505-0118.

**Abstract:** Declarations are to be  
completed by persons traveling from the  
United States to Cuba. The declarations  
will provide the United States  
Government with information to be  
used in administering and enforcing  
economic sanctions imposed against  
Cuba pursuant to the Cuban Assets  
Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 515.

**Current Action:** Extension.

**Type of Review:** Extension.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:**  
70,000.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 2.5  
minutes.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:**  
175,000.

**Request for Comments:** Comments  
submitted in response to this notice will  
be summarized and/or included in the  
request for OMB approval. All  
comments will become a matter of  
public record. Comments are invited on:  
(a) Whether the collection of  
information is necessary for the proper  
performance of the agency's functions,  
including whether the information has  
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### International Education and Cultural Activities—Open Grant Program

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency (USIA).

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

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Citizen Exchanges (E/P) of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. For applicants' information, on October 1, 1999, the Bureau will become part of the U.S. Department of State. The integration will not affect the content of this announcement or the nature of the program described. Public or private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop projects that link their international exchange interests with counterpart institutions/groups in ways supportive of the aims of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, Public Law 87-256, 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." Proposals for exchange projects that address issues of crucial importance to the United States and to proposed partner countries but that do not respond specifically to themes included below will also be considered. Programs and projects must conform with Bureau requirements and guidelines outlined in the Application Package. Bureau projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the Office of Citizen Exchanges or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the Office of Citizen Exchanges may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until after the Bureau program and project review process has been completed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT NAME AND NUMBER:** All communications concerning this announcement should refer to the Annual Open Grant Program. The announcement number is *E/P-00-1*. Please refer to title and number in all correspondence or telephone calls to the Office of Citizen Exchanges.

**Deadline for Proposals:** All copies must be received at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs by 5 p.m., Washington, D.C. time on Friday, October 15, 1999. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked by the due date but received at a later date will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of each grant applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. This action is effective from the publication date of this notice through October 15, 1999, for projects where activities will begin between March 1, 2000 and December 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Interested organizations/institutions must contact the Office of Citizen Exchanges, E/PL, Room 216, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, (202) 619-5348, to request detailed application packets which include award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet: The Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before beginning to download.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Application

Package and send only complete applications with 15 copies to: U.S. Information Agency (until October 1, 1999) or U.S. Department of State (effective October 1, 1999) REF: E/P-00-1 Annual Open Grant Competition Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Office of Grants Management (E/XE) 301—4th Street, SW, Room 336, Washington, DC 20547.

Applicants must also submit to E/XE the "Executive Summary" and "Narrative" sections of each 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. The Bureau will transmit these files electronically to U.S. embassies overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get the respective Embassy's comments for the Bureau's grants review process.

### Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines

Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, projects 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. Public Law 104-319 provides that "in carrying out programs of educational and cultural exchange in countries whose people do not fully enjoy freedom and democracy," the Bureau "shall take appropriate steps to provide opportunities for participation in such programs to human rights and democracy leaders of such countries." Proposals should account for advancement of this goal, in their program contents, to the full extent deemed feasible.

### Year 2000 Compliance Requirement (Y2K Requirement)

The Year 2000 (Y2K) issue is a broad operational and accounting problem that could potentially prohibit organizations from processing information in accordance with Federal management and program specific requirements including data exchange with USIA. The inability to process