

Management and Budget (OMB),
Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

Dated: January 19, 2000.

Frank E. Moss,

*Executive Director, Bureau of Consular
Affairs, U.S. Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3238]

Office of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to section 36(c) and in compliance with section 36(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9 and 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William J. Lowell, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (703 875-6644).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 38(e) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to section 36(c) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

William J. Lowell,

*Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls,
U.S. Department of State,
Washington, DC 20520, February 9, 2000.*

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of one HS601 HP Galaxy IV-R Commercial Communications satellite to French Guiana for launch on an Ariane launch vehicle.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though

unclassified contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

U.S. Department of State,
Washington, DC 20520, February 25, 2000.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 2020 Paveway II and 810 Paveway III laser guided bombs for the French Ministry of Defense for end-use of the French Air Force and Navy.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3241]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Gerrit Dou (1613-1675): Master Painter in the Age of Rembrandt"

DEPARTMENT: United States Department
of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 [79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459], the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2681 *et seq.*], Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended by Delegation of Authority No. 236-1 of November 9, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Gerrit Dou (1613-1675): Master Painter in the Age of

Rembrandt," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., from on or about April 16, 2000, to on or about August 6, 2000, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W.

Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, United States Department of State, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

William B. Bader,

*Assistant Secretary for Educational and
Cultural Affairs, United States Department
of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3242]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; South Pacific Scholarship Program; Request for Proposals

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the South Pacific Scholarship Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may submit proposals to organize and carry out an academic exchange program for students from the sovereign nations of the South Pacific. The grantee will be responsible for all aspects of the program, including publicity and recruitment of applicants; merit-based competitive selection; placement of students at an accredited U.S. academic institution; student travel to the U.S.; orientation; up to four years of U.S. degree study at the bachelor's or master's level; enrichment programming; advising, monitoring and support; pre-return activities; evaluation; and follow-up. The duration of the grant will be up to five years. The approximate level of funding in FY2000 is \$700,000.

Program Information

Overview: The South Pacific Scholarship Program was established by

the United States Congress to provide opportunities for U.S. study to qualified students from the sovereign nations of the South Pacific, in fields important for the region's future development. The Fiscal Year 2000 State Department Authorization Bill (HR-3427) and the Conference Report on the Fiscal Year 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act (HR-3194) provide for exchanges between the U.S. and South Pacific.

This program supports increased mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and those of the South Pacific Islands. Students from the following nations are eligible to apply for these scholarships: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. This is the first open competition for administration of this grant.

Requirements and Implementation

The requirements for administration of this program are outlined in further detail in this document and in the Program Objectives, Goals and Implementation document. The proposal should respond to each item in the POGI.

Fields of study under the program are based on recommendations from Department of State geographic office representatives and U.S. embassies abroad and have included public administration, journalism, education, environmental studies, and business. Students selected for these scholarships have enrolled in four year undergraduate degree programs, or in master's degree programs. The latter have generally involved one year of preparatory U.S. study followed by up to two years of master's degree study. This grant award will cover the entire program in the U.S. for the students selected. Students are expected to return home following the completion of their U.S. programs.

Program Components

1. Planning, implementation and monitoring of entire exchange program, based on guidance from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The proposal must demonstrate an understanding of the South Pacific region and culture and the needs of students coming to the U.S. from the region.

2. Publicity, recruitment and application process for the program. The proposal should indicate specifically what methods will be used to carry out this process for the South Pacific Islands.

3. Merit-based selection of principals and alternates. A pool of alternates

should be established that may be drawn on if necessary in subsequent years. Communication with applicants and notification of selection for the program.

4. Placement and enrollment of students at an accredited U.S. college/university appropriate to their academic and future professional goals. Students may be placed together at the same institution or at different institutions. The proposal should explain how identification with the South Pacific Scholarship program will be established and maintained among students.

5. Pre-arrival information for students, assistance with visa application process, travel to the U.S., arrival.

6. Orientation and settling in at U.S. institution. The proposal should indicate how the applicant will prepare the students for their exchange experience.

7. Provision of stipends and coverage of other appropriate living/study/enrichment expenses for participants throughout their program. Provision of tax withholding and health insurance.

8. On-going monitoring, academic advising, and general support for students throughout the program.

9. Management of cross-cultural issues, special situations and emergencies.

10. Opportunities for transfers and exchanges to other U.S. universities during the program to diversify the students' experience and fulfill academic goals.

11. Obtaining of tuition waivers, reduced fees, and other forms of cost-sharing.

12. Cultural/community enrichment for students about U.S. society and culture.

13. Internships and professional development.

14. Pre-return and reentry activities.

15. Evaluation and follow-on including alumni activities.

16. Fiscal Management of any sub-contractors.

17. Compliance with J-1 visa requirements regarding health insurance for participants.

Guidelines

The amount of the grant award in FY 2000 is expected to be approximately \$700,000, based on availability of funds. The award will be made in Spring/Summer 2000. The grantee should begin planning immediately for recruitment at that time. Participants are expected to begin their U.S. study programs between January 2001 and Fall 2001.

Proposal budgets should include all costs for students to complete the entire three or four years of degree study in the

U.S. The proposal should indicate how many students will be supported for a complete degree program with this funding. The grant will remain open for approximately five years.

If performance under this grant is satisfactory, the award may be renewed each year for approximately two additional years at the Bureau's discretion, assuming that the program continues to receive federal funding.]

Programs must comply with J-1 visa regulations. Please refer to the Solicitation Package for further information.

Budget Guidelines

Since grants awarded to eligible organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs are limited to \$60,000, such organizations are not eligible to compete for this grant.

Applicants must submit a comprehensive budget for the entire program. There must be a summary budget as well as breakdowns reflecting both administrative and program budgets. Applicants may provide separate sub-budgets for each program component, phase, location, or activity to provide clarification.

Allowable costs for the program may include the following:

(1) Publicity, recruitment, selection, placement and communication with applicants and participants.

(2) Travel for student participants between home and program location.

(3) Tuition and fees, stipends for living costs, book allowances, and other necessary expenses for the students.

(4) Advising and monitoring of students; academic and cultural support and enrichment activities. May include some U.S. travel.

(5) Pre-departure activities and evaluation.

(6) Staff and administrative expenses to carry out the program activities. Administrative and overhead costs should be as low as possible.

Please refer to the Solicitation Package for complete budget guidelines and formatting instructions.

Announcement Title and Number: All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFP should reference the above title and number *ECA/A-SP-00-01*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marianne Craven, Managing Director of Academic Programs, ECA/A, Room 202, U.S. Department of State, Annex 44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, tel. (202) 619-6409, fax. (202) 205-2452, e-mail: mcraven@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package contains detailed award

criteria, required application forms, specific budget instructions, and standard guidelines for proposal preparation. Please specify Marianne Craven, program officer for this activity, on all other inquiries and correspondence.

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

To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from the Bureau's website at <http://e.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

Deadline for Proposals: All proposal copies must be received at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Friday, April 7, 2000. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked the due date but received on a later date will not be accepted. Each applicant must ensure that the proposals are received by the above deadline.

Applicants must follow all instructions in the Solicitation Package. The original and 10 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Ref.: *ECA/A-SP-00-01*, Program Management, ECA/EX/PM, Room 336, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547.

Diversity, Freedom and Democracy 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. 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 reflect 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 the Bureau. The inability to process information in accordance with Federal requirements could result in grantees' being required to return funds that have not been accounted for properly.

The Bureau therefore requires all organizations use Y2K compliant systems including hardware, software, and firmware. Systems must accurately process data and dates (calculating, comparing and sequencing) both before and after the beginning of the year 2000 and correctly adjust for leap years.

Additional information addressing the Y2K issue may be found at the General Services Administration's Office of Information Technology website at <http://www.itpolicy.gsa.gov>.

Review Process

The Bureau 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 requirements by Bureau offices responsible for these functions. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the program office, as well as the Public Diplomacy section overseas, where appropriate. For program content, cost-effectiveness, and other criteria spelled out in the RFP, the review is conducted by an advisory, assistance award-review panel composed of Bureau and Department officers. Additional officers, including geographic area personnel, also review proposals for feasibility as well as potential for short- and long-term impact. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the Bureau's Grants Officer.

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 the Fiscal Year 2000 State Department Authorization Bill (HR-3427) and the Conference Report on the Fiscal Year 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act (HR-3194).

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP 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 RFP 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.

Notification

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

Dated: February 29, 2000.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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