

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

*Type of Request:* Emergency Review.

*Originating Office:* Office of Inspector General (OIG).

*Title of Information Collection:*

Overseas Absentee Ballot Questionnaire.

*Frequency:* One Time Collection.

*Form Number:* None.

*Respondents:* U.S. Citizens Abroad.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 720.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 180 hours.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by February 16, 2001. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

#### **For Additional Information**

Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to (Linda Topping, Office of Inspector General, (202) 647-9450, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

Dated: February 15, 2001.

**Anne Sigmund,**

*Acting Inspector General, Department of State.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **[Public Notice 3579]**

#### **Bureau of African Affairs; AF/PD Professional Internship Program**

##### **Introduction**

The United States Department of State announces an open competition for an assistance award. Nongovernmental organizations may apply to design and manage a multi-faceted program that consists of the following: (1) Azikiwe Professional Fellowships; and, (2) the COMESA (Common Market of East and Southern Africa) Professional Internship Program.

#### **I. Azikiwe Professional Fellows**

The Azikiwe Professional Fellowship Program seeks to establish linkages between young Nigerians and their American counterparts in various sectors. The program is divided into two groups: the "Digital Divide Internships" and "Gatekeepers for the Free Flow of Information."

- Digital Divide Internships will consist of six five-week internships for leaders who will play key roles in bringing Internet connectivity to Nigerian government offices and universities. They would spend one week of orientation at a university before going on to month-long internships at university departments or local and state government offices.

- Gatekeepers for the Free Flow of Information will consist of six five-week internships for library professionals involved in overall management and policy-making in key governmental and private libraries and journalists interested in enhancing their professional skills. The program would demonstrate the crucial role of international technology in modern libraries, train the fellows in the use of the Internet and creation of web pages, and demonstrate the best ways to integrate these technologies into Nigerian libraries. Journalistic Interns would focus on improving professional skills (freedom of press, speech), responsible reporting, and constitutional issues. In both cases, Interns would have a two-week orientation program in Washington (at DoS, Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, media and newspapers, newspaper libraries, universities and communication organizations, etc.). Following the Washington program, the Interns would be placed for three-weeks in an institution with similar interests to their home organization or media or newspapers.

Both sets of professional fellows would be required to develop a plan of short, medium, and long-term goals for their respective institutions before returning home.

#### **II. COMESA Professional Internship Program**

The COMESA program will consist of approximately 10-12 internships lasting from 8-12 weeks with corporations, universities, or trade organizations (particularly those involved in NAFTA, CBI, or WTO issues). The program will stress the development of strong management, administrative, finance, negotiation, and organizational skills among select members of the COMESA

Secretariat. In addition, the Interns will develop strategies and techniques focused on learning and developing management skills appropriate for a sub-regional organization. The Program will seek to assist the COMESA Secretariat in enhancing its capacity to handle its burgeoning role as a regional organization focused on economic and trade issues. The AF/PD Professional Internship Program seeks to enhance the professional skills and abilities of the participants by developing the Interns' organizational, Internet, and managerial skills. All Interns will be allotted two days in Washington, DC at the end of their internship to discuss and review the program with AF/PD staff and colleagues. An additional multiplier effect of the program will be to develop future linkages between American and African universities and institutions.

A cooperative agreement will be subject to the availability of funds.

The contract agency will be expected to work closely with AF/PD and Public Affairs Sections of U.S. Embassies in Africa in selecting participants, and in developing and implementing this program.

##### *Authority*

22 U.S.C.-2452(a)(2).

##### *Eligible Applicants*

Eligible applicants include all nongovernmental institutions, private organizations, and commercial entities.

##### *Availability of Funds*

The funding level for this Cooperative Agreement shall be no higher than \$374,500. The funding is available for one calendar year which begins at the time the Cooperative Agreement is signed.

Continuing awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

##### *Purpose*

Primary objectives for the AF/PD Intern Program are to develop professional skills of a variety of individuals in the areas of Internet connectivity, library science, journalism, business and trade development, and the management and administration of selected sub-regional organizations. Moreover, the program is designed to enhance linkages between American institutions, business, media, entrepreneurs, and universities, with African counterparts working in specific professions.

*Reporting Requirement*

Reporting requirements will be developed in consultation with AF/PD.

*Evaluation Criteria*

Technically eligible applicants will be competitively reviewed under 9 criteria. The criteria are: (1) Cost effectiveness and cost sharing; (2) Program development, planning, and the ability to achieve objectives and time-lines; (3) Follow-up—Ability to conduct Africa-wide follow-up activities on a minimum biannual basis (4) Institutional capacity; (5) Ability to objectively evaluate program achievements, and provide a final program report; (6) “Multiplier Effect/Impact”—strengthening of bilateral and multilateral linkages and understanding; (7) Ability to coordinate work with AF/PD and Public Affairs Sections at U.S. Embassies; (8) Support for Diversity and gender balance; and (9) Cultural Sensitivity based on country norms.

**Other Requirements***Paperwork Reduction Act*

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Application Submission and Deadline*

The original and ten (10) copies of the application (Standard Form 424) must be submitted to the U.S. Department of State, Ms. Joanna Pisciotto Snearly, Grant Specialist, A/LM/AQM/IP, State Annex #44, Room M-22, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC 20547 on or before March 26, 2001.

*Where to Obtain Additional Information*

A detailed program description and application package may be obtained from Ms. Joanna Pisciotto Snearly, Grant Specialist, U.S. Department of State, A/LM/AQM/IP, State Annex #44, Room M-22, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone (202) 260-6549, fax (202) 205-5466 email jsnearly@pd.state.gov. Please refer to the “AF/PD Professional Internship Program” when requesting information or sending an application.

Dated: February 12, 2001.

**William C. Zehnder,**

*Grant Award Officer, A/LM/AQM/IP,  
Department of State.*

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**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY****Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council**

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Resource Stewardship Council (Regional Council) will hold a meeting to consider various matters. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the following/briefings:

1. Recognition of Contribution of Mayor Eddie Smith, Jr.
2. Overview of river navigation and infrastructure
3. Continuation of aquatic plant management policy recommendation discussion
4. Recommendation from integrated river management subcommittee on integrated management of the Tennessee River system
5. Public comments
6. Subcommittee reports

It is the Regional Council's practice to provide an opportunity for members of the public to make oral public comments at its meetings. Public comment session is scheduled from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. CST. Members of the public who wish to make oral public comments may do so during the Public comments portion of the agenda. Up to one hour will be allotted for the Public comments with participation available on a first-come, first-served basis. Speakers addressing the Council are requested to limit their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Persons wishing to speak register at the door and are then called on by the Council Chair during the public comment period. Hand-out materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, March 9, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Olive Branch, Mississippi, at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center, 11200 E. Goodman Road, Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra L. Hill, 400 West Summit Hill

Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-2333.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

**Kathryn J. Jackson,**

*Executive Vice President, River System Operations & Environment, Tennessee Valley Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard**

**[USCG-2001-8892]**

**Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee; Vacancies**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC). CFIVAC advises and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on the safety of the commercial fishing industry.

**DATES:** Application forms should reach us on or before July 6, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MOC-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0507; or by faxing 202-267-0506; or by emailing jfwilliams@comdt.uscg.mil. Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Jon Sarubbi, Executive Director of CFIVAC, or Lieutenant Jennifer Williams, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0507, fax 202-267-0506, email: jfwilliams@comdt.uscg.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. As required by the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Act of 1988, the Coast Guard established CFIVAC to provide advice to the Coast Guard on issues related to the safety of commercial fishing vessels regulated under chapter 45 of Title 46, United States Code, which includes uninspected fishing vessels, fish processing vessels, and fish tender vessels. CFIVAC consists of 17 members as follows: Ten members from the commercial fishing industry who reflect