

charged for transaction and quotation update fees under Rules 7010A(a) and (b), respectively until February 17, 2003.

2. Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹¹ which requires, among other things, that NASD rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. NASD believes that the proposed rule change will provide a cost effective and efficient mechanism to quote and report trades on the ADF. The proposed rule change also is consistent with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act¹² in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system that NASD operates or controls. NASD believes that this fee structure is a reasonable means for the NASD to recover the development costs of the ADF, as well as meet ongoing operating costs.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The NASD does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

NASD has designated the proposed rule change as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge under section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act¹³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,¹⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. At any time within 60 days of this filing, the Commission may summarily abrogate this proposal if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-NASD-2003-09 and should be submitted by March 7, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs

[Public Notice 4277]

Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review: Form DS-4028, Request for Approval of Technical Assistance Agreement Cover Letter; Form DS-4029, Request for Approval of Technical Assistance Agreement; OMB Control Number 1405-XXXX

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

The following summarizes the information collection submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Emergency Review.

Originating Office: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DTC.

Title of Information Collection: Request for Approval of Technical Assistance Agreement Cover Letter and Request for Approval of Technical Assistance Agreement.

Frequency: Not More Than 12 Per Week.

Form Numbers: DS-4028 and DS-4029.

Respondents: Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 6,240 hours.

(Total Estimated Burden based on maximum number of requests that may be received during 5-month pilot program.)

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 9, 2003. 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, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

to Robert W. Maggi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Trade Controls, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, SA-1, Room 12th Floor, H1200, Washington, DC 20522-0112 (202) 663-7000.

Dated: January 25, 2003.

Robert W. Maggi,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4276]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Himalayas: An Aesthetic Adventure"

AGENCY: 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), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Himalayas: An Aesthetic Adventure," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, from on or about April 5, 2003, to on or about July 27, 2003; Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Washington, DC, from on or about October 19, 2003, to on or about January 11, 2004, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, 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 the exhibit objects, contact Julianne Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6529). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: February 10, 2003.

Patricia S. Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4275]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Program Title: Central Asia School Connectivity Program: Uzbekistan and Tajikistan

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Youth Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the School Connectivity Program for Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may submit proposals to expand the educational opportunities available in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan by providing access to the Internet and related training to help promote civic education and education reform. Applicants may submit proposals to implement the program in both or one of the countries. The anticipated amount of funding available is as follows: Uzbekistan—\$1,425,000; Tajikistan—\$572,000.

Program Information

Overview

The Central Asia School Connectivity Program for Uzbekistan and Tajikistan is designed to introduce youth to a broad range of ideas about civil society while enhancing the use of Internet technology. Through this program, secondary schools in each country will be able to incorporate civics and related resource materials into their curricula and improve general education under the guidance of specially trained teachers. The goals of the program are:

1. To provide access to information via the Internet;
2. To provide youth in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan with the opportunity to learn democratic values through virtual and person-to-person exchanges with U.S. schools;
3. To provide training and resources to improve the teaching of civic education and related fields;
4. To generate personal and institutional ties across borders among students, educators and their schools.
5. To identify sustainability strategies that will allow for program continuation when funding is no longer available.

The main components of this program for which grant funding is provided are:

- Recruiting and selecting secondary schools in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and in the U.S. in a competitive, transparent process;
- Establishing computer centers, including hardware, software, Internet access, and renovations;
- Providing training for teacher-trainers who will, in turn, train teachers and students in selected schools and, later, other community members;
- Facilitating joint civics-based telecurriculum projects with U.S. schools, and possibly schools from other countries;
- Developing civic-based educational resources that utilize the Internet and coordinate the use of curricula from other related programs;
- Providing regional seminars and cross-border exchanges for participating youth to advance computer usage and increase awareness of a civil society;
- Developing school-community partnerships and other locally based initiatives to help sustain computer centers and support curriculum innovation.
- Conducting a three-week program in the U.S. for teachers to enhance computer and training skills, develop mentoring techniques and gain exposure of school-community partnerships at a grassroots level.

Guidelines

The number of grants to be awarded under this competition will be based upon the quality and responsiveness of proposals to the review criteria presented later in this Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP). For purposes of simplicity, these Guidelines refer to "grant" and "grant recipient." Sub-grant and consortium arrangements are possibilities. The grant(s) should begin on or about June 2003, subject to availability of funds. The grant period should be two years.

The grant recipient will be responsible for:

- (1) Selecting schools for the installation of a computer center, the provision of training, and the implementation of a civic education program that emphasizes use of the Internet. Selected schools will be partnered, either one-to-one or in small groups, with U.S. schools so that students and faculty may work on joint projects with American peers over the Internet in order to practice their newly-developed knowledge of using this tool for educational purposes.
- (2) Equipping each of the selected schools with 6-8 computers, printers, and other items necessary to afford them