

the program office, as well as the State Department Geographic Area Office and Public Diplomacy section at the U.S. Embassy overseas, where appropriate. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of Bureau officers for advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the Bureau's 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 the Bureau's mission. Proposals should display an understanding of the goals of the program, as reflected in the priorities of this RFGP. Exchange activities should ensure efficient use of program resources. Proposals should demonstrate a commitment to excellence and creativity in the implementation and management of the program.

2. *Program planning:* A detailed agenda and relevant work plan should explain how objectives will be achieved and should include a timetable for completion of major tasks. Responsibilities of partnering organizations should be clearly described.

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 goals and plan. The substance of workshops, online projects and exchange activities should be described in detail and included as an attachment.

4. *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 schools and participants, program venue and program evaluation) and program content. Applicants should refer to the Bureau's Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines in the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI).

5. *Institutional Capacity/Record/Ability:* Applicants should demonstrate knowledge of each country's educational environment and the capacity to recruit U.S. schools.

Proposals should present significant experience in developing school-based Internet programs and exhibit an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements as determined by the Bureau's Grants Division. Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program goals and objectives.

6. *Multiplier Effect/Impact:* The program should strengthen long-term mutual understanding and facilitate curriculum reform. Applicants should detail how schools will share newly-acquired knowledge and skills with others.

7. *Program Monitoring and Evaluation:* Proposals must include a plan and methodology to evaluate the program's successes and challenges, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. The evaluation plan should show a clear link between program objectives and expected outcomes, and should include a description of performance indicators and measurement tools. Applicants should provide draft questionnaires or other techniques for use in surveying schools/participants to facilitate the demonstration of results. The grantee organization will indicate its willingness to submit periodic progress reports in accordance with the program office's expectations.

8. *Follow-on and Sustainability:* Proposals should provide a strategy for the continuation of the schools' capacity to implement Internet access and online linkages without the Bureau's financial support. The proposal should address continued integrated use of computers and the Internet in participating schools.

9. *Cost-effectiveness/Cost sharing:* The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. While lower "per school" figures will be more competitive, the Bureau expects all figures to be realistic. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

#### **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 authorities for this program are provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

#### *Notice*

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP 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 RFGP 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: March 28, 2004.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **Bureau of Nonproliferation**

[Public Notice 4677]

### **Lifting of Nonproliferation Measures Against Four Russian Entities**

**SUMMARY:** A determination has been made, pursuant to Section 6 of Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended by Executive Order 13094 of July 28, 1998, to remove nonproliferation measures on four Russian entities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of

Nonproliferation, Department of State (202–647–1142).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authorities vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (“IEEPA”), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and Section 6 of Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended, a determination was made on March 23, 2004, that it is in the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States to remove the restrictions imposed pursuant to Sections 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d) of the Executive Order on the following Russian entities, their sub-units and successors:

1. Europolace 2000
2. Grafit (aka State Scientific Research Institute of Graphite or NIIGRAFIT)
3. MOSO Company
4. The Scientific Research and Design Institute of Power Technology (aka NIKIET, Research and Development Institute of Power Engineering (RDPE), and ENTEK).

These restrictions were imposed on the first three entities on July 30, 1998 (*see* 63 FR 42089) and on the fourth entity on January 8, 1999 (*see* 64 FR 2935).

Dated: March 24, 2004.

**John S. Wolf,**

*Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Bureau of Nonproliferation

[Public Notice 4675]

#### Lifting of Nonproliferation Statutory and Discretionary Measures Against Two Russian Entities, TZNII Central Scientific Research Institute of Precision Machine Building (aka Tzniitochmash) and Volsk Mechanical Plant

**SUMMARY:** A determination has been made, pursuant to section 620H of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, section 543 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations, Division D, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108–99), and similar provisions in previous annual Foreign Operations, Export

Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations acts, and Executive Order 12163, as amended, to waive the statutory assistance ban on two Russian entities. The United States Government also has determined to remove discretionary nonproliferation measures on the same two Russian entities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Parson, Office of Export Controls and Conventional Arms Nonproliferation Policy, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State, (202–647–0397).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 620H of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, section 543 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations, Division D, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108–99), and similar provisions in previous annual Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations acts, and Executive Order 12163, as amended, a determination was made on March 23, 2004, that furnishing assistance restricted by any of the foregoing provisions of law to TZNII Central Scientific Research Institute of Precision Machine-Building (aka Tzniitochmash) and Volsk Mechanical Plant is important to the national interests of the United States. On the same date, a determination was made pursuant to the authorities of the Foreign Assistance Act and the Arms Export Control Act that it is no longer the policy of the United States Government to deny all types of United States Government assistance to these two entities or to deny licenses and other approvals of defense articles and services for export to these two entities.

These restrictions were imposed on the entities on April 29, 1999 (*see* 64 FR 23148), and June 9, 1999 (*see* 64 FR 31029).

Dated: March 26, 2004.

**John S. Wolf,**

*Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2004–17195]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemption from the vision standard; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the FMCSA’s receipt of applications from 29 individuals for an exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. If granted, the exemptions will enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the vision standard prescribed in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by any of the following methods. Please identify your comments by the DOT DMS Docket Number FMCSA–2003–17195.

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, *see* the Public Participation heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under Regulatory Notices.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366–2987, FMCSA, Department of