

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 6004]****30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data, OMB Control Number 1405-0102**

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data.
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0102.
- Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- Originating Office: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, PRM/A.
- Form Number: N/A.
- Respondents: Refugee applicants for the U.S. Resettlement Program.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000.
- Estimated Number of Responses: 70,000.
- Average Hours Per Response: One-half hour.
- Total Estimated Burden: 35,000 hours.
- Frequency: Once per respondent.
- Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from December 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- E-mail: kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.
- Fax: 202-395-6974

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Jessica Firestein, PRM/Admissions, 2401 E Street, NW., Suite L505, SA-1 Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at 202-663-1045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Refugee Biographic Data Sheet describes a refugee applicant's personal characteristics and is needed to match the refugee with a sponsoring voluntary agency to ensure initial reception and placement in the U.S. under the United States Refugee Program administered by the Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Methodology

Biographic information is collected in a face-to-face interview of the applicant overseas. An employee of an Overseas Processing Entity, under contract with PRM, collects the information and enters it into the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System.

Dated: November 26, 2007.

Terry Rusch,

Director, Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: PN-6003]****60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-3035, J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application, OMB Control Number 1405-0135**

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application.
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0135.

- Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
 - Originating Office: Bureau Of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).
 - Form Number: DS-3035.
 - Respondents: J Visa holders applying for a waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement.
 - Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.
 - Estimated Number of Responses: 10,000.
 - Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.
 - Total Estimated Burden: 10,000 hours.
 - Frequency: On occasion.
 - Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
- DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from December 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: VisaRegs@state.gov (Subject line must read DS-3035 Reauthorization).
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-3035 J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington DC 20520-30106.
- Fax: (202) 663-3898.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection:

Form DS-3035 is used to determine the eligibility of a J Visa holder for a waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement.

Methodology:

Form DS-3035 will be mailed to the Waiver Review Division of the State Department.

Dated: November 7, 2007.

Stephen A. Edson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6008]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Dragon's Gift: The Sacred Arts of Bhutan"

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, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "The Dragon's Gift: The Sacred Arts of Bhutan," 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 or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii, from on or about February 24, 2008, until on or about May 23, 2008, the Rubin Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about September 18, 2008, until on or about January 5, 2009, the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco, California, from on or about February 1, 2009, until on or about May 31, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or 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 Paul W.

Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8052). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: November 29, 2007.

C. Miller Crouch,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6001]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Youth Leadership and Teacher Professional Development Program with Bosnia and Herzegovina

Announcement Type: New Grant.
Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/PE/C/PY-08-32.

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number: 00.000.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2008.

Executive Summary: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Youth Leadership and Teacher Professional Development Program with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a three-to four-week program in the United States focusing on leadership and civic education. The 21 participants will be secondary school students and teachers from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

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 legislation.

Purpose: The Youth Leadership Program for Bosnia and Herzegovina has been implemented annually since 1999 by a partnership of the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) in the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo and the U.S. grantee organization. The goals of the program are (1) to provide a civic education program that helps the participants understand civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; (2) to develop leadership skills among secondary school students and teachers appropriate to their needs; and (3) to build personal relationships among high school students and teachers from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States. A successful project will be one that nurtures a cadre of students and teachers to be actively engaged in addressing issues of concern in their schools and communities upon their return home and are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to become citizen activists.

Participants will be engaged in a variety of activities such as workshops, community and/or school-based programs, seminars, and other activities that are designed to achieve the program's stated goals. Multiple opportunities for participants to interact with American youth and educators must be included.

The applicant should present a program plan that allows the participants to thoroughly explore civic education in the United States in a creative, memorable, and practical way. Activities should be designed to be replicable and provide practical knowledge and skills that the participants can apply to school and civic activities at home.

Applicants should outline their project team's capacity for doing projects of this nature, focusing on three areas of competency: (1) Provision of leadership and civic education programming, (2) age-appropriate programming for youth, and (3) work with individuals from Bosnia-Herzegovina or other areas of Southeast Europe. Applicants need not have a partner in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) of the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo will recruit and select the participants from selected cities in the Federation and in Republika Srpska and will provide a pre-departure orientation.

The U.S. project activities should take place in spring 2009. Applicants should propose the period of the exchange, but the exact timing of the project may be altered through the mutual agreement of the Department of State and the grant recipient. The program should be no less than three weeks and up to four