

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 292,800 hours.
OMB Number: 1545-0619.
Form Number: IRS Form 6765.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Credit for Increasing Research Activities.

Description: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 31 allows a credit against income tax (determined under IRC section 41) for an increase in research activities in a trade or business. Form 6765 is used by businesses and individuals engaged in a trade or business to figure and report the credit. The data is used to verify that the credit claimed is correct.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 13,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping: 15 hr., 19 min.

Learning about the law or the form: 1 hr., 29 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS: 1 hr., 49 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 241,930 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0745.

Regulation Project Number: LR-27-83 Temporary and LR-54-85 Temporary.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Floor Stocks Credits or Refunds and Consumer Credits or Refunds With Respect to Certain Tax-Repealed Articles; Excise Tax on Heavy Trucks (LR-27-83); and Excise Tax on Heavy Trucks, Truck Trailers and Semitrailers, and Tractors; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (LR-54-85).

Description: LR-27-83 requires sellers of trucks, trailers and semitrailers, and tractors to maintain records of gross vehicle weights or articles.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 4,100.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Recordkeeper: 1 hour, 1 minute.

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 4,140 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0805.

Form Number: IRS Form 5472.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Information Return of a 25% Foreign-Owned U.S. Corporation or a Foreign Corporation Engaged in a U.S. Trade or Business

Description: Form 5472 is used to report information about transactions between a U.S. corporation that is 25% foreign owned or a foreign corporation

that is engaged in a U.S. trade or business and related foreign parties. The IRS uses Form 5472 to determine if inventory or other costs deducted by the U.S. or foreign corporation are correct.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 75,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping: 17 hr., 13 min.

Learning about the law or the form: 1 hr., 47 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS: 2 hr., 9 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 1,587,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1260.

Regulation Project Number: CO-62-89 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Final Regulations Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Limitations on Corporate Net Operating Loss Carryforwards.

Description: The reporting requirement concerns the election a taxpayer may make to treat as the change date of the effective date of a plan of reorganization in a title 11 or similar case rather than the confirmation date of a plan.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Other (once).

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 1 hour.

OMB Number: 1545-1312.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-15-91 NPRM.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Taxation of Gain or Loss from Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions (Section 988 Transactions).

Description: Certain taxpayers are allowed to elect a mark to market method of accounting for foreign currency gains and losses and to integrate certain foreign currency denominated dividend, rent and royalty payments with hedges thereof.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit, Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1,500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent/Recordkeeper: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 1,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1344.

Regulation Project Number: CO-30-92 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Consolidated Returns—Stock Basis and Excess Loss Accounts, Earnings and Profits, Absorption of Deductions and Losses, Joining and Leaving Consolidated Groups, Worthless Stock Loss, Nonapplicability of Section 357 (c).

Description: The reporting requirements affect consolidated taxpayers who will be making elections (if made) to treat certain loss carryovers as expiring and an election (if made) allocating items between returns. The information will facilitate enforcement of consolidated return regulations.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 52,049.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 22 minutes

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 18,600 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

East Timor Education Exchange Program

ACTION: Notice; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop proposals for an East Timor Education Exchange Program.

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."

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

Announcement Title and Number: All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the *East Timor Education Exchange Program* and reference number *E/P-97-34*.

Deadline for Proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on *Friday, June 6, 1997*. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked *June 6, 1997* but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Grants should begin July 1, 1997 with initial program activity taking place before September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, E/PL, Room 219, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547. Telephone number: 202/619-5326, Fax number: 202/619-4350, E-mail: Skoenig@USIA.Gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please direct inquiries and correspondence to USIA Program Officer Steve Koenig.

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

To Receive a Solicitation by FAX on Demand: The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System", which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. Please request a "Catalogue" of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system. Please specify USIA Program Officer/Specialist Steve Koenig on all inquiries and correspondences. Interested applicants should read the

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

Submissions: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 12 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: *E/P-97-34*, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

Applicants must also submit the "Executive Summary" and "Proposal Narrative" sections of the proposal on a 3.5" diskette, formatted for DOS. This material must be provided in ASCII text (DOS) format with a maximum line length of 65 characters. USIA will transmit these files electronically to USIS posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get posts' comments for the Agency's grants review process.

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", USIA "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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Among East Timor's primary obstacles to increased contact with the outside world and greater development are limited educational opportunity,

especially at the university level; minimal information resources; and lack of English-language fluency. The East Timor Education Exchange Program is intended to bridge that gap by increasing the flow of information about the United States to institutions in East Timor, and by providing the resources needed to enhance the capacity of those institutions to meet the educational needs of East Timorese.

Guidelines

Projects designed to address these problems could include: training in administration of—or curriculum development for—educational institutions in East Timor; exchanges of professionals to explore issues in newspaper and radio management, public administration and Non-Governmental Organization management; enhancement of English-language teaching efforts; U.S. study tours for leaders of East Timorese institutions; programs to provide communications equipment, teaching materials and follow-on training to libraries, media outlets, or other public institutions in East Timor; or cooperative linkages with local publishers to translate books about the U.S.

Other program activities that effectively address the thematic goals of this assistance award will also be accepted. In the design and development of this project, you should work closely with the U.S. Information Service in Jakarta, Indonesia. Programs must comply with J-1 visa regulations. The funding request submitted to USIA should not exceed \$150,000. Grants awarded to eligible organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000.

Applicants must submit a comprehensive budget for the entire program. There must be a summary budget as well as a break-down reflecting both the administrative budget and the program budget. For better understanding or further clarification, applicants may provide separate sub-budgets for each program component, phase, location, or activity in order to facilitate USIA decisions on funding.

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

Review Process

USIA 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. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of USIA officers for advisory review. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the program office, as well as the USIA Office of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and the USIA post overseas, where appropriate. Proposals may be reviewed by the Office of the General Counsel or by other Agency elements. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the USIA Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the USIA 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 Agency mission.

2. *Program planning/ability to achieve program objectives:* Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan.

3. *Multiplier effect/impact:* Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

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 participants, program venue and program evaluation) and program content (orientation and wrap-up sessions, program meetings, resource materials and follow-up activities).

5. *Institutional capacity/record:* Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goals. Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Agency grants as determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The Agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

6. *Follow-on activities:* Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without USIA support) which ensures that USIA supported programs are not isolated events.

7. *Project evaluation:* Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the activity's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. A draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives is recommended. Successful applicants will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly, whichever is less frequent.

8. *Cost-effectiveness/Cost-sharing:* The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should maximize cost-sharing.

9. *Value to U.S.-partner country relations:* Proposed projects should receive positive assessments by USIA's geographic area desk and overseas officers of program need, potential impact, and significance in the partner country.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by the Agency 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 Agency 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 USIA procedures.

Dated: April 21, 1997.

Dell Pendergrast,

Deputy Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group; Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a meeting of the Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group will be held May 12 and 13, 1997. This subcommittee is established to review and recommend changes in Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) role and priorities in education and training, specifically with reference to the use of associated health professionals in the delivery of healthcare. Associated health disciplines are defined as all healthcare providers other than physicians. The meeting on both days will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 830, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene on May 12 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on May 13 from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m.

On May 12, the subcommittee will review sections one through four of the draft report (Introduction, the Under Secretary for Health's Vision, Rationale for Education Programs for Associated Health Professions, and Assumptions Underlying the Committee Recommendations) and review information from professional/accrediting organizations' questionnaire. During break-out groups, the subcommittee will develop strategies to resolve the differences between emerging themes of the subcommittee and responses from the professional/accrediting organizations.

On May 13, there will be a presentation and then group discussion about patient-focused care and associated health education as they are delivered at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan. During afternoon break-out groups, preliminary report recommendations will be developed and reported back to the subcommittee.

The meetings will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Linda Johnson, Ph.D., R.N., Acting Director, Associated Health Professions Office (143), at 202.273.8372.

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By direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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