

Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction.

Description: The information requested in regulation section 20.2056(b)-7(d)(3)(ii) is necessary to provide a method for estates of decedents whose estate tax returns were due on or before February 18, 1997, to obtain an extension of time to make the qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) election under section 2056(b)(7)(B)(v).

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Other (Once).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1 hour.

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.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Commission to Study Capital Budgeting

AGENCY: Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the next meeting on Friday, November 13, 1998, of the Commission to Study Capital Budgeting includes the review and discussion of the second draft of its final report. The final report on capital budgeting is due on December 13, 1998. Meetings are open to the public. Limited seating capacity is available.

Date, Time and Place of the Next Commission Meeting

November 13, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
 White House Conference Center,
 Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place,
 NW, Washington, DC 20503.

The Commission is seeking all views on capital budgeting. Interested parties may submit their views to: Dick Emery, Executive Director, President's Commission to Study Capital Budgeting, Old Executive Office Building (Room 258), Washington, DC 20503, Voice: (202) 395-4630, Fax: (202) 395-6170, E-

Mail: capital__budget@omb.eop.gov,
 Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/PCSCB/>

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Educational Advising Program for Students and Scholars From the Middle East and North Africa

ACTION: Notice—Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to offer overseas educational advising, orientation and information services for international students and scholars in the Middle East and North Africa concerning opportunities in U.S. higher education. Awards will be made to support local educational information services in Egypt; Gaza; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Morocco; Syria; Tunisia; Yemen; and West Bank/Jerusalem; and Washington headquarters resource and training support to educational advisers and/or field office directors. These centers will facilitate international educational exchange through overseas educational advising, orientation, and information services for foreign students and scholars seeking information on opportunities in U.S. higher education. This program supports international educational exchange between countries of these regions and the U.S. through direct, field-based services. The assistance award will also include the provision of regional educational advising coordination, support, and training services, to be based in an appropriate location within the region.

The program awards up to \$495,000 for a one-year period. Grants awarded to organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000. Grants are subject to

the availability of funds for Fiscal Year 1999.

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 cited above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

Projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. The POGI, a document describing Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation, is included in the Solicitation Package. The POGI provides specific details on the scope of work and budgeting requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the Educational Advising Program for Students and Scholars from the Middle East and North Africa and reference number E/ASA-99-10.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, November 20, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on November 20, 1998, but received on a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure compliance with the deadline.

Approximate program dates: Program should begin on or about January 1, 1999.

Duration: January 1, 1999–December 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Academic Programs; Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division; Advising and Student Services Branch (E/ASA), Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, phone: (202) 619-5434, fax: (202) 401-1433. Send a message via Internet to: advise@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package includes more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific

criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

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 Package Via 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 "Catalog" of available documents and order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify "Advising and Student Services Branch" on all inquiries and correspondence. Prospective applicants should read the complete Federal Register announcement before addressing inquiries to the Advising and Student Services staff or submitting their 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 10 copies of the complete application, including the documents specified under Tabs A through I in the "Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation" (POGI) section of the Solicitation Package, should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref: E/ASA-99-10, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th St., 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 U.S. Information Service (USIS) posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time needed to make the comments of overseas posts available in the Agency's grant review process.

Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines

Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, projects 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 account for advancement of this goal, in their program contents, to the full extent deemed feasible.

Year 2000 Compliance Requirements (Y2K Requirement)

The Year 2000 (Y2K) issue is a broad operational and accounting problem that could potentially prohibit organizations from processing information in accordance with Federal management and program specific requirements including data exchange with USIA. The inability to process information in accordance with Federal requirements could result in grantees' being required to return funds that have not been accounted for properly.

USIA therefore requires all organizations use Y2K compliant systems including hardware, software, and firmware. Systems must accurately process data and dates (calculating, comparing and sequencing) both before and after the beginning of the year 2000 and correctly adjust for leap years.

Additional information addressing the Y2K issue may be found at the General Services Administration's Office of Information Technology website at <http://www.itpolicy.gsa.gov>.

Eligibility

A proposal will be deemed technically eligible if it:

- (1) Fully adheres to the guidelines established herein and in the Solicitation Package;
- (2) Is received by the deadline;
- (3) Requests an assistance amount not in excess of \$495,000.

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. All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about December 14, 1998. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Dated: October 16, 1998.

Judith Siegel,

Deputy Associate Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Internet Access and Training Program in the New Independent States for Alumni of USIA Academic and Professional Exchanges; Request for Proposals

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Division, European Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for assistance awards. Public and private non-profit organizations with at least four years experience in conducting international exchange and training programs, and demonstrated experience administering non-commercial Internet projects in the New Independent States, and meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501 © may apply to develop and administer the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP) in one or more of the following four categories: (1) Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; (2) Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova; (3) Russian Federation; (4) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan.

The goal of the Internet Access and Training Program (IATP) is to provide