

taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by Manchester Airport. The specific maps under consideration are Figure 4-4, Existing (1998) DNL Contours, and Figure 4-8, Forecast (2003) DNL Contours, each of which is published in "Noise Study for Manchester Airport", dated May, 1999. FAA has determined that these maps for Manchester Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on September 17, 1999. FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region, Airports Division,

16 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803. Manchester Airport, One Airport Road, Suite 300, Manchester, New Hampshire 03103-3395.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, September 17, 1999.

Vincent A. Scarano,

Manager, Airports Division, New England Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the information collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Described below is the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the subject collection was published on June 28, 1999, (64 FR 34696). No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Ladd, Financial Analyst, Office of Ship Financing, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8122, Washington, DC 20590, telephone number—202-366-5744. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Maritime Administration (MARAD)

Title of Collection: "Application for Construction Reserve Fund and Annual Statements."

OMB Control Number: 2133-0032.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Citizens who own or operate vessels in the U.S., foreign, or domestic commerce.

Form(s): N/A.

Abstract: In accordance with Section 511 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, all citizens who own or operate vessels in the U.S. foreign or domestic commerce and desire "tax" benefits under the Construction Reserve Fund (CRF) program, are required to submit to MARAD an application for benefits. The annual statement provided to MARAD officials sets forth a detailed analysis of the status of the CRF when each income tax return is filed. Checks for withdrawals from the CRF must be sent to MARAD for countersignature. The application is required in order for MARAD to determine whether the applicant is qualified for the benefits, and the annual statements are required in order for MARAD to assure that the requirements of the program are being satisfied.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 153.

Addresses: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With An International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the

meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Bahrain
Iraq
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen, Republic of

Dated: September 24, 1999.

Philip West,

International Tax Counsel, (Tax Policy).

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

NIS Educational Advising Centers; Notice; Request for Proposals

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs/Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency announces an open competition to operate educational advising centers in the NIS, including: Erevan, Armenia; Baku, Azerbaijan; Minsk, Belarus; Tbilisi, Georgia; Almaty, Kazakhstan; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Chisinau, Moldova; Moscow, Novosibirsk, St. Petersburg, and Vladivostok, Russia; Dushanbe, Tajikistan; Ashgabat, Turkmenistan; Kyiv, Ukraine; and Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501C may submit proposals for administering advising centers in the NIS. The educational advising centers would be part of USIA's worldwide network of over 450 affiliated centers. These centers provide comprehensive and unbiased information to interested students, scholars, and other individuals about study opportunities in the U.S.

For applicants' information, on October 1, 1999, the Bureau will become part of the United States Department of State without affecting the content of this announcement or the nature of the program described. At that time, the Advising, Teaching, and Specialized

Programs Division will be renamed the Office of Global Educational Programs.

Program Information

Overview

The advising centers in the NIS should provide access to comprehensive and unbiased information about study opportunities in the U.S. Services provided by the centers must include group and/or individual advising informational sessions. The advising centers should provide accurate information and advising on the following topics: all U.S. colleges, universities, and other higher education institutions; accreditation; the application process to a U.S. university; majors and fields of study; testing requirements; life in the U.S.; scholarship programs and financial aid; and pre-departure orientation. Advising centers should also provide information on grant opportunities sponsored by the USG and other institutions and organizations. Advisers will be eligible for training opportunities sponsored by the Bureau, which will also provide a limited selection of reference books and materials to the center.

Guidelines

The period of this grant is January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Programs must comply with J-1 visa regulations. Please refer to Solicitation Package for further information.

Budget Guidelines

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 each advising center in their proposal. Applicants may submit a proposal for one, several, or all of the advising centers listed. Awards may not exceed the following amounts for each educational advising center:

Erevan, Armenia—\$21,000
Baku, Azerbaijan—\$12,000
Minsk, Belarus—\$15,000
Tbilisi, Georgia—\$11,000
Almaty, Kazakhstan—\$12,000
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan—\$12,000
Chisinau, Moldova—\$6,000
Moscow, Russia—\$169,000
Novosibirsk, Russia—\$17,000
St. Petersburg, Russia—\$21,000
Vladivostok, Russia—\$18,000
Dushanbe, Tajikistan—\$7,000
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan—\$8,000

Kyiv, Ukraine—\$33,000
Tashkent, Uzbekistan—\$18,000.

All administrative and indirect costs must be included in the maximum award amount for each center. There must be a summary budget as well as breakdowns reflecting both administrative and program budgets.

Allowable costs for the program include the following:

- (1) Salaries and benefits.
- (2) Office supplies and expenses, including rent, communications, postage and shipping.
- (3) Outreach and publicity costs.
- (4) Indirect costs.

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

Announcement Title and Number: All correspondence with USIA concerning this RFP should reference the above title and number *E/ASA-00-07*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Education Information and Services Branch—ECA/ASA, (formerly known as the Advising and Student Services Branch—E/ASA), Room 349, U.S. Department of State, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, phone: (202) 619-4731, email:

ssheehan@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package contains detailed award criteria, required application forms, specific budget instructions, and standard guidelines for proposal preparation. Please specify Bureau Program Officer Sharen Sheehan on all other inquiries and correspondence.

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

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

Deadline for Proposals: All proposal copies must be received at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on *Monday, November 8, 1999*. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked the due date but received on a later date will not be accepted. Each applicant must ensure that the proposals are received by the above deadline.

Applicants must follow all instructions in the Solicitation Package. The original and 6 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S.