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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice Number 3265]

International Telecommunication Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

The Department of State announces that it has renewed the charter of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC), a committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. The purpose of the ITAC is to advise the Department of State and provide strategic planning recommendations on telecommunications and information policy matters related to United States participation in the work of international telecommunication treaty organizations. The ITAC is composed of three Sectors—Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Development, and Telecommunication Standardization.

Members of the general public may attend ITAC meetings. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend any of the ITAC meetings should notify the Department by fax at (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admission: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter from the C Street Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Actual room assignments may be determined at the lobby or by calling the Secretariat at 202 647-0965/2592.

Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of members will be limited to seating available.

Dated: April 12, 2000.

Julian Minard,

Executive Secretary, Multilateral Trade Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3291]

Revocation of December 21, 1999 Determination under Section 2(b)(1)(B) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as Amended

Pursuant to section 2(b)(1)(B) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, and Executive Order 12166 of October 19, 1979, the determination dated December 21, 1999, with respect to Export-Import Bank financing in connection with cases APO70202XX and APO67280XX is hereby revoked.

This determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Madeleine K. Albright,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Anti-Crime Training and Technical Assistance Program (ACTTA)

[Public Notice 3292]

AGENCY: Office of Europe, NIS, and Training; Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) developed the Anti-Crime Training and Technical Assistance program (ACTTA) in 1994 to bring U.S. Federal law enforcement agencies together to provide training and technical assistance in consultation with their counterparts throughout the world. Training continues to focus on combating transnational organized crime, financial crimes, and narcotics trafficking. The goal of the program is to increase the professionalism and develop the technical capabilities of foreign law enforcement institutions to combat organized crime and to ensure that through international law enforcement cooperation, U.S. agencies and their foreign counterparts succeed in intercepting the movement of transnational organized criminal elements in the United States.

The ACTTA program continues to include the participation of non-Federal agencies (e.g., universities, non-profit organizations) in the design and implementation of scientific evaluations of these programs. This non-Federal

component of the ACTTA program has a timeframe of 2000-2002.

DATES: Strict deadlines for submission to the FY 2000 process are: A full proposal must be received at INL no later than Wednesday, May 31. A letter of intent will not be required. We anticipate that review of full proposals will occur during June 2000 and funding should begin during September 2000 for most approved projects.

September 1, 2000 should be used as the proposed start date on the proposal, unless otherwise directed by a program manager. Applicants should be notified of their status within 3 months of submission deadline. The proposal must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines below. Failure to heed these guidelines may result in the proposal being returned without review.

ADDRESSES: The proposal may be submitted to: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Navy Hill South, 2430 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, Attn: Linda Gower.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Gower at above address, TEL: 202-776-8774, FAX: 202-776-8775, or Thom Browne at above address, TEL: 202-736-4662, FAX: 202-647-6962.

Once the RFA deadline has passed, DOS staff may not discuss competition in any way with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Funding Availability

This Program Announcement is for one project to be conducted by agencies/programs outside the Federal government, over a period of up to two years. The actual funding level will depend upon availability of funds. Current plans are for up to a total of \$800,000 to be available for one new ACTTA award. The funding instrument for this award will be a grant or a cooperative agreement. Funding for non-U.S. institutions and contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to INL are not available under this announcement. Matching share, though encouraged, is not required by this program. No proposal should exceed a total cost of \$800,000.

Program Authority

Authority: Section 635(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Program Objectives

The goal of the ACTTA program is to increase the technical capabilities of foreign country law enforcement institutions to control organized crime,

combat corruption, institute democratic practices, and to ensure that through international law enforcement cooperation, U.S. agencies succeed in intercepting the movement of transnational organized criminal elements into the U.S. and throughout the world.

The program objectives of the ACTTA program are: (1) Combat the growing threat to U.S. national security posed by the broad range of organized crime activities, (2) help emerging democracies strengthen their national and law enforcement institutions to counter illegal criminal activities, (3) help emerging democracies develop laws and prosecutorial frameworks to counter organized crime activities, and (4) provide foreign law enforcement institutions with the skills to detect, arrest, and prosecute major transnational criminal offenders.

Program Priorities

The FY 2000 ACTTA Program Announcement invites program evaluation design proposals for the following program priority:

(1) Program evaluation (process and impact) of USG-funded international law enforcement training academies.

For the purpose of this announcement, the International Law Enforcement Academy in Bangkok, Thailand will be the focus of the program evaluation. Applicants should propose technical designs (measurements and comparisons) to be used in evaluating the training academy and test those designs by collecting data on the program's performance. Applicants should identify and apply the appropriate evaluation methodologies and research designs, construct and field test/validate a survey instrument, compile written survey protocols, train interviewers as necessary, perform extensive survey related tasks and perform the appropriate survey follow up, analyze raw data for significance, and develop a final report of results and recommendations.

Any grant applicants who will be working with counterpart research institutions/universities to implement the proposed assessment or evaluation programs may sub-grant or sub-contract services to assist in fulfilling program objectives.

Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to non-Federal agencies and organizations. Proposers are urged to seek collaboration with counterpart research institutions/universities either in the U.S. or overseas. Experience of U.S. evaluators

related to conducting criminal justice evaluations in international settings is required. Universities and non-profit organizations are included among entities eligible for funding under this announcement. Direct funding for non-U.S. institutions is not available under this announcement.

Evaluation Criteria

Consideration for financial assistance will be given to those proposals which address the Program Priority identified above and meet the following evaluation criteria:

(1) Relevance (15%): Importance and relevance to the goal and objectives of the ACTTA program identified above.

(2) Methodology (25%): Adequacy of the proposed approach and activities, including development of relevant experimental evaluation designs, project milestones, and final products.

(3) Readiness (25%): Relevant history and experience in conducting program evaluations of training-related programs (primarily in an international setting), strength of proposed evaluation teams, past performance record of proposers.

(4) Linkages (20%): Connections to existing law enforcement agencies and/or counterpart research institutions/universities in the target country outlined in the Program Priority above.

(5) Costs (15%): Adequacy/efficiency of the proposed resources; appropriate share of total available resources.

Selection Procedures

All proposals will be evaluated and ranked in accordance with the assigned weights of the above evaluation criteria by independent peer panel review composed of INL and other Federal USG agency experts. The panel's recommendations and evaluations will be considered by the program manager in the final selection. Those ranked by the panel and program manager as not recommended for funding will not be given further consideration and will be notified of non-selection. For the proposals rated for possible funding, the program manager will: (a) Ascertain which proposals meet the objectives and fit the criteria posted; (b) select the proposal to be funded; (c) determine the total duration of funding for the proposal; and (d) determine the amount of funds available for the proposal.

Unsatisfactory performance by a recipient under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

Proposal Submission

The guidelines for proposal preparation provided below are mandatory. Failure to heed these

guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

(a) Full Proposals

(1) Proposals submitted to INL must include the original and three unbound copies of the proposal. (2) Program descriptions must be limited to 20 pages (numbered), not including budget, personal vitae, letters of support and all appendices, and should be limited to funding requests for one to two years duration. Federally mandated forms are not included within the page count. (3) Proposals should be sent to INL at the above address. (4) Facsimile transmissions of full proposals will not be accepted.

(b) Required Elements

(1) *Signed title page*: The title page should be signed by the Project Director (PD) and the institutional representative. The PD and institutional representative should be identified by full name, title, organization, telephone number and address. The total amount of Federal funds being requested should be listed for each budget period.

(2) *Abstract*: An abstract must be included and should contain an introduction of the problem, rationale and a brief summary of work to be completed. The abstract should appear as a separate page, headed with the proposal title, institution(s) name, investigator(s), total proposed cost and budget period.

(3) *Prior program evaluation experience*: A summary of prior evaluation experience (especially those related to training programs) should be described, including evaluations related to program priorities identified above and/or conducted in foreign countries. Reference to each prior program evaluation award should include the title, agency, award number, period of award and total award. The section should be a brief summary and should not exceed two pages total.

(4) *Statement of work*: The proposed project must be completely described, including identification of the problem, project objectives, proposed evaluation methodology, relevance to the goal and objectives of the ACTTA program, and the program priority listed above. Benefits of the proposed project to U.S. anti-crime efforts should be discussed. A year-by-year summary of proposed work must be included clearly indicating that each year's proposed work is severable and can easily be separated into annual increments of meaningful work. The statement of work, including figures and other visual materials, must not exceed 20 pages of length.

(5) *Budget*: Applicants must submit a Standard form 424 (4-92) "Application for Federal Assistance," including a detailed budget using the Standard Form 424a (4-92), "Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs." The proposal must include total and annual budgets corresponding with the descriptions provided in the statement of work.

Additional text to justify expenses should be included (i.e., salaries and benefits by each proposed staff person; direct costs such as travel (airfare, per diem, miscellaneous travel costs); equipment, supplies, contractual, and indirect costs). Indicate if indirect rates are DCAA or other Federal agency approved or proposed rates and provide a copy of the current rate agreement. In addition, furnish the same level of information regarding sub-grantee costs, if applicable, and submit a copy of your most recent A-110 audit report.

(6) *Vitae*: Abbreviated curriculum vitae are sought with each proposal. Vitae for each project staff person should not exceed three pages in length.

(c) Other Requirements

Primary Applicant Certification—All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying." Applicants are also hereby notified of the following:

1. **Non procurement Debarment and Suspension**—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension," and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

2. **Drug Free Workplace**—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Government wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

3. **Anti-Lobbying**—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants of more than \$100,000; and

4. **Anti-Lobbying Disclosures**—Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit SFLLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

Lower Tier Certifications

(1) Recipients must require applicants/bidders for sub-grants or lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to Department of State (DOS). SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to DOS in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(2) Recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal and Department of State policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(3) **Pre-award Activities**—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation to the applicant on the part of Department of State to cover pre-award-costs.

(4) This program is subject to the requirements of OMB Circular No. A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions," and 15 CFR Part 24, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," as applicable. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(5) All non-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associate with the applicant have been convicted of, or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(6) A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(7) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(i) The delinquent account is paid in full,

(ii) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(iii) Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of State are made.

(8) **Buy American-Made Equipment or Products**—Applicants are reminded that any equipment or products authorized to be purchased with funding provided under this program must be American-made to the maximum extent feasible.

(9) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

(d) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of State has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of State.

(e) In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving assistance from the INL IDR program.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number. The standard forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act under OMB approval number 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046.

Classification: This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

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