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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collections should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below:

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs—0960-NEW.* The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-173; MMA) establishes a new Medicare Part D

program for voluntary prescription drug coverage for premium, deductible and cost-sharing subsidies for certain low-income individuals. The MMA stipulates that subsidies must be available for individuals who are eligible for the program and who meet eligibility criteria for help with premium, deductible, and/or co-payment costs. Form SSA-1020, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, collects information about an applicant's resources and is used by SSA to determine eligibility for this assistance. The respondents are individuals who are eligible for enrollment in the new program and are requesting assistance with the related costs.

Note: Since publishing the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice (69 FR 45879), SSA has decided to conduct a pilot test of form SSA-1020 in March 2005. This test is intended to assist SSA in: (1) determining how eligible individuals will respond to its Part D Subsidy application outreach (scheduled to begin in June 2005) and (2) testing its systems processing of the SSA-1020 application. SSA will use the information to make actual subsidy eligibility determinations. The Agency will conduct the test with approximately 2,000 beneficiaries potentially eligible for Part D cost-sharing subsidies by providing them with copies of form SSA-1020.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 5,000,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 35 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,916,667 hours.

2. *Appeal of Determination for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs—0960-NEW.* The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173; MMA) establishes a new Medicare Part D program for voluntary prescription drug coverage for premium, deductible and cost-sharing subsidies for certain low-income individuals. The MMA stipulates that subsidies must be available for individuals who are eligible for the program and who meet eligibility criteria for help with premium, deductible, and/or co-payment costs. Form SSA-1021, the Appeal of Determination for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, was developed to obtain information from individuals who appeal SSA's decisions regarding eligibility or continuing eligibility for a Medicare Part D subsidy. The respondents are applicants who are appealing SSA's eligibility or continuing eligibility decisions.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 12,500 hours.

Dated: September 24, 2004.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4848]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Arts and Crafts Movement in Europe and America: Design for the Modern World, 1880-1920"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

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 Arts and Crafts Movement in Europe and America: Design for the Modern World, 1880-1920," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, from on or about December 19, 2004, to on or about March 27, 2005; Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE, from on or about June 17, 2005, to on or about September 11, 2005; Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH, from on or about October 21, 2005, to on or about January 15, 2006, and at possible additional 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 Julianne

Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6529). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4846]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Open Competition Seeking Professional Exchanges Programs in Africa, East Asia, Eurasia, Europe, the Near East/North Africa, South Asia and the Western Hemisphere

Announcement Type: New Grant.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/PE/C-05-01.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.415.

Key Dates: none.

Application Deadline: November 19, 2004.

Executive Summary: The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for grants that support exchanges and build relationships between U.S. non-profit organizations and civil society groups in Africa, East Asia, Eurasia, Europe, the Near East/North Africa, South Asia and the Western Hemisphere. U.S. public and non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals that support the goals of The Professional Exchanges Program: to promote mutual understanding and partnerships between key professional groups in the United States and counterpart groups in other countries through multi-phased exchange projects taking place over one-three years. To the fullest extent possible, programs should be two-way exchanges supporting roughly equal numbers of participants from the U.S. and foreign countries.

Proposed projects should be designed to foster dialogue and joint activities around one of four themes: (1) Religion, Community, Education and Political Process; (2) Governance, Accountability, and Transparency in Civil Society; (3) Conflict Prevention and Management; and (4) Respect for Cultural Identity and

Creative Products. Through these people-to-people exchanges, the Bureau seeks to break down stereotypes that divide peoples, promote good governance, contribute to conflict prevention and management, and build respect for cultural expression and identity in a world that is experiencing rapid globalization. Projects should be structured to allow American professionals and their international counterparts in target countries to develop a common dialogue for dealing with shared challenges and concerns. Projects should include current or potential leaders who will effect positive change in their communities. Exchange participants might include community leaders, elected and professional government officials, religious leaders, educators, and proponents of democratic ideals and institutions, including for example, the media and judiciary, or others who influence the way in which different communities approach these issues. The Bureau is especially interested in engaging socially and economically diverse groups that may not have had extensive contact with counterpart institutions in the United States. Priority will be given to proposals that engage these audiences in countries with significant Muslim populations, or that engage educators or groups that influence youth in innovative ways.

Proposals that target countries/regions or themes not listed below will be deemed technically ineligible. Applicants should not submit proposals that address more than one region designated in the RFGP, except as specifically indicated. Applicants may submit no more than two (2) proposals per program theme and four (4) proposals total for this competition. Organizations that submit proposals that exceed these limits will result in having all of their proposals declared technically ineligible, and none of the submissions will be reviewed by a State Department panel.

For the purposes of this competition, eligible regions are Africa, East Asia, Eurasia, Europe, the Near East/North Africa, South Asia, and the Western Hemisphere. No guarantee is made or implied that grants will be awarded in all themes and for all countries listed.

Please note that this competition includes two target regions (Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia) that were addressed in separate announcements in previous years. There will be no additional announcement for Central and Eastern Europe or Eurasia for FY-2005.

Requests for grant proposals on the creation, performance, or presentation

of artistic work will be announced in a separate competition. Proposals involving the production or interpretation of artistic work WILL NOT be accepted under this competition, and if received, will be declared technically ineligible.

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 Bureau seeks proposals that will address the following priority themes: (1) Religion, Community, Education and Political Process; (2) Governance, Accountability and Transparency in Civil Society; (3) Conflict Prevention and Management; and (4) Respect for Cultural Identity and Creative Products. The competition is based on the premise that people-to-people exchanges encourage and strengthen understanding of democratic values and nurture the social, political, and economic development of societies. Exchanges supported by institutional grants from the Bureau should operate at two levels: they should enhance partnerships between U.S. and foreign institutions, and they should establish a common dialogue to develop practical solutions for shared problems and concerns. The Bureau is particularly interested in projects that will create mutually beneficial and self-sustaining linkages between professional communities in the U.S. and their counterpart communities in other countries.

Applicants should identify the U.S. and foreign organizations and individuals with whom they are proposing to collaborate and describe previous cooperative activities, if any. Information about the mission,