

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Bureau of European Affairs****[Public Notice 3374]****Irish Peace Process, Cultural and Training Program Support****Introduction**

The United States Department of State announces an open competition for an assistance award. Nongovernmental organizations may apply to establish and manage a program that assists young people from disadvantaged areas of designated counties in Ireland and Northern Ireland that suffer from sectarian violence and high unemployment to enter and work in the United States. Program objectives include developing job skills and conflict resolution abilities in a diverse, cooperative, peaceful, and prosperous environment. Once these skills are achieved, program participants can return home better able to contribute toward economic regeneration and domestic tranquility. The program shall promote cross-community and cross-border understanding to build grassroots support for long-term peaceful coexistence. A cooperative agreement will be subject to the availability of funds.

Authority

Statutory authority for this cooperative agreement is contained in the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998, Public Law 105-319.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include all nongovernmental institutions, private organizations, and commercial entities.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$3 million remain for expenditure from appropriated funds. Additional funding may be appropriated for this program prior to the expiration of statutory authority in 2005.

Continuing awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Purpose

Primary objectives for this program are to develop employment skills, impart conflict resolution ability, provide social services support for program participants, source jobs in the USA in designated sectors, match program participants and employers for visa certification, and develop information technology support to promote program objectives, track

activity, and assist in identifying employment opportunities for their return home.

Evaluation Criteria

Technically eligible applicants will be competitively reviewed under 7 criteria. The criteria are: (1) Program planning and the ability to achieve objectives; (2) Institutional capacity; (3) Cost effectiveness and cost sharing; (4) Ability to objectively evaluate program achievements; (5) "Multiplier effect/impact"—strengthening of bilateral and multilateral peace and understanding; (6) Support of Diversity; and (7) Cultural sensitivity.

Other Requirements***Paperwork Reduction Act***

Projects that involve the collection of information from 10 or more individuals and funded by the cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Application Submission and Deadline

The original and ten (10) copies of the application (Standard Form 424) must be submitted to the U.S. Department of State, Mr. William Zehnder, A/LM/AQM/IP, State Annex #44, Room M-27, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC 20547 on or before 1 September 2000. Late applications may only be considered at the sole discretion of the U.S. Department of State grant award officer.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

A detailed program description and application package may be obtained from Mr. William C. Zehnder., U.S. Department of State, A/LM/AQM/IP, State Annex #44, Room M-27, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone (202) 619-4385. Please refer to the "Irish Peace Process" when requesting information or sending an application.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14) will hold an open meeting on August, 9, 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2000, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce Room B841, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Millie Sjoborg or Cory Churches, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-4792 or Emory Mayfield, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F St. NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISAC-14 will hold an open meeting on August 9, 2000, from 1:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The agenda topic will be development of ISAC 14 advice on the future of the Advisory Committee Process.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Tiered Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and To Conduct Environmental Scoping for Site Approval and the Proposed Acquisition of Land by the State of Illinois for a Supplemental Air Carrier Airport To Serve Northeast Illinois/Northwest Indiana Metropolitan Area**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice to hold a public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this