

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," the Bureau "shall take appropriate steps to provide opportunities for participation in such programs to human rights and democracy leaders of such countries." Public Law 106-113 requires that the governments of the countries described above do not have inappropriate influence in the selection process. Proposals should reflect advancement of these goals in their program contents, to the full extent deemed feasible.

Review Process

The Bureau will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the Solicitation Package. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by the program office, as well as the appropriate Public Diplomacy Section overseas. Eligible proposals will be subject to compliance with Federal and Bureau regulations and guidelines and forwarded to Bureau grant panels for advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements. Final funding decisions are at the discretion of the Department of State's Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards grants or cooperative agreements resides with the Bureau's Grants Officer.

Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation:

1. *Quality of the program idea:* Proposals should exhibit originality, substance, precision, and relevance to the Bureau's mission.
2. *Program planning:* Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above.
3. *Ability to achieve program objectives:* Objectives should be reasonable, feasible, and flexible.

Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program's objectives and plan.

4. *Multiplier effect/impact:* Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

5. *Support of Diversity:* Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity. Achievable and relevant features should be cited in both program administration (selection of participants, program venue, and program evaluation) and program content (orientation and wrap-up sessions, program meetings, resource materials, and follow-up activities).

6. *Institutional Capacity:* Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goals.

7. *Institution's Record/Ability:* Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Bureau grants as determined by Bureau Grant Staff. The Bureau will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

8. *Follow-on Activities:* Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without Bureau support) ensuring that Bureau supported programs are not isolated events.

9. *Project Evaluation:* Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the project's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. A draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology used to link outcomes to original project objectives is recommended. Successful applicants will be expected to submit intermediate reports after each project component is concluded or quarterly, whichever is less frequent.

10. *Cost-effectiveness:* The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals whose administrative costs are 20% or less of the total requested from ECA will be deemed more competitive.

11. *Cost-sharing:* Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

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.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau 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 Bureau procedures.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

Rick A. Ruth,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

(LMRWSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River and related waterways. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The next meeting of LMRWSAC will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. (noon). This meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the basement conference room of the Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Ricardo Alonso, Committee Administrator, telephone (504) 589-4222, Fax (504) 589-4241. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Remarks by CAPT S. Rochon, Executive Director.
- (3) Approval of the October 16, 2001 minutes.
- (4) Old Business:
 - (a) Captain of the Port status report.
 - (b) VTS update report.
 - (c) PORTS update report.
- (5) New Business.
- (6) Next meeting.
- (7) Adjournment.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Committee Administrator at the location indicated under **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

Roy J. Castro,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular: Advisory Circular (AC) 23.1419-2B, Certification of Part 23 Airplanes for Flight in Icing Conditions

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed revised advisory circular (AC); Request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on a proposed revised AC, which provides information and guidance concerning demonstrating compliance with the ice protection requirements in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 23.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed revised AC to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Pellicano, Aerospace Engineer, FAA; Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, 1895 Phoenix Blvd, Suite 450, Atlanta, GA 30349; telephone: (770) 703-6064; facsimile: (770) 703-6097; e-mail: paul.pellicano@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

You may obtain a copy of this proposed revised AC by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

We invite you to send comments on the proposed revised AC. You must identify AC 23.1419-2B in the subject and send comments to the (e-mail preferred) address specified above. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date for comments before issuing the final AC. We may change the proposed revised AC because of the comments received.

Background: This proposed revised AC sets forth an acceptable means, but not the only means, of demonstrating compliance with the ice protection requirements in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 23. The FAA will consider other methods of demonstrating compliance that an applicant may elect to present. This material is neither mandatory nor regulatory in nature and does not constitute a regulation. Accordingly, the FAA is proposing and requesting comments on proposed revised AC 23.1419-2B, which will provide more detailed and uniform guidance in

showing compliance with the existing regulation.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 29, 2002.

Michael K. Dahl,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT

ACTION: Notice of public meeting

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ATSRAC).

DATES: The FAA will hold the meeting on April 24 and 25, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first day and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second day.

ADDRESSES: Honeywell, 1944 E. Sky Harbor Circle, Phoenix, Arizona 85034.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Stroman, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-208, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470; fax (202) 267-5075; or e-mail shirley.stroman@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a meeting of the Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee, which will be held at Honeywell, 1944 E. Sky Harbor Circle, Phoenix, Arizona 85034.

The agenda topics for the meeting will include the following:

- Update on the Enhanced Airworthiness Programs for Airplane Systems (EAPAS) Plan
 - Status of FAA's Research and Development Program on Aging Systems
 - Review of the Intrusive Inspection Recommendations
 - Discussion of Draft Reports from the Wire System Certification Requirements and Standard Wire Practice Manual Harmonization Working Groups
 - Discussion of Draft Report and Advisory Circular 120-xx from the Enhanced Maintenance Criteria for Systems Harmonization Working Group
 - Status of the Enhanced Training Program for Wire Systems Harmonization Working Group's Tasks
- Meeting attendance is open to the public. However, space will be limited