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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Vicki Rose, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Room 734, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on 202-203-5096 or by e-mail at RoseVT@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: This Form collects information on nonimmigrants for the purpose of producing a document to enable a nonimmigrant to seek a visa to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program.

Methodology: The information is collected electronically and is maintained in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

Dated: February 24, 2005.

Cathy T. Chikes,

Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5011]

FY-2006 English Language Fellow Program; Bidders' Workshop

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs invites potential applicants to attend a bidders' workshop in conjunction with the Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP), #ECA/A/L-06-01 for the management of the FY-2006 English Language Fellow Program. This session is scheduled for Wednesday March 23 at the U.S.

Department of State Annex 44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 800A, Washington, DC 20547 from 2-4 p.m.

Interested parties must contact Catherine Williamson at (202) 619-5878, e-mail: williamsoncj@state.gov or Janice Curreri at (202) 619-5885, e-mail: currerijl@state.gov no later than Monday, March 21, 2005, to confirm attendance.

The workshop will provide an overview of the English Language Fellow Program, the responsibilities of the grantee organization selected to administer the FY-2006 program as outlined in the RFGP, and provide the opportunity for participants to ask questions about the program and the RFGP.

Participants are responsible for paying their own roundtrip transportation to Washington, DC and all other related costs.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

C. Miller Crouch,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5012]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: English Language Fellow Program for Academic Year 2006-2007

Announcement Type: Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/L-06-01.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.421.

Key Dates: Application Deadline: May 20, 2005.

Executive Summary: The Office of English Language Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for proposals to advance the Bureau's objectives through support of academic exchanges that will result in the improvement of English teaching capacity around the world and the enhancement of mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people overseas.

The English Language Fellow Program places American citizens holding advanced TEFL/TESL or Applied Linguistics degrees with teacher-training and/or materials development experience and recent graduates with TEFL/TESL Master's degrees in all regions of the world at universities,

teacher-training institutions, ministries of education, bi-national centers and other related language education institutions for ten-month assignments. Pending the availability of FY 2006 Funds, the Bureau anticipates placement of approximately 120 English Language Fellows overseas in academic year 2006-2007. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (3) may submit proposals to administer and manage the English Language Fellow Program for academic year 2006-2007.

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 English Language Fellow Program places experienced American teacher trainers and recent TEFL/TESL Master's degree graduates in all regions of the world at universities, teacher-training institutions, ministries of education, bi-national centers and other related language education institutions for ten-month assignments. The Program provides an opportunity for American English language professionals to share their vast knowledge and skills overseas, to cultivate international teaching experience for Americans and to promote cross-cultural partnerships that will foster a better and firsthand understanding of the United States and its citizens. There are two levels of English Language Fellows:

1. English Language Fellows (formerly known as junior Fellows) are graduates who have received their TEFL/TESL M.A. degrees within the past seven years and who may or may not have prior overseas teaching experience.