

Primary Counties: Clatsop.

All other counties contiguous to the above named primary county have previously been declared.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Investment Companies; Increase in Maximum Leverage Ceiling

13 CFR 107.1150(a) sets forth the maximum amount of Leverage (as defined in 13 CFR 107.50) that a Small Business Investment Company may have outstanding at any time. The maximum Leverage amounts are adjusted annually based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index published

by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The cited regulation states that the Small Business Administration will publish the indexed maximum Leverage amounts each year in a Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Accordingly, effective the date of publication of this Notice, and until further notice, the maximum Leverage amounts under 13 CFR 107.1150(a) are as stated in the following table:

If your Leverageable Capital is:	Then your maximum Leverage is:
(1) Not over \$21,800,000	300 percent of Leverageable Capital.
(2) Over \$21,800,000 but not over \$43,500,000	\$65,400,000 + [2 × (Leverageable Capital – \$21,800,000)].
(3) Over \$43,500,000 but not over \$65,300,000	\$108,800,000 + (Leverageable Capital – \$43,500,000).
(4) Over \$65,300,000	\$130,600,000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: December 11, 2007.

A. Joseph Shepard,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6029]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Poussin and Nature: Arcadian Visions"

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 "Poussin and Nature: Arcadian Visions," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about February 11, 2008, until on or about May 11, 2008, and at possible additional exhibitions or

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 Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

C. Miller Crouch,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6028]

Deposit of Instrument of Ratification by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 12, 2007, the United States deposited its instrument of ratification for the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation with Respect to Intercountry Adoption (the Convention). In accordance with the terms of the Convention, the Convention will enter into force with respect to the United States on April 1, 2008.

The United States signed the Convention on March 31, 1994 and the

President transmitted it to the Senate for its advice and consent on June 11, 1998. (S. Treaty Doc. 105-51 at III (1998)). On September 20, 2000, the Senate gave its advice and consent to the ratification of the Convention, subject to certain declarations, and on October 6, 2000, Congress enacted the implementing legislation for the Convention, the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000, Public Law 106-279, 42 U.S.C. 14901-14952 (the IAA). The President signed the instrument of ratification on November 16, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miki Stebbing at 202-736-9086. Hearing or speech-impaired persons may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Convention is a multilateral treaty that provides a framework for the adoption of children habitually resident in one country that is a party to the Convention by persons habitually resident in another country that is also a party to the Convention. The Convention establishes procedures to be followed in these intercountry adoption cases and imposes safeguards to protect the best interests of children. When the Convention enters into force for the United States, it will apply to the United States as both a country of origin (in outgoing adoption cases, i.e., where children are emigrating from the United States to a foreign country) and a receiving country (in incoming adoption cases, i.e., where children are immigrating to the United States from a foreign country).

The implementing legislation for the Convention is the IAA. Under the Convention, the IAA, and the final rule

on accreditation, 22 CFR part 96, all agencies and persons providing adoption services in Convention cases must be accredited, temporarily accredited, approved, supervised or exempt in order to provide adoption services in Convention cases. By the terms of the IAA, Convention cases are adoption cases initiated in the child's country of residence with the filing of the appropriate application (the application for advance processing of an orphan petition or petition to classify an orphan as an immediate relative in the United States) on or after April 1.

Dated: December 7, 2007.

Maura Harty,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6014]

Overseas Schools Advisory Council Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1105, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas, which are assisted by the Department of State and attended by dependents of U.S. Government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools. The agenda includes a review of the recent activities of American-sponsored overseas schools and the overseas schools regional associations, a review of projects selected for the 2006 and 2007 Educational Assistance Programs, which are under development, and selection of projects for the 2008 Educational Assistance Program.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled, and individual building passes are required

for all attendees. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, Room H328, SA-1, Washington, DC 20522-0132, telephone 202-261-8200, by January 7, 2008. Each visitor will be asked to provide his/her date of birth and driver's licence or U.S. passport number at the time of registration and attendance and must carry a valid photo ID to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

Keith D. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6030]

Solicitation of Input and Participation in a Dialogue To Review the Standardized Program Structure for Foreign Assistance

The Office of the Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance (F) is commencing public consultations on the "Standardized Program Structure for Foreign Assistance" (Program Structure). The Program Structure was developed in 2006 through a deliberative interagency process as part of the Secretary's Foreign Assistance Reform. It serves as a lexicon for categorizing and tracking foreign assistance activities from a number of different foreign assistance appropriation accounts, collectively totaling in approximately \$25 billion in U.S. Foreign Assistance.

F will consider changes to the Program Structure through a three-phase process:

- Phase I will engage public stakeholders (including Non-Governmental Organizations—NGOs) in dialogue;
- Phase II will engage Federal interagency partners; and
- Phase III will occur when all external and internal stakeholder input is collected and analyzed, and then forwarded to the Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance for a decision regarding proposed adjustments to the Program Structure.

This process is expected to take 4–6 months from the start date of the first stage, and will result in a refined Program Structure that will serve as the foundation for future planning and performance products. This notice pertains to Phase I.

The purpose of the consultative process is to fulfill a commitment to engage with external stakeholders to obtain input to improve the Program Structure (for example, to clarify definitions, identify gaps, or remove duplication). Consultation with external stakeholders and analysis of their inputs are expected to last for a period of between 8–12 weeks. F will use the administrative, technical, and logistical services of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) to facilitate consultations.

Effective December 3, 2007, the Department of State will solicit the public for recommended changes at the "program area" level (e.g. Transnational Crime; Rule of Law and Human Rights; Health; Macroeconomic Foundation for Growth; Disaster Readiness) of the structure, and below (i.e. program element; program sub-element). The public is strongly encouraged to review the PROGRAM STRUCTURE by going to the following Internet site: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/93447.pdf>. Written recommendations for changes will be accepted ONLY between December 3–14, 2007 (*tentative timeframe*), and must be made, by means of e-mail, to the following address:

ForeignAssistanceDefinitions@state.gov. Recommendations must state clearly the recommended change, the rationale for the change, and the expected impact on other aspects of the Program Structure.

Following the solicitation period, five (5) focus group meetings (addressing each of the program objectives) will be managed by the Department of State, and hosted and facilitated by NAPA at their location (900 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001). Focus group sessions are tentatively scheduled to take place the week of January 7, 2008. Participation will be limited to a predetermined number of attendees (due to space limitations), but the Department of State and NAPA will make every effort to ensure representation of a broad cross-section of stakeholders. The focus groups will review written comments, discuss any additional suggestions for changes and make recommendations about which changes should be further considered by the Department of State. Individuals and organizations interested in participating in focus group sessions should contact Lena Trudeau, Program Area Director, Strategic Initiatives, National Academy of Public Administration, (202) 315-5476 (Direct), ltrudeau@napawash.org.

Following the focus groups, a plenary session will review recommendations made by each of the groups, before final recommendations are forwarded to the