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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Daria Darnell, 2401 E Street NW, Rm L-703, Tel: 202-663-1253, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #3409]

U.S. Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (Notice of Renewal)

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the U.S. Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) for another two years, effective September 1, 2000.

The NPAFC is a venue for consultation and coordination of cooperative high seas fishery enforcement among Convention parties.

The NPAFC was established by the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean, signed on February 12, 1992, by Canada, Japan, the Russian Federation, and the United States, and entered into force on February 16, 1993. The U.S. Advisory Panel will continue to work with the U.S. Section to promote the conservation of anadromous fish stocks, particularly salmon, throughout their migratory range in the North Pacific Ocean, as well as ecologically related species.

The U.S. Section of the Commission is composed of three Commissioners who are appointed by the President. Each Commissioner is appointed for a term not to exceed four years, but is eligible for reappointment. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may designate alternate commissioners. The Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section is composed of 14 members appointed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, who serve for a term not to exceed four years, and may

not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The Advisory Panel will continue to follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will continue to be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with Section 10 of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. Secs. 552b(c)(1) and (4), that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will continue to be provided for publication in the **Federal Register** as far in advance as possible prior to the meeting.

For further information on the renewal of the Advisory Panel, please contact Sally Cochran, International Relations Office, Office of Marine Conservation in the Department of State, (202) 647-2335.

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Proposals: Georgian School of Journalism Project

NOTICE: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Global Educational Programs of the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may submit proposals to assist in establishing and developing a school of Journalism in the Republic of Georgia with the goal of training 25 journalists each year during the grant period. Bureau policy stipulates that awards to organizations with less than four years experience in conducting international exchanges are limited to \$60,000. The Bureau anticipates awarding one grant in the amount of \$540,000 to conduct activities outlined in this Request for Proposals. Therefore, only organizations with four or more years experience in coordinating international exchange programs are eligible to apply for this competition.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Overview

This project is designed to provide training to journalists in Georgia in ways that reflects the practice of American journalism with special emphasis on training in fact-based, fair and balanced reporting. In partnership with the Media Development Center, a Georgian NGO, a one-year English language Master's certificate program in journalism will be established, using American practitioners to train the next generation of Georgian journalists. The curriculum for the program should begin with three months of intensive training in economics, followed by nine months of training in journalism. Twenty-five students will be trained each year in the Master's program during the period of this grant. Applicants should propose a plan to provide instruction for up to three years. The applicant should also propose plans to establish a professional student newspaper as a practical training-based component of the overall program.

Background

The Republic of Georgia is undertaking efforts to implement democratic reforms, including steps to establish a free press in Georgia. However, Georgian journalists currently lack the skills to explain the forces of change. Journalists also do not always perceive their obligation to act as credible watchdogs; nor do they see the need to form associations to protect practitioners. The lack of professionalism creates severe impediments to the development of democracy, depriving citizens of reliable information about what is happening in their societies.

Program

This program is designed to provide journalism training in Georgia that reflects the practice of American journalism with special emphasis on training in fact-based, fair and balanced reporting. A one-year English language Master's certificate program in journalism will be established. Training should emphasize the fundamentals of reporting, writing, researching and editing. Courses in visual journalism and broadcast techniques should be provided, as well as theory courses that focus on ethics, the influence of media on society, and the role of a journalist in a democratic society. Since it is important that all of the students have a basic understanding of economics, it is recommended that the school year start with an intensive three-month session on micro and macro-economics. Economics in Georgia as in other