

facilities or system which it operates or controls.

The Commission notes that this proposal, which permits the retroactive application of the pricing and rebate schedule for non-NASD members that covers activity both on the NMC and Brut and is effective as of November 1, 2004, would permit the schedule for non-NASD members to mirror the schedule applicable to NASD members that was effective as of November 1, 2004 pursuant to SR-NASD-2004-167. The Commission believes that the fees are scaled according to objective criteria applied across-the-board to all categories of users, *i.e.*, the pricing and rebate schedule will now apply equally to non-members as well as members, and is based on the volume of business they conduct on the NMS and Brut.

The Commission finds good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the 30th day of the date of publication of notice of filing thereof in the **Federal Register**. The Commission notes that the proposed pricing and rebate schedule for non-NASD members are identical to those in SR-NASD-2004-167, which implemented a new pricing and rebate schedule for NASD members and which was immediately effective upon filing. The Commission notes that this change will promote consistency in Nasdaq's fee schedule by applying the same pricing and rebate schedule for both NASD members and non-NASD members. Therefore, the Commission finds that there is good cause, consistent with Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> to approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis.

#### V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NASD-2004-170) be approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### [Declaration of Disaster #P077]

#### State of Alaska (Amendment #1)

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland

Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective November 30, 2004, the above numbered Public Assistance declaration is hereby amended to include the Kashunamiut (Chevak) Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA), the Lower Kuskokwim REAA, the Lower Yukon REAA, and the Pribilof Island REAA in the State of Alaska as disaster areas due to damages caused by a severe winter storm, tidal surges and flooding occurring on October 18 through 20, 2004. All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is January 14, 2005.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59008).

Dated: December 2, 2004.

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

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### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### [Public Notice 4921]

#### Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Fulbright Senior Scholar Program

*Announcement Type:* New Cooperative Agreement.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* ECA/A/E-06-01.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:* 19.401.

*Key Dates: Application Deadline:* February 25, 2005.

*Executive Summary:* The Office of Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State announces an open competition for a cooperative agreement to assist in the administration of the worldwide Fulbright Senior Scholar Program. The Fulbright Senior Scholar Program is a major component of the overall Fulbright Program, which also includes the Fulbright Student Program.

For more than 55 years, the Fulbright Senior Scholar Program has offered grants for college and university faculty, as well as for non-academic professionals (such as lawyers and journalists) and independent scholars, to lecture and conduct research abroad. Tens of thousands of U.S. and non-U.S. scholars and professionals have participated in these exchanges since the Fulbright Program's inception in 1946.

The Fulbright Senior Scholar Program will send approximately 1,300 qualified U.S. scholars and professionals abroad to lecture, conduct research, and provide academic consulting at overseas institutions in FY 2006. Conversely, the program will bring approximately 920 visiting (non-U.S.) grantees from over 140 countries to the United States for similar activities.

Responsibility for the management of the Fulbright Senior Scholar Program is shared among the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC, 51 bilateral Fulbright commissions and 99 U.S. embassies overseas, and a private sector, cooperating agency in the United States. Overall policy guidelines for the Fulbright Senior Scholar Program are determined by the Presidentially-appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB).

The organization that is awarded the cooperative agreement under this competition will be responsible for recruitment, selection, placement, enhancement activities for grantees, program promotion, and record keeping for both the U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Senior Scholar Programs. This work will be supervised by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State.

#### 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. The Fulbright Program also receives significant annual funding and other support from partner governments and private donors worldwide.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, as sponsor and manager of the Fulbright Senior Scholar Program, plays a significant role in the planning and implementation of all program initiatives, publicity, promotion and enhancement activities,

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).