

section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act is effective on May 7, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic and Facsimile Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622-0077.

**Background**

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It provides a statutory framework for the President to impose sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and to the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Kingpin Act blocks the property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of foreign persons designated by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security who are found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On May 7, 2008, OFAC designated an additional entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 805(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act.

The additional designee is as follows:

1. MERCURIO INTERNACIONAL S.A., Avenida Carrera 15 No. 100-69, Oficina 303, Bogota, Colombia; Carrera 15 No. 93-60 Local 205, Bogota, Colombia; Transversal 71D No. 26-94 Sur, Local 3504, Bogota, Colombia; Calle 5 No. 50-103, Local C108, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 1 No. 61A-30, Locales 80 y 81, Cali, Colombia; Calle 19 No. 6-48, Oficinas 403 y 404, Pereira, Colombia; Carrera 14 No. 18-56, Locales 34 y 35, Piso 3, Armenia, Colombia; Carrera 43A No. 34-95, Local 253, Medellin, Colombia; Carrera 54 No. 72-147, Local 144, Barranquilla, Colombia; NIT #830063708-7 (Colombia); (ENTITY) [SDNTK].

Dated: May 7, 2008.

**Adam J. Szubin,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of Foreign Assets Control**

**Unblocking of Specially Designated Narcotics Trafficker Pursuant to Executive Order 12978**

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the name of three individuals whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, *Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions With Significant Narcotics Traffickers*.

**DATES:** The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers of the individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is effective on May 7, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2420.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic and Facsimile Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622-0077.

**Background**

On October 21, 1995, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) ("IEEPA"), issued Executive Order 12978 (60 FR 54579, October 24, 1995) (the "Order"). In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia and the harm that they cause in the United States and abroad.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and Secretary of State, to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia; or (3) to materially assist in, or provide financial or technological support for or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to this order; and (4) persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons designated pursuant to this Order.

On May 7, 2008, the Director of OFAC removed from the list of Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers the individuals listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Order.

The listing of the unblocked individuals follows:

1. GOMEZ POVEDA, Gustavo, c/o C A V J CORPORATION LTDA., Bogota, Colombia; DOB 8 Nov 1960; Cedula No. 19416811 (Colombia); Passport 19416811 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

2. GALLEGOS SANCHEZ, Isaac, c/o DISMERCOOP, Cali, Colombia; c/o GRACADAL S.A., Cali, Colombia; DOB 3 Nov 1953; Cedula No. 6457399 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

3. BENITEZ CASTELLANOS, Cesar Tulio, c/o DROGAS LA REBAJA, Cali, Colombia; c/o RIONAP COMERCIOS Y REPRESENTACIONES S.A., Quito, Ecuador; c/o D'CACHE S.A., Cali, Colombia; c/o INVERSIONES MONDRAGON Y CIA. S.C.S., Cali, Colombia; c/o INVERSIONES Y CONSTRUCCIONES ABC S.A., Cali,

Colombia; Carrera 65 No. 13B-82, Cali, Colombia; c/o COMUNICACION VISUAL LTDA., Cali, Colombia; Cedula No. 14969366 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

Dated: May 7, 2008.

**Adam J. Szubin,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Announcement of the Fall 2008 Annual Grant Competition (Formerly Known as the Unsolicited Grant Initiative); Effective October 1, 2008

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency announces its Annual Grant Competition, which offers support for research, education and training, and the dissemination of information on international peace and conflict resolution. The Annual Grant Competition is open to any project that falls within the Institute's broad mandate of international conflict resolution.

*Deadline:* October 1, 2008.

Application material available on request and at <http://www.usip.org/grants/unsolicited.html>.

**DATES:** Receipt of Application: October 1, 2008.

*Notification Date:* March 31, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** For Application Package: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011. (202) 429-3842 (phone). (202) 833-1018 (fax). (202) 457-1719 (TTY). E-mail: [grants@usip.org](mailto:grants@usip.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Grant Program, Annual Grant Competition, Phone (202) 429-3842, E-mail: [grants@usip.org](mailto:grants@usip.org).

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**Michael Graham,**

*Vice President for Administration.*

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## UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

### Announcement of the Priority Grantmaking Competition (Formerly the Solicited Grant Initiative); Effective Immediately

**AGENCY:** United States Institute of Peace.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency announces its ongoing Priority Grantmaking Competition. Priority Grantmaking focuses on seven countries as they relate to USIP's mandate. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Priority Grantmaking is restricted to projects that fit specific themes or topics identified for each country.

The seven Priority Grantmaking countries are outlined below. The specific themes and topics for each country may be found at our Web site at: <http://www.usip.org/grants/solicited.html>.

- Afghanistan;
- Colombia;
- Iran;
- Iraq;
- Nigeria;
- Pakistan;
- Sudan.

*Deadline:* Priority Grantmaking applications are accepted throughout the year. Please visit our Web site at: <http://www.usip.org/grants/solicited.html> for specific information on the competition as well as instructions about how to apply.

**ADDRESSES:** If you are unable to access our Web site, you may submit an inquiry to: United States Institute of Peace, Grant Program, Priority Grantmaking, 1200 17th Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011. (202) 429-3842 (phone). (202) 833-1018 (fax). (202) 457-1719 (TTY). E-mail: [grants@usip.org](mailto:grants@usip.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Grant Program, Phone (202)-429-3842, E-mail: [grants@usip.org](mailto:grants@usip.org).

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**Michael Graham,**

*Vice President for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0154]

### Agency Information Collection (Application for VA Education Benefits) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the

collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 12, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0154" in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0154."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles:*

a. Application for VA Education Benefits, VA Form 22-1990.

b. Application for Transfer of Entitlement (TOE), Basic Educational Assistance Under the Montgomery GI Bill, VA Form 22-1990E.

c. Application for VA Education Benefits Under the National Call to Service (NCS) Program, VA Form 22-1990N.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0154.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:*

a. Claimants complete VA Form 22-1990 to apply for education assistance allowance.

b. Claimants who signed an enlistment contract with the Department of Defense for the National Call to Service program and elected one of the two education incentives complete VA Form 22-1990E.

c. VA Form 22-1990N is completed by claimants who wish to transfer his or her Montgomery GI Bill entitlement their dependents.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on February 26, 2008, at page 10335.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 49,399 hours.