

Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Branch for the Study of the U.S., ECA/A/E/USS, Room Number 252, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone number (202) 619-4557 and fax number (202) 619-6790, Bendapm@state.gov or MeyersNL@state.gov based on the funding opportunity number.

All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the appropriate Funding Opportunity Number given at the beginning of this RFGP and referenced again in section "TV.1 Contact Information to Request an Application Package" of this announcement.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice: The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: October 25, 2004.

C. Miller Crouch,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Update on Current Universal Postal Union Issues

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of briefing.

The Department of State will host a briefing on Friday, November 19, 2004, to provide an update on current Universal Postal Union issues, including the results of the 23rd UPU Congress held in Bucharest, Romania from September 15 to October 5, 2004.

The briefing will be held from 1:30 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m., on November 19, in Room 1408 of the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The briefing will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room of 50.

The briefing will provide information on the results of the UPU Congress and the upcoming January 2005 session of the UPU Postal Operations Council. Special attention will be paid to extra-territorial offices of exchange, terminal dues, and the creation of the Consultative Committee. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Terry Miller will chair the briefing.

Entry to the Department of State building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. In order to arrange admittance, persons desiring to attend the briefing should, no later than noon on November 19, 2004, notify the Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, preferably by fax, providing the name of the meeting and the individual's name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number. The fax number to use is (202) 647-8902. Voice telephone is (202) 647-1044. This request applies to both government and non-government individuals.

All attendees must use the main entrance of the Department of State at 22nd and C Streets, NW. Please note that under current security restrictions, C Street is closed to vehicular traffic between 21st and 23rd Streets. Taxis may leave passengers at 21st and C Streets, 23rd and C Streets, or 22nd Street and Constitution Avenue. One of the following means of identification will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or any U.S. Government agency identification card.

Questions concerning the briefing may be directed to Mr. Dennis

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Dated: October 28, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: City and Borough of Sitka, AK

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for improved access to Sitka, Alaska. The project is located on Baranof Island within the Northern Panhandle Region of Southeast Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with ADOT&PF, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to improve transportation access to the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska. Sitka is on the west side of Baranof Island, and has unsheltered exposure to the Pacific Ocean. Currently, access to Sitka is limited to air service and service by Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferries and commercial freight. Strong tidal currents through Sergins Narrows in Peril Strait constrain AMHS ferry service and commercial marine freight service schedules. These scheduling issues affect Sitka and other Northern Panhandle communities that rely on marine transportation and freight services.

The Sitka Access EIS will evaluate alternatives to improve access to Sitka. The alternatives considered may allow for more convenient and frequent surface transportation at lower cost to the user and AMHS. The EIS will consider a range of alternatives