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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4594]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Vienna: Jews and the City of Music 1870-1938"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

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 "Vienna: Jews and the City of Music 1870-1938," 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. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Yeshiva University Museum, New York, NY, from on or about February 3, 2004 until on or about June 30, 2004, and at possible additional 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 the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: January 21, 2004.

C. Miller Crouch,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4595]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Study of the United States Institutes for Undergraduate Student Leaders

ACTION: Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP).

SUMMARY: The Study of the U.S. Branch, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, announces an open competition for public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) to develop and implement one (1) of two "Middle East Partnership Initiative Study of the United States Institutes for Undergraduate Student Leaders," designed for exemplary first and second year undergraduate students from the Middle East and North Africa. Funding for these institutes is being provided by the Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). Pending availability of funding and subject to the quality of proposals received, it is the Bureau's intention to award up to two grants for this project for undergraduate student leaders. An organization may only submit one proposal for one assistance award. Please note that the Bureau is also currently publishing a separate RFGP soliciting proposals for one "Middle East Partnership Initiative Study of the United States Institute for Graduating High School Seniors." *Important Note:* This Request for Grant Proposals contains language in the "Shipment and Deadline for Proposals" section that is significantly different from that used in the past. Please pay special attention to procedural changes as outlined.

The "Middle East Partnership Initiative Study of the United States Institutes for Undergraduate Student Leaders" are intended to provide groups of 21 highly motivated first and second year undergraduate students from the Middle East and North Africa with a five-week academic seminar and domestic travel component that will give them a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values and institutions, past and present. The grant award will also partially support a follow-on workshop to be held at a site in the Middle East or North Africa. Program participants will be identified and nominated by U.S. embassies and consulates and drawn from the following countries/entities: Algeria; Bahrain; Egypt; Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Morocco; Oman;

Qatar; Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates; Syria; Tunisia; West Bank/Gaza; Yemen. [Note: Israeli participants will be Arab-Israelis only.]

Each program will be five weeks in length and will be conducted during the summer of 2004. The follow-on workshop will be conducted approximately six to twelve months after the U.S.-based program. Grant awards will be for up to two years.

The Bureau is seeking detailed proposals from U.S. colleges, universities, consortia of colleges and universities, and other not-for-profit academic organizations that have an established reputation in one or more of the following fields: political science, international relations, law, history, sociology, American studies, and/or other disciplines or sub-disciplines related to the program theme.

The project director or one of the key program staff responsible for the academic program must have an advanced degree in one of the fields listed above. Staff escorts traveling under the cooperative agreement must have demonstrated qualifications for this service. U.S. student mentors, if proposed, must be mature and must have some international experience or knowledge of the region. Programs must conform with Bureau requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. Bureau programs are subject to the availability of funds.

Applicant institutions must demonstrate expertise in conducting academic programs for foreign students, and must have a minimum of four years experience in conducting international exchange programs. Bureau guidelines stipulate that grants to organizations with less than four years experience in conducting international exchanges are limited to \$60,000. As it is expected that the budget for these programs will exceed \$60,000, organizations that can not demonstrate at least four years experience will not be eligible to apply under this competition.

Program Information

Overview and Objectives

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' (ECA) "Study of the United States Institutes" are academic seminars designed to provide multinational groups of foreign participants with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and institutions. Their ultimate objective is to promote a better appreciation of U.S. culture, values and the American people. The Middle East Partnership Initiative Study of the United States Institutes are specifically designed to