

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 98-010-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Proposed Incentives, Rewards and Customer Service Products Focus Group Interviews (Electronic Tax Administration (ETA)).

Description: The purpose of the focus group interviews will be to gather opinions and ideas from tax practitioners, Certified Public Accountants, enrolled agents, and attorneys about some incentives or customer service products. These focus groups interviews (one each day) will be held at each of the four IRS 1998 Nationwide Tax Forums sponsored by the Electronic Tax Administration Office. The forums will be held as follows: Philadelphia: July 8-9; Las Vegas: August 5-6; St. Louis: August 19-20; and New Orleans: September 2-3.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80 (10 participants times 8 groups).

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:

Screening—5 minutes.

Focus Group Interview Sessions—2 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (conducted at 4 forums).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 180 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.
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UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

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AGENCY: United States Enrichment Corporation.

SUBJECT: Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 1998.

PLACE: USEC Corporate Headquarters, 6903 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

STATUS: This meeting has been canceled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Elizabeth Stuckle at 301/564-3399.

Dated: June 15, 1998.

William H. Timbers, Jr.,

President and Chief Executive Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**Proposed Information Collection**

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Comment request; Proposed New Collection: USIA Evaluation of the Use of Arrival Host Families.

SUMMARY: The United States Information Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the proposed public use form entitled, "USIA Evaluation of the Use of Arrival Host Families". This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

The information collection activity involved with this program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the United States Information Agency under the terms and conditions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, 22 U.S.C. 2451, and section 101(a)(15)(J) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. The Exchange Visitor Program regulations in 22 CFR part 514 implement the Act; the regulations in 22 CFR 514.25 specifically govern the high school exchanges ("Secondary school students").

DATES: Comments are due on or before August 17, 1998.

COPIES: Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA, and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/AOL, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone (202) 619-4408, internet address: JGiovett@USIA.GOV; and OMB review:

Ms. Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone (202) 395-3176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average thirty (30) minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Responses are voluntary and respondents will be required to respond an average of 2 times. Comments are requested on the proposed information collection concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the United States Information Agency, M/AOL, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

Current Actions: USIA is requesting OMB revision and approval of this new collection for a three-year period.

Title: USIA Evaluation of the Use of Arrival Host Families.

Form Numbers: N/A.

Abstract: USIA strives to evaluate the policies, attainment of program goals, impact and administration of all its exchanges. To that end, USIA proposes to conduct a one-time evaluation project during the 1998-99 Academic year to evaluate the quality of and impact on foreign high school students placed in arrival host families (temporary living arrangements).

Proposed Frequency of Responses:

No. of Respondents—6,520

Recordkeeping Hours—50

Total Annual Burden—3,260

Dated: June 12, 1998.

Rose Royal,

Federal Register Liaison.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

College and University Partnerships Program for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Moldova

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Accredited, post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop a partnership with (a) foreign institution(s) of higher education from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, or Moldova in specified fields.

Proposed projects must be eligible in terms of countries/localities and disciplines as described in the section entitled "Eligibility" below.

Participating institutions exchange faculty and administrators for a combination of teaching, lecturing, faculty and curriculum development, collaborative research, and outreach, for periods ranging from one week (for planning visits) to an academic year. The FY 98 program will also support the establishment and maintenance of Internet and/or e-mail communication facilities as well as interactive distance learning programs at foreign partner institutions. Applicants may propose other project activities not listed above that are consistent with the goals and activities of the College and University Partnerships Program (CUPP).

The program awards up to \$200,000 for a three-year period to defray the cost of travel and per diem with an allowance for educational materials and some aspects of project administration. Grants awarded to organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs will be limited to \$60,000.

Overall grant-making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 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 cited above is provided through the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 (Freedom Support Act). Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this RFP should refer to the College and University Partnerships Program for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Moldova and reference number E/ASU-98-11.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Monday, August 10, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked by the due date but received at a later date will not be accepted.

Approximate program dates: Grants should begin on or about September 30, 1998.

Duration: September 30, 1998—August 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Office of Academic Programs; Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division; Specialized Programs Unit, (E/ASU) room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone: (202) 619-4126, fax: (202) 401-1433, internet: jcebra@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

TO RECEIVE A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA TAX ON DEMAND: The entire Solicitation Package may be received via the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System", which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. Please request a "Catalog" of available documents and

order numbers when first entering the system.

Please specify USIA Program Officer Jonathan Cebra on all inquiries and correspondences. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

SUBMISSIONS: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 10 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/ASU-98-11, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20547.

Applicants must also submit the "Executive Summary" and "Proposal Narrative" sections of the proposal on a 3.5" diskette, formatted for DOS. This material must be provided in ASCII text (DOS) format with a maximum line length of 65 characters. USIA will transmit these files electronically to USIS posts overseas for their review, with the goal of reducing the time it takes to get posts' comments for the Agency's grants review process.

DIVERSITY, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY GUIDELINES: Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle both in program administration and in program content. Please refer to the review criteria under the 'Support for Diversity' section for specific suggestions on incorporating diversity into the total proposal. Pub. L. 104-319 provides that "in carrying out programs of educational and cultural exchange in countries whose people do not fully enjoy freedom and democracy", USIA "shall take appropriate steps to provide opportunities for participation in such programs to human rights and democracy leaders of such countries." Proposals should account for advancement of this goal in their program contents, to the full extent deemed feasible.