

Alternatives under consideration include taking no action, ten alternative roadway alignments, and a Transportation System Management alternative.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to federal, State and local agencies, and to private land owners, organizations, and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this project. A meeting to discuss the scope of the EIS was held October 26, 1994, in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition, a public hearing will be held after publication of the draft EIS. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the above address.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Advisory Board; Notice of Cancellation of Meeting

The Advisory Board meeting of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, to be held at 11:00 a.m., November 9, 1995, at the Corporation's Administration Building, 180 Andrews Street, Massena, New York 13662, has been cancelled. Notice of this meeting appeared in the November 2, 1995 Federal Register, page 55753.

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Advisory Board Liaison.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

The Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program; Request for Proposals; Notice

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Division, European Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces opportunities for regionally and professionally accredited U.S. institutions offering degree and executive education programs at the master's level in business administration, economics, law and public administration, to host graduate students from Armenia, Azerbaijan*, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, or Uzbekistan for nine month, one-year, eighteen month, or two-year degree, certificate, or professional development programs under the auspices of the 1996 Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program. Priority will be given to institutions that can provide academic guidance and professional development support to Fellows and that have experience working with international students. Due to budgetary considerations, and to allow participation of as many Fellows as possible, the cost per student to USIA will be given serious consideration in the review of institutional applications.

*Please note: Programs with Azerbaijan are subject to restrictions of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act: Employees of the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities are excluded from participation, and no U.S. participant overseas may work for the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities. In addition, the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities will have no control in the actual selection of participants.

The Edmund S. Muskie Program is administered by USIA through cooperative agreements with the following organizations: The American Council of Teaches of Russian/American Council for Collaboration in Education and Language Study (ACTR/ACCELS), the Institute of International Education (IIE), the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), and the Soros Foundations/Open Society Institute (Soros/OSI). Under these agreements ACTR/ACCELS, IIE, IREX, and Soros/OSI are responsible for the recruitment, selection, academic placement, and monitoring of Fellows.

DATES: Deadline for proposals: Completed applications must be received at the appropriate organization

(listed below) by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, on Wednesday, January 31, 1996. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on January 31, 1996, but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Institutions selected to host Muskie Fellows should expect to receive students Fall semester of 1996.

PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION: Overall authority for these programs is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended Public Law 87-256 (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 people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange, 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 assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations between the United States and other countries of the world."

DIVERSITY GUIDELINES: Pursuant to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of the 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. Programs shall also "maintain their scholarly integrity and shall meet the highest standards of academic excellence or artistic achievement."

APPLICATION PROCESS AND FURTHER INFORMATION: Interested institutions should read the complete Federal Register announcement and then contact ACTR/ACCELS, IIE, IREX, or Soros/OSI directly for an application and further instructions. The original and three copies of the proposal should be submitted by the deadline to the appropriate organization listed below:

For degree programs in business administration or two-year degree programs in public administration: The Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship Program, c/o ACTR/ACCELS, 1776 Massachusetts