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Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP)

NOTICE—Revised Request for Proposals (RFP). This notice amends the RFP published on October 2, 1997, providing for assistance awards by the Office of Academic Programs of the United States Information Agency to support free trade and market economies, and/or the environment and sustainable development. The RFP is amended to include Israel as an eligible country for proposed bilateral and trilateral projects. The RFP's closing date remains January 16, 1998. Potential applicants should refer to the RFP published on October 2, 1997 for full details about

applying for assistance awards under this RFP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Academic Programs; Advising, Teaching, and Specialized Programs Division; College and University Affiliations Program (CUAP), (E/ASU), Room 349, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, phone: (202) 619-5289, fax: (202) 401-1433. Send a message via Internet to: affiliat@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package includes 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 fax 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 "College and University Affiliations Program Officer" on all inquiries and correspondence. Prospective applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the College and University Affiliations Program staff or submitting their 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.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

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Freedom Support Act Junior Faculty Development Program

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Academic Exchanges Division, European Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to develop and administer a comprehensive faculty and curriculum development program for 82 young faculty from Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan who will be affiliated at accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States in the following fields: business administration, economics, educational administration, environmental studies, journalism, law, library science, political science, psychology, public policy, public administration, sociology, architecture and urban planning, cultural anthropology, history, linguistics, philosophy, literature, and American studies.

It is the intent of USIA to provide participants with high quality programs designed to meet their specific academic and professional needs, within the parameters of the JFDP, and to promote long-term sustained interaction between and among participants, U.S. faculty and their home and host institutions.

USIA anticipates awarding one grant for this program. Should an applicant organization prefer to work with other organizations in the implementation of this program, USIA prefers that a subcontract arrangement be developed. USIA will entertain separately submitted proposals for joint program management, but the proposals must demonstrate a value-added relationship, and must clearly delineate responsibilities so as not to duplicate efforts.

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 Support Act.