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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12424]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Global Community Liaison Office (GCLO) Professional Development Fellowship (PDF) Application

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments up to July 8, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* GCLO Professional Development Fellowship (PDF) Application.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0229.
- *Type of Request:* Renewal of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Global Talent Management, Global Community Liaison Office (GTM/GCLO).
- *Form Number:* DS-4297.
- *Respondents:* The PDF program is open to spouses and partners of direct-hire U.S. Government employees from all agencies serving overseas under Chief of Mission authority.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 255.
- *Average Time per Response:* 2.75 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 701 hours.

- *Frequency:* Annually.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Fellowship.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The GCLO needs the information collected in the PDF application to determine who will receive a Professional Development Fellowship. The information is provided to selection committees that use a set of criteria to score the applications. Respondents are spouses and partners of direct-hire U.S. Government employees from all agencies serving overseas under Chief of Mission who want to develop, maintain, and/or refresh their professional skills while overseas. The information is sought pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2651a—Organization of Department of State, 22 U.S.C. 3921—Management of the Foreign Service, 22 U.S.C. 4026(b) Establishment of Family Liaison Office.

#### Methodology

Applicants will email the completed application to GCLO’s PDF program manager.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12423]

### Determinations Regarding Use of Chemical Weapons by Russia Under the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, acting under authority delegated pursuant to an Executive order, has determined pursuant to section 306(a) of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (the Act), that the Government of the Russian Federation has used chemical weapons in violation of international law. In addition, the Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs has determined and certified to Congress pursuant to section 307(d) of the Act that it is essential to the national security interests of the United States to partially waive the application of the sanctions required under section 307(a) of the Act with respect to foreign assistance, licenses for the export of items on the U.S. Munitions List (USML), and the licensing of national security-sensitive goods and technology. The following is a notice of the sanctions to be imposed pursuant to section 307(a) of the Act, subject to these waivers.

**DATES:** June 7, 2024.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela K. Durham, Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Telephone (202) 647-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to sections 306(a), 307(a), and 307(d) of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (22 U.S.C. 5604(a), 5605(a), and 5605(d)), on April 25, 2024 the Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs determined that the Government of the Russian Federation has used chemical or biological weapons in violation of international law or lethal chemical or biological weapons against its own nationals. As a result, the following sanctions are hereby imposed:

1. *Foreign Assistance:* Termination of assistance to Russia under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, except for urgent humanitarian assistance and food or other agricultural commodities or products.

The Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs has determined that