

and insights applied in near-term operational situations.

To meet this need, the Department seeks to establish and sponsor one FFRDC under the authority of 48 CFR 35.017.

FFRDC Focus Areas

The FFRDC will be available to provide a wide range of support including, but not limited to the activities listed below:

- *Diplomatic Innovation and Modernization (DIM)*

The purpose of the DIM is to strengthen global engagement and humanitarian outcomes by pioneering research and development initiatives that address emerging threats and foster international cooperation.

- *Global CyberTech Solutions (GCS)*

The purpose of the GCS is to enhance global stability through cutting edge research and development in IT, cyber defense, systems engineering, and data analytics.

- *Global Operations and Acquisitions (GOA)*

The purpose of the GOA is to advance diplomatic effectiveness through collaborative and cutting-edge acquisition methodologies and tools, and data assessments of broad scale Departments needs, international cooperation, and innovative operational practices.

The FFRDC will partner with the Department of State in the design and pursuit of mission goals; provide rapid responsiveness to changing requirements for personnel in all aspects of strategic, technical and program management; recognize Government objectives as its own objectives; partner in pursuit of excellence in public service; and allow for use of the FFRDC by non-sponsors. The Department is publishing this notice in accordance with 48 CFR 5.205(b) of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

Planned Request for Information/ Sources Sought Notice

Based on public comments from the first three notices, the Department has issued a Request for Information/ Sources Sought notice via *SAM.gov*. That notice along with all response instructions can be found at the following link: <https://SAM.gov/opp/1550c30441fc4879a3b6b5bbbca729f0/view>.

Public Comments

During the comment period from May 17–August 15, 2024, the Department

submitted three notices for publication, which were subsequently posted; however, due to the publishing delay for the third notice, the Department is publishing this supplemental notice to address comments received between August 9 and August 15, 2024.

The Department received seventeen (17) comments during this portion of the public comment period. Three (3) comments were received via the **Federal Register** public comment function without content or without context for the information received. The remaining comments have been addressed as described below:

Eleven (11) comments expressed interest in submitting responses, capabilities, or eventually proposals for the FFRDCs. The Department appreciates the interest from industry and looks forward to these organizations' responses to the Sources Sought Notice.

Two (2) comments voiced concerns about the scope and clarity of the focus areas. The **Federal Register** notices included a high-level list of focus areas. The detailed list of functional areas is fully presented in the Draft Scope of Services document attached to the Sources Sought Notice. This should provide insight into the full scope of the FFRDC program. The Department is conducting market research internally and externally to continue to solidify the final scope of the FFRDC to ensure the most effective FFRDC support.

Six (6) of the commenters provided feedback on the focus areas listed in the previous notices. The Department appreciates this thoughtful input, and the draft Scope of Services document attached to the Sources Sought Notice reflects the Department's consideration of these suggestions. The Department will continue to analyze this feedback with other market research information to ensure the most precise and accurate FFRDC scope definition prior to formal solicitation.

The Department also received six (6) responses that provided input on the FFRDC structure in areas such as procurement considerations, number of centers, sponsoring bureaus, and governance processes. The Department will continue to evaluate this feedback to determine internally the ideal processes to govern the FFRDC.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Renewal of Advisory Committee Charter

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, which operates pursuant to 22 U.S. Code 287o and the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), is a Federal Advisory Committee that provides recommendations to the U.S. Department of State.

The Commission's recommendations relate to the formulation and implementation of U.S. policy towards UNESCO on matters of education, science, culture, and communication and information. Also, the Commission functions as a liaison with organizations, institutions, and individuals in the United States interested in the work of UNESCO.

The Commission is comprised of representatives of American organizations and institutions which have an interest in education, science, communications and culture, including professional associations, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as representatives of federal, state and local governments, and at-large individuals. The Commission meets to provide information on UNESCO related topics and make recommendations.

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Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “The Time is Always Now: Artists Reframe the Black Figure” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby