

society in countries and regions of the world that are geo-strategically important to the U.S. DRL/PHD funds projects that have an immediate impact but that also have potential for continued funding beyond DRL/PHD resources. Projects must not duplicate or simply add to efforts by other entities.

Project Criteria

- Project implementation should begin no earlier than September 30, 2004.
- Projects should not exceed two years in duration. Shorter projects with more immediate outcomes may receive preference.
- Project activity should take place abroad. U.S.-based or exchange projects are strongly discouraged.
- Projects that have a strong academic or research focus will not be highly considered. DRL will not fund health, technology, environmental, or scientific projects unless they have an explicit democracy, human rights or rule of law component.
- Projects should include detailed plans for evaluation and assessment of impact; plans may utilize qualitative and/or quantitative methods and should address both project outputs and outcomes.
- Projects should include a follow-on plan that extends beyond the grant period ensuring that Bureau-supported programs are not isolated events.

In order to avoid the duplication of activities and programs, proposals should also indicate knowledge of similar projects being conducted in the regions and how the submitted proposal will complement them.

Applicant/Organization Criteria

Organizations applying for a grant should meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. non-profit organization meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).
- Have demonstrated experience administering successful projects in the country/region in which it is proposing to administer a project.
- Have existing, or the capacity to develop, active partnerships with in-country organization(s).
- Organizations that have not previously received and successfully administered U.S. government grant funds will be subject to additional scrutiny before an award can be granted.

Note: Organizations are welcome to submit more than one proposal, but should know that DRL wishes to reach out to as many different organizations as possible with its limited funds.

Budget Guidelines

Please refer to the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI) for complete budget guidelines and formatting instructions.

Deadline for Proposals

All proposals must be received at the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor by 5 p.m. eastern standard time (e.s.t.) on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. Please refer to the PSI for specific delivery instructions.

Review Process

The Bureau will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein and in the PSI. Eligible proposals will be subject to compliance with Federal and Bureau regulations and guidelines and forwarded to Bureau grant panels for advisory review. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the Legal Adviser or by other Department elements.

Review Criteria

Eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. Further explanation of these criteria is included in the PSI. These criteria are not rank-ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation: Quality of the program idea; program planning and ability to achieve program objectives; multiplier effect/impact; program evaluation plan; institution's record/ability/capacity; cost-effectiveness.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office for the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL/PHD). Please specify Karen Gilbride 202-647-1458 on all inquiries and correspondence.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement or <http://www.fedgrants.gov> announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet

The Solicitation Package consists of this RFP plus the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI). The PSI contains detailed award criteria, specific budget instructions, and standard guidelines for proposal preparation. The PSI may be downloaded from the HRDF section on

the Bureau's Web site at <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/>.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements. Final technical authority for assistance awards resides with the Office of Acquisition Management's Grants Officer.

Notification

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

Dated: March 5, 2004.

Lorne W. Craner,

Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4639]

Meeting of Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy

SUMMARY: The State Department Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP) will meet on March 18, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 1105 of the State Department's Harry S. Truman Building. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the conditions noted below. Those wishing to attend should contact John Finn at 202-647-5306 or by e-mail at finnjw@state.gov.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy is to provide information and advice to the State Department for the development of policies relating to international telecommunications, information technology, and the Internet. The March 18 meeting will decide on establishing subcommittees or working groups to focus on specific geographic regions or technologies. Ambassador David A. Gross, U.S. Coordinator for Communications and Information Policy will take part.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the Department of State building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to John W. Finn at finnjw@state.gov no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. All attendees for this meeting must use the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. government agency ID. Non-U.S. government attendees must be escorted by Department of State personnel at all times when in the building.

For further information, please contact John W. Finn, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at 202-647-5306 or by e-mail at finnjw@state.gov.

Dated: March 8, 2004.

John W. Finn,

Executive Secretary, ACICIP, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 4638]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: There will be public meetings of a Study Group on Enforcement of Judgments of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday March 29 and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday March 30, at the new headquarters of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office: Thomas Jefferson Building, 500 Dulany Street, Building Conference Center (Lobby Level), Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Full Text: The Department of State, in conjunction with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and other federal agencies, is convening meetings of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, Study Group on Enforcement of Judgments, in order to seek consultations on the proposed draft Hague Convention on Exclusive Choice of Court Agreements. The meetings will bring delegates from many member states of the Hague Conference on Private International Law together with experts from industry, trade associations, bar associations, non-

governmental associations, and other interested parties to consider in more detail those aspects of the draft convention that bear on intellectual property rights and related litigation. The current draft of the proposed convention may be found on the Web site of the Hague Conference (<http://www.hcch.net>) or directly at <ftp://ftp.hcch.net/doc/workdoc49e.pdf>.

The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday March 29 and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday March 30, at the new headquarters of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office: Thomas Jefferson Building, 500 Dulany Street, Building Conference Center (Lobby Level), Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The meetings are open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Interested persons are invited to attend and to express their views. Persons who wish to have their views considered are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Written comments should be submitted by e-mail to Jeffrey Kovar at kovarjd@state.gov. All comments will be made available to the public by request to Mr. Kovar via e-mail or by phone (202-776-8420).

Persons wishing to attend must notify Ms. Cherise Reid by e-mail (reidcd@state.gov), fax (202-776-8482), or by telephone (202-776-8420).

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Jeffrey D. Kovar,

Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Renewal of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and 41 CFR 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration (GSA), notice is hereby given that the Regional Resource Stewardship Council (Council) has been renewed for a two-year period beginning February 3, 2004. The Council will provide advice to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on issues affecting TVA's natural resource stewardship activities.

Numerous public and private entities are traditionally involved in the stewardship of the natural resources of the Tennessee Valley region. It has been determined that the Council continues to be needed to provide an additional

mechanism for public input regarding stewardship issues.

Further information regarding this advisory committee can be obtained from Sandra L. Hill, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499, (865) 632-2333.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Kathryn J. Jackson,

Executive Vice President, River System Operations & Environment, Tennessee Valley Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending February 27, 2004

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Sections 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST-2004-17175.

Date Filed: February 23, 2004.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: Mail Vote 353, PTC3 0718 dated 24 February 2004, TC3 Special Amending Resolution 010k between Japan and China (excluding Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR) r1-r9. *Intended effective date:* 28 March 2004.

Docket Number: OST-2004-17209.

Date Filed: February 26, 2004.

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.

Subject: PTC2 EUR-AFR 0188 dated 27 February 2004, Expedited Resolution 002k-eba 5502Special Amending Resolution r1-r3. *Intended effective date:* 1 April 2004.

Andrea M. Jenkins,

Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Membership in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee

AGENCIES: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.