

prosecution for a crime, fleeing to avoid custody or confinement after conviction of a crime, or violating a condition of probation or parole. SSA will use the information reported to deny eligibility or to suspend recipient's SSI payments. The respondents are SSI applicants/recipients or representative payees of SSI recipients who are reporting the applicant's/recipient's status as a fugitive felon or probation/parole violator.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 minute.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17 hours.

Dated: May 14, 2009.

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Reports Clearance Officer, Center for Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6624]

Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions; 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Forms DS-2003 & DS-2004, Notification of Appointment of Foreign Diplomatic Officer, Career Consular Officer, and Foreign Government Employee; Form DS-2005, Notification of Appointment of Honorary Consular Officer; Form DS-2006, Notification of Change—Identification Card Request; Form DS-2007, Notification of Dependents of Diplomatic, Consular and Foreign Government Employees (Continuation Sheet); Form DS-2008, Notice of Termination of Diplomatic, Consular, or Foreign Government Employment; Forms DS-98 and DS-99, Application for Diplomatic Exemption From Taxes On; Forms DS-100, DS-101, DS-102, & DS-104, Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Applications for: Vehicle Registration, Title, & Replacement Plates; Department of State Form DS-1504; Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise; Form DS-1972, U.S. Department of State Driver License and Tax Exemption Card Application; Foreign Diplomatic Services Applications, OMB Collection Number 1405-0105

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

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information

collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

• *Title of Information Collection:* Notification of Appointment of Foreign Diplomatic Officer, Career Consular Officer, and Foreign Government Employee.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

• *Form Numbers:* DS-2003, DS-2004, & e-2003.

• *Respondents:* Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350 missions.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 11,154 responses (DS-2003: 800), (DS-2004: 1654), & (e-2003: 8,700).

• *Average Hours per Response:* 25 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 4,640 hours divided among the missions.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

• *Title of Information Collection:*

Notification of Appointment of Honorary Consular Officer.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

• *Form Number:* DS-2005.

• *Respondents:* Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 155 missions.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 200 forms per year.

• *Average Hours per Response:* 20 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 67 hours divided among the missions.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

• *Title of Information Collection:* Notification of Change—Identification Card Request.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

• *Form Numbers:* DS-2006, & e-2006.

• *Respondents:* Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350 missions.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,116 responses (DS-2006: 7,124), (e-2006: 992).

• *Average Hours per Response:* 9 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 1,217 hours divided among the missions.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

• *Title of Information Collection:*

Notification of Dependents of Diplomatic, Consular, and Foreign Government Employees (Continuation Sheet).

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

• *Form Number:* DS-2007.

• *Respondents:* Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350 missions.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 3,000 forms per year.

• *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 498 hours divided among the missions.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

• *Title of Information Collection:*

Notice of Termination of Diplomatic, Consular, or Foreign Government Employment.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

• *Form Numbers:* DS-2008, & e-2008.

• *Respondents:* Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350 missions.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,685 eGov responses.

• *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 1,110 hours divided among the missions.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

• *Title of Information Collection:*

Application for Diplomatic Exemption from Taxes.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

• *Type of Request:* Revision of an approved collection.

• *Originating Office:* Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

• *Form Numbers:* DS-98, DS-99, e-98, & e-99.

- *Respondents*: Eligible foreign diplomatic or consular missions, certain foreign government organizations, and designated international organizations.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 350.
- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 5,089 eGov submissions (e-98: 2,413), (e-99: 2,676).
- *Average Hours per Response*: 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden*: 1,272 hours.
- *Frequency*: On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond*: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
- *Title of Information Collection*: Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Applications for: Vehicle Registration, Title, & Replacement Plates.
- *OMB Control Number*: 1405–0105.
- *Type of Request*: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office*: Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/ OFM).
- *Form Numbers*: DS–100, DS–101, DS–102, & DS–104.
- *Respondents*: Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 350.
- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 14,865.
- *Average Hours per Response*: 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden*: 7,433.
- *Frequency*: On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond*: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
- *Title of Information Collection*: Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise.
- *OMB Control Number*: 1405–0105.
- *Type of Request*: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office*: Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/ OFM).
- *Form Number*: DS–1504.
- *Respondents*: Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 350.
- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 7,938.
- *Average Hours per Response*: 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden*: 3,969 hours.
- *Frequency*: On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond*: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
- *Title of Information Collection*: U.S. Department of State Driver License and Tax Exemption Card Application.
- *OMB Control Number*: 1405–0105.

- *Type of Request*: Revision of a currently approved collection.
- *Originating Office*: Diplomatic Security/Office of Foreign Missions (DS/ OFM).
- *Form Numbers*: DS–1972, DS–1972D, DS–1972T.
- *Respondents*: Foreign government representatives assigned to the United States.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents*: 350 foreign missions.
- *Estimated Number of Responses*: 12,725 responses (DS–1972: 1,402), (DS–1972D: 6,282), (DS–1972T: 5,041).
- *Average Hours per Response*: DS–1972 (30 minutes), DS–1972D (20 minutes), DS–1972T (15 minutes).
- *Total Estimated Burden*: 4,053 hours.
- *Frequency*: On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond*: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202–395–4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail*: kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions)*: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- *Fax*: 202–395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from: Jacqueline Robinson, Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, 2201 C Street, NW., Room 2236, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 647–3416 or OFMInfo@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the 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.

Abstract of Proposed Collection: The Foreign Diplomatic Service Applications (FDSA) associated with OMB Collection number 1405–0105 (DS–2003, DS–2004, DS–2005, DS–2006, DS–2007, and DS–2008) are the means by which the Department of State obtains the information necessary to accept the appointments and terminations of foreign government employees and diplomatic, career and honorary consular officers serving in the United States; their dependents and personal servants accompanying them on tours-of-duty in the United States; to issue documents or update information previously submitted; to extend or terminate privileges and immunities accorded under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963. Also, FDSA DS–1504, DS–98, DS–99, and DS–1972, also associated with OMB number 1405–0105, are the means by which the Department provide customs duty-free entry privileges, exemption from taxes on the use of public utilities and the purchase of gasoline and other motor fuels, the issuance of a driver license and/or a sales tax exemption card for foreign mission personnel and their dependents. In addition, DS–100, DS–101, DS–102, & DS–104 are the means by which the Department provides foreign missions and their members with registration, titling, and issuance of license plates for motor vehicles they own/operate. These “benefits” were designated under the Foreign Missions Act, 22 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (FMA), and must be obtained through the U.S. Department of State. The applications provide the Department with the information necessary to administer the benefits effectively and efficiently and to monitor compliance with local laws, including the ability to identify and take action against motor vehicle operators who repeatedly receive traffic citations. It also facilitates the Department’s ability to monitor and enforce the compliance with Federal laws regarding liability insurance for all foreign mission-operated motor vehicles. FMA, 22 U.S.C. 4303a; Diplomatic Relations Act, 22 U.S.C. 254e.

Methodology: These applications/ information collections are submitted by all foreign missions to the Office of Foreign Missions via the following methods: Electronically, mail, and/or personal delivery.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Intensive Summer Language Institutes for Teachers Program

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance Number: 00.000.

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: July 7, 2009.

Executive Summary: The Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, announces an open competition for a program that will enable U.S. language teachers to study Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin) and Russian in an Arabic-speaking country, the People's Republic of China, and Russia respectively during the summer of 2010. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration of the program. Applicant organizations should design and implement three summer institutes for a minimum total of 25 teachers—fifteen to study Chinese (Mandarin), and five each to study Arabic and Russian. These summer institutes should offer intensive, structured classroom instruction as well as less formal interactive learning opportunities through a comprehensive exchange experience that primarily emphasizes language learning.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 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 above is provided through legislation.

Purpose: To strengthen the instruction of Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), and Russian at U.S. K-12 schools and community colleges through intensive, substantive overseas language study for teachers, community college instructors, and students in the advanced stages of preparation to become teachers or instructors in these languages.

Foreign language skills are essential tools for engaging foreign governments and peoples, especially in critical world regions, for promoting mutual understanding, and for conveying respect for other cultures. These skills equip Americans to support the nation's foreign affairs priorities, its economic competitiveness, and its educational institutions in efforts to prepare future citizens for full engagement in the global environment.

ECA plans to award a single Cooperative Agreement for the administration and implementation of all three Intensive Summer Language Institutes for Teachers under this program. Organizations without expertise in the teaching of all three of the indicated languages are encouraged to seek partners with expertise in teaching the other language(s) in preparing their proposals. Consortia and other combinations of institutions must designate a lead institution to receive the award and administer the program.

Applicant organizations may submit a proposal requesting funds not exceeding \$500,000 to implement all three overseas language institutes between June and August 2010.

Proposals should outline four distinct program components: (1) Publicity, recruitment, and selection; (2) orientation; (3) the language institutes; and (4) follow-on activities.

(1) *Publicity, Recruitment, and Selection:* The cooperating agency will publicize the three language institutes as well as recruit, screen, and select U.S. elementary and secondary school teachers, community college instructors, and eligible students for the program. Applicant organizations should propose a comprehensive outreach plan to publicize and recruit for the program within the K-12, community college, and foreign language educational community in the U.S. This plan should include separate strategies for reaching teachers of Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin),

and Russian. Information about the program, along with all accompanying application materials, should be posted online by the cooperating agency. All application materials should be available in a sortable, searchable, electronically accessible database format that can be shared easily with the Bureau's program office upon request. The cooperating agency will be responsible for convening independent committees to select candidates for the program. The Bureau should be consulted regarding the selection of candidates and will approve the principal and alternate candidates for participation in the program.

The Bureau intends to include participants who represent the diversity of the U.S. in all components of the program. Selection should be based on the teachers' professional backgrounds as language teachers, dedication to language teaching, and leadership potential. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and language teachers at elementary or secondary schools, community college instructors, or students in an advanced stage of preparation to teach Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), or Russian.

(2) *Orientation:* The cooperating organization will organize a substantive, in-person, pre-departure orientation in the U.S. for all participants. The orientation should include thorough discussions of the goals and objectives of the program and should be developed and administered in consultation with the ECA program office. Comprehensive information packets should be provided to all participants prior to the orientation.

Standardized pre-institute testing should be done to determine participants' initial language proficiency and subsequent progress. Applicant organizations should include in their proposals their plans to develop and implement an instrument to measure participants' increased language proficiency resulting from their participation in the program.

The cooperating agency should provide the participants with an in-country orientation upon arrival to familiarize them with the language institute and surrounding community.

(3) *Language Institutes:* Each six-week institute will provide intensive language instruction in a classroom setting for approximately twenty hours per week, in addition to language-learning opportunities through immersion in the cultural, social, and educational life of the host country. Classes should provide formal instruction in grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation in addition to covering the four main