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Dear Newsletter Recipients,

This week I am pleased to share an announcement inviting you to participate in the first of several regional White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives conferences. This first conference, taking place in New Orleans, will highlight and strengthen the role of faith-based and community organizations in disaster relief and preparedness with a special focus on the Gulf Coast region.

Another announcement tells the story of a successful basket weaving business in Rwanda. This is interesting because forty-one percent of businesses in Rwanda, surprisingly enough, are run by women. Only Ghana, with 44%, and Cape Verde, at 43%, have more women active in business.

Other announcements in this newsletter share opportunities to build the capacity of your organizations with the HUD Department's regional conferences, and highlight a federal funding opportunity through a South African PEPFAR APS. We hope you will find these helpful.

Finally, I want to tell you that in the coming months, our office will be making some changes to the CFBCI website. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions regarding this, please send them to

Warmest regards,

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White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference on Disaster Relief and Preparedness

New Orleans, Louisiana

Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30

Day 1: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Day 2: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The Sheraton New Orleans
500 Canal Street

New Orleans, LA 70130
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On May 29 and 30, 2008, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will host a conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, designed to highlight and strengthen the role of faith-based and community organizations in disaster relief and preparedness with a special focus on the Gulf Coast region. The White House Conference on Disaster Relief and Preparedness will discuss ways President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative vision is engaged across the Gulf Coast region and will offer tools and training for social service organizations as they work to rebuild and sustain their communities.

The White House Conference on Disaster Relief and Preparedness is part of a series of regional conferences hosted by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives across the country and around the world. These events are designed to connect effective nonprofit organizations with resources to help strengthen and expand the services they offer.

Hosted by the White House and the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, Education, Homeland Security, Commerce, Veterans' Affairs, the Small Business Administration, and the Agency for International Development, the conference will feature information on Federal and State grant opportunities; basic legal responsibilities for public-sector grantees; practical guidance on the grant-writing process; and successful practices of other local organizations. In addition, each day will provide networking opportunities with government representatives and other faith-based and community organizations.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register online at www.fbc.gov by Thursday, May 15. While online registration is strongly encouraged, those who are unable to register online may print and complete the attached form and fax it to 703-299-4589. If you are not able to view this file, please call 202-456-6708 to have a form faxed to you. Please register by Thursday, May 15. To cancel a registration, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com or a fax to the number listed above so we may accommodate as many people as possible.

Visit the conference section of www.fbc.gov to learn more about the conference workshops. For more information, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com, visit www.fbc.gov, or call 202-456-6708.

We very much hope you will be able to join us in New Orleans!

Weaving Peace in Rwanda

Rwanda has the third highest percentage of women entrepreneurs of any country in Africa. Forty-one percent of businesses are run by women. Only Ghana, with 44%, and Cape Verde, at 43%, have more women active in business.

Much of this success is due to Gahaya Links, a Kigali-based business run by the sisters Janet Nkubana and Joy Ndungutse. In 2007, the business produced 35,000 baskets with annual sales of US\$300,000. From its beginnings just over a decade ago, with 27 weavers, it now employs 3,200 women from across Rwanda. The basket weaving groups include both Hutu and Tutsi women, for whom working together helps heal old grievances. Hence the name: peace baskets. Says Janet: "I have survivors, I have widows, I have women whose husbands are in prison. To see them sitting under one roof weaving and doing business together is a huge achievement...these women are now together, earning an income. It is amazing."

Janet's aim is for Gahaya Links to change the way people live. The group has set up a communal bank, and she says the increased income in women's hands seems to have diminished domestic violence for her employees. "Women weavers tell me that, because of their weaving and the income they now bring in, their husbands treat them with more respect." There is probably some envy too. Gahaya Links' exclusive contract with Macy's has assured it a steady stream of orders, for now.

Janet notes that Macy's is willing to buy as many as they can produce. The company realizes that it needs to diversify its product offering to satisfy changing consumer tastes. "We are looking to expand to other products, such as textiles. We are also experimenting with jewelry," says Janet, holding up a black and white hand-woven earring. New export markets, too, are targeted, such as Europe and Canada. Rwanda's peace baskets have traveled far, from the homes of Rwanda's basket weavers, to the windows of Macy's store displays, and from there to the homes of U.S. consumers. The baskets are not only creating an income for the local women, coming from a country deeply marked by a devastating genocide, but they also spread a message of hope as Janet's employees weave peace at home in Rwanda.

To read the entire article, please [click here](#).

Potentially Fraudulent Email Warning- Jacobson Foundation

Anyone that is invited to attend the 2nd international NGO/CBO Annual Meeting in the USA and is asked to transfer US \$200 for registration (and as stated other costs will be covered by Jacobson Foundation) is advised to suspect this organization and its activities to be FRAUDULENT.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Center For Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Grant Writing Training Schedule

DATE	CITY/STATE
July 15-16	Portsmouth, NH
July 30-31	Bridgeport, CT
August 20-21	Providence, RI
April 9-10, 2008	Utica, NY
March 15/August 6	Niagara Univ., NY
May 6-7, 2008	New Brunswick, NY
June 2008	Rochester, NY
September 2008	Camden, NJ
September 2008	Brooklyn, NY
March 4-6, 2008	Hampton, VA
May 12-13, 2008	Virginia Beach, VA
May 2008	Baltimore, MD
June 2-3	Pittsburgh, PA
June 18-19	Shepardstown, WV
June 24-26, 2008	Culpeper, VA
June 30-July 1	Erie, PA (GWT)
August 2008	Philadelphia, PA
April 23-24, 2008	Miami, FL
May 12-13, 2008	Birmingham, AL

May 13-14, 2008	Columbia, SC
May 14-15, 2008	Atlanta, GA
July 1-3, 2008	Louisville, KY
August 12-13, 2008	Jackson, MS
August/September 2008	Greensboro, NC
May 16, 2008	Puerto Rico
June 12-13	South Bend, IN
July 2008	Chicago, IL
July 2008	Minneapolis, MN
August 2008	Milwaukee, WI
September 2008	Cleveland, OH
May 15-16	New Orleans, LA
May 12-13, 2008	San Antonio, TX
July 15-16, 2008	Albuquerque, NM
August 12-14, 2008	Tulsa, OK
August 18-19, 2008	Little Rock, AR
August 21-22, 2008	OK City, OK
September 10-11, 2008	Ft. Worth, TX
September 16-17, 2008	Dallas, TX
September 17-18, 2008	Houston, TX
April 21-22, 2008	El Paso, TX
July 9-10, 2008	Kansas City, MO
August 6-7, 2008	St. Louis, MO
August 12-13, 2008	Kearney, NE
August 13-14, 2008	Dubuque, IA
May 12-13, 2008	St. George, UT
June 2008/ 1-Day	Salt Lake City, UT
July 21-24, 2008	Denver, CO
July 22-23, 2008	TBD, WY
August 5-6, 2008	Kalispell, MT
August 12-13, 2008	Sioux Falls, SD
August 19-20	Grand Forks, ND
March 24-25, 2008	Santa Ana, CA
May 13-14, 2008	Yuma, AZ
August 26-27, 2008	Boise, ID

South Africa PEPFAR Annual Program Statement

The U.S. Embassy to South Africa includes an announcement for a PEPFAR APS that is soliciting applications for funding from prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in South Africa. This APS is an open competition. Concept papers should be received no later than Monday May 5, 2008 at 12:00 noon (South Africa time).

To read the entire APS, please [click here](#).

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Senegal USAID-Dakar has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled "Enabling Quality, Access, and Transparency in Education for Senegal". As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 28, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Dominican Republic USAID-Santo Domingo has posted an APS announcing USAID's intention to awarding multiple grants. Eligible applicants are Dominican NGOs operating legally under Dominican law, foreign organizations operating under the relevant Dominican laws and that have the required clearance to operate in the Dominican Republic from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The RFA is seeking project proposals to administer aid for the Out of School and At Risk Children and Youth program. Applicants must specify the length of time and requested funding level in the submitted concept paper. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Hungary USAID-Budapest has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement for a three-year program to support the USG Trafficking in Persons Strategy (TIP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), specifically helping BiH to remain a Tier 2 country and, if possible, to progress to a Tier 1 country. The program will help to strengthen the capacity of BiH's Government to combat TIP and to implement the country's National Action Plan. This objective will be accomplished through the following prevention and protection interventions: 1) Insertion of trafficking prevention education in schools 2) Support for victim assistance 3) Support to the implementation of the National Anti-Trafficking Plan of Action This program will support, wherever possible, interventions that are by their nature self-sustaining. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 27, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The US Agency for International Development Food for Peace grant announcement has been posted on Grants.gov. Eligible applicants include U.S. non-profit organizations and Public International Organization (PIO). Applications may request a maximum of 75 metric tons (MT) of commodities (currently valued at approximately \$173,000) and up to \$100,000 of funding. It is not mandatory, however, that these exact levels be requested or in this proportion. (Note: Funding is available for costs directly associated with the movement, management and monitoring of IFRP commodities. Funding will not be considered for the following costs: vehicle purchase, project materials, tools and office equipment.) To read more about USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) and to obtain a link to fiscal year 2008 IFRP Guidelines and Procedures, [click here](#). To access the announcement on Grants.gov and for contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 2, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to encourage the abandonment of traditional practices that promote and condone gender-based violence. USAID is specifically interested in those traditional harmful practices that have received limited attention from the development community. The geographic focus under consideration is USAID's geographic definitions of Africa and Asia & the Near East (ANE). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 12, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted an unrestricted grant announcement seeking partners to meet the critical basic needs of internally displaced people and returnee populations (both old and new caseload) in Kabul Province. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is June 21, 2008.

US Agency for International Development has posted a cooperative agreement for registered U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, non-profit, and for profit organizations willing to forego profit. The purpose of the Annual Program Statement is to solicit applications for funding. The United States Government, through USAID/Washington and in close collaboration with USAID/Cotonou, USAID/Nairobi, USAID/Pretoria, and USAID/Lusaka, is seeking full applications from prospective partners to implement activities in support of creative and timely responses to the USAID-related components of the Presidential Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 23, 2008.

Ethiopia USAID-Addis Ababa has posted an unrestricted cooperative agreement to solicit applications for funding from prospective new partners to support implementation of the United States Government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (hereafter referred to as Emergency Plan or also referred to as PEPFAR) in Ethiopia. The United States Government, through USAID/Ethiopia, is seeking, from prospective partners, concept papers to be followed by full applications (if concept papers are selected) to implement activities in support of the Prevention for at Risk Populations in High Prevalence Urban Areas in Ethiopia. The U.S. Government Mission in Ethiopia anticipates awarding a limited number of grants or cooperative agreements (hereafter called Agreements) for a period of no less than one year and no more than three years. Meanwhile, depending on successful implementation, needs and availability of funds, the period of performance could be extended by one or two additional years. To access the announcement as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#). As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is July 31, 2008.

USAID has posted a grant notice for conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs (with possible multiple awards). The Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (DCHA/CMM) within USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) invites applications from U.S. and non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations (IOs) and other qualified non-U.S. Government (USG) organizations (including faith-based organizations and community based organizations) to carry out activities, under grants or cooperative agreements, that support conflict mitigation and reconciliation programs and activities that bring together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and violence. A program performance period of up to twenty-four (24) months is anticipated for each award -- between \$100,000 to \$600,000 each. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is August 12, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

USAID has posted a grant notice for Public Private Partnerships in Ethiopia. The USAID/Nigeria Economic Growth, Partnership and Private Sector (PPS) Team is strongly committed to building public-private partnerships that mobilize resources, expertise, creative approaches, and technologies that address development issues in Nigeria under the Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS). [Click here](#) to view the entire announcement. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Nigeria USAID-Abuja has posted a cooperative agreement for registered Nigerian indigenous organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGO), faith-based organizations (FBO), community-based organizations (CBO), foundations, private organizations affiliated with public academic institutions, parastatals, professional organizations, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations willing to forego profit. They are looking for proposals to strengthen civil society to combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is January 31, 2009. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

Department of State

The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning and for international organizations. Limited funding is available to support overseas assistance programs to address gender-

based violence (GBV), including sexual abuse and exploitation, amongst refugees and refugee returnees, in a manner that respects the dignity of the individual and culture in which s/he lives. Applicants should bear in mind that PRM's central mandate is to provide assistance to refugees and returnees. Priority activities, countries, and populations are included in the full announcement. While other vulnerable populations are also of vital concern, applicants must clearly show how they are benefiting PRM's primary target population. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor has posted a grant for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning. The Bureau announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals to support technologies that will maximize freedom of expression and the free flow of information and ideas through minimizing the success of repressive technologies in censoring and silencing peaceful expressions of political, religious, and ideological views on the Internet. These technologies should be either Internet-based technologies that can directly counter Internet censorship tools, or mobile technologies that circumvent Internet censorship by disseminating information through other media. Proposed activities should promote Internet freedom in restricted environments, including the Middle East and Asia. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 2, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning and for international organizations. They are requesting proposals in an open competition for the Ngwang Choepel Fellows program that focus on the themes of Cultural Preservation and Economic Self-sufficiency. The Office seeks proposals that train and assist Tibetans living in Tibetan communities in China by providing professional experience and exposure to American society and culture through internships, workshops and other learning activities hosted by U.S. institutions. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 9, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a grant for public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education. They announce an open competition for multiple grants to support international exchange projects under the rubric "Faith and Community: A Dialogue." Public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of such organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to develop and implement multi-phased exchanges that bring clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists from countries with significant Muslim populations to the United States to interact with their counterparts and support reciprocal visits by American clerics, scholars of religion, educators, and community leaders/activists representing the diversity of the American population. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 21, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

The Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs has posted a cooperative agreement for nonprofits with 501 (C)(3) status that are not institutions of higher learning and for international organizations. They are announcing an open competition for the English Language Teaching (ELT) Materials Development Project and English Language Educators Summer Institute for July 2009. Proposals should provide the following: 1) the development of English language materials suitable to Office of English Language Programs' goals and 2) the design and administration of a three-week professional development program for assessing English language teaching materials for possible adoption into English language teaching programs overseas. As of April 25, 2008 the closing date for this announcement is May 13, 2008. For more information as well as contact information for the acquisition specialist, [click here](#).

For all federal grant notices, visit grants.gov.

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