



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Thanks to everyone who participated in last week's conference call on USAID Limited Excess Property Program. We have also posted the minutes from the [USAID Microenterprise Conference Call](#). Stay tuned for our next conference call topic!

Just in time for Mother's Day, this week marks the 20 years of USAID Support to Mothers and Childbearing Women through the U.S. Maternal Health Program. Read all about it in our "Articles of Interest" section.

We want your feedback! Please take a moment to let us know what you think about our conference calls and newsletter, as well what you would like to see in future. Please email us your suggestions at fbcf@usaid.gov.

Warmest regards,

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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provides this newsletter service to further engage and enhance cooperation with the international development community. The listing of events, meetings or organizations in this newsletter do not constitute support or endorsement of any specific ideas, concepts or organizations by the United States Agency for International Development or the United States Government.

CFBCI Sponsored Conference Calls

We welcome any input that your organization may have on our conference calls as well as suggestions for future topics. The CFBCI is here to help provide as much information as we can to help your organization succeed.

Send all suggestions to fbc@usaid.gov

Over the past few months the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has hosted a number of conference calls highlighting different departments and programs within USAID.

These calls create an opportunity for you to learn more about USAID and the various opportunities that exist for partnership. Each call has at least one USAID expert from that program area to give an overview of what their office does and how faith based and community organizations can connect with them.

After each call the CFBCI posts the minutes from the call on to the [CFBCI website](#).

Below are the topics that have already been covered and links to the minutes from those calls.

- [Office of Acquisition and Assistance](#)
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Please let us know what you would like to hear more about. To respond, [click here](#).

CFBCI eNewsletter



Help us keep the CFBCI eNewsletter fresh and informative. We welcome all suggestions! What information would you like to see in this newsletter?

We appreciate feedback, so please send your suggestions to fbc@usaid.gov!

USAID Prepares to Expand Capacity Building Program Across Iraqi Provinces

May 6, 2009

BAGHDAD – U.S. Ambassador Christopher R. Hill and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Iraq Director Christopher D. Crowley, in partnership with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Rafe H. Al-Eissawi, opened a two-day conference that marked another milestone in Iraq's rebuilding efforts.

The conference brought together ministers, director generals, and governors from six central provinces of Iraq to work together to improve the provision of public services to the Iraqi people.

The conference was sponsored by the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister for Services and USAID's national Capacity Development program, known locally as "*Tatweer*." Iraqi government representatives from Anbar, Babil, Diyala, Karbala, Najaf, and Wasit participated in the event at Al Rashid Hotel in Baghdad.

The USAID program works with 10 ministries and 10 agencies and executive offices to improve overall institutional performance and introduce international best practices. In the past two years, USAID/*Tatweer* has trained more than 70,000 Iraq government officials in strategic planning, human resources, and financial management, and project management. Though the training under USAID/*Tatweer* has been nationwide, the technical assistance activities with the ministries and executive bodies have mostly focused in Baghdad. USAID will expand the technical assistance program to the provinces, working with the directors general and their staff on key public administration system priorities.

USAID Iraq Director Crowley said, "This conference is an excellent opportunity to start a meaningful dialogue across the different levels of government and the central provinces to build on the progress made so far." He said the joint efforts are meant to set up a transparent and effective public administration system to improve the delivery of services throughout the country.

Since 2003, USAID has invested more than \$6 billion on programs designed to stabilize communities; foster economic and agricultural growth; and build the capacity of the national, local, and provincial governments to respond to the needs of the Iraqi people.

U.S. Maternal Health Program: Marks 20 Years of Support to Mothers and Childbearing Women

May 8, 2009

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Mother's Day, May 10th, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will mark 20 years of work to research, prevent and treat the major causes of maternal death and disability in high burden countries.

"Women give and protect life, nurture body and mind, and sustain communities large and small," said Gloria Steele, Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health. "Women make extraordinary contributions as caregivers and caretakers, as well as breadwinners and bread-makers. By averting maternal death and disability that cost families and communities so much, we can improve the productive capacity of women in their own nations."

Every year, more than half a million women die and many more suffer complications from childbirth. Women in sub-Saharan Africa die in childbirth at a rate that is more than 150 times greater than in the United States. USAID maternal health programs have helped to reduce under-5 mortality in almost 30 countries and maternal mortality in 10 countries within a decade.

Strengthening the capacity and number of skilled birth attendants; reducing financial barriers to access care; and improving health information systems have helped to reduce maternal and newborn deaths dramatically.

USAID has sharpened its focus on a set of interventions targeting specific complications of pregnancy and birth that lead to high mortality rates, including excessive bleeding, hypertension, infections, anemia, and prolonged labor. These conditions alone account for two-thirds of maternal deaths in the developing world.

Since 2004 USAID has also supported a program to repair obstetric fistula, a vaginal injury caused by obstructed labor that results in chronic incontinence. More than 10,000 women in south Asia and sub-Saharan Africa have received surgery to repair this devastating injury.

These efforts to improve maternal health are complemented by programs that address the poverty and hardships still facing mothers and their families in many countries. Among those efforts are micro-credit programs that provide access to money that can be used to lift families out of poverty; girls' education programs to improve the health and prosperity of coming generations; water and sanitation programs that prevent disease; and emergency relief and food assistance following disasters.

For more information about USAID and its maternal and child health programs, visit www.usaid.gov

HELPFUL TOOLS AND INFORMATION

Microenterprise Conference Call Minutes: April 21, 2009

To read the minutes from the Microenterprise conference call, [click here.](#)

Please send in topic suggestions for future CFBCI conference calls to fbc@usaid.gov!

USAID has been working over the past three decades to expand opportunities for hundreds of millions of people who rely on microenterprises in the informal sector for their livelihoods. USAID has invested in hundreds of private microenterprise development organizations around the world – organizations that are reshaping financial and business service markets to better serve the poor. Extending improved and expanded services enables entrepreneurs to gain access to a variety of sources of capital, information, inputs, technologies and markets. By linking to these resources, poor entrepreneurs will be better able to seize opportunities they have not had in the past and to create better lives for themselves and their families.



Rural markets provide income to family operated microenterprises.

Fourth Annual *Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances* Shows Private Philanthropy, Remittances Provide Lifeline to Developing Countries During Recession

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For more information and to view the new *Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances*, visit Hudson Institute's CGP on the Web at www.global-prosperity.org

WASHINGTON – Despite the global recession, private giving and remittances are expected to be lifelines to help developing countries weather the economic storm, according to the new 2009 *Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances* published by Hudson Institute's Center for Global Prosperity (CGP).

The most comprehensive measurement of global private giving, this year's Index shows that philanthropy from all developed to developing countries increased to \$49 billion in 2007 (latest available data). Despite the loss of assets in 2008, giving abroad by foundations, corporations, charities, churches, and individuals is not expected to take a sharp downward turn in 2009, according to Index analysis. Remittances – money sent from migrants living in developed countries back to their families and towns in the developing world – may be the most recession resilient means to help alleviate poverty in underdeveloped countries. This \$145 billion sent back home exceeds government aid from developed countries, which totals \$103.5 billion. Even with the economic downturn, remittances grew 9 percent in 2008 and are expected to decline by less than 10 percent in 2009.

The new *Index*, officially launched on April 27, shows Americans continued their generosity in 2007. Dr. Carol Adelman, Director of CGP, is presenting the findings at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, DC. U.S. private philanthropy, larger than ever, totaled \$36.9 billion, over one and one-half times larger than official aid for this same period. When remittances are added to private philanthropy, the combined total - \$115.9 billion – is more than five times official aid of \$21.8 billion.

The *Index* details the private philanthropy of U.S. foundations, corporations, private and voluntary organizations, volunteers, colleges and universities, and religious congregations. For the first time ever, the *Index* provides private-giving data by region and type of activity, showing that Africa receives the largest percent of corporations and charities' donations, while Latin America gets the bulk of giving by religious congregations.

Global generosity is on the rise abroad in both developed and developing countries. This year's Index breaks new ground by documenting private giving in eleven developed countries outside the United States, identifying a new total of \$12 billion for all other donors. Private giving countries as well, from Chinese action-star turned celebrity-philanthropist Jet Li helping Chinese earthquake victims, to Tony Blair's charitable foundation reaching out to countries in need.

The *Index* also analyzes how technology has broken down national borders in global giving. From the first-ever "Twestival" fundraising event for users of the popular Twitter, to new Internet-based giving platforms, to innovative cell-phone based technologies that enable migrants to send money home more easily, private giving is being transformed into "Philanthropy 2.0."

"The Obama administration is well positioned to launch a new business model for foreign aid, one which uses government dollars largely to help successful philanthropic projects scale up," says Dr. Adelman. "The president's campaign of savvy, web-based technology, direct outreach to

voters through blogs, videos, and interactive websites resulting in a large number of small donations, mirrors what philanthropy is now pioneering as it seeks to work more effectively with new players in a new developing world.”

For more information and to view the new Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances, visit Hudson Institute’s CGP on the Web at www.global-prosperity.org

USAID FUNDING

(check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic objectives. They originate from USAID offices and missions around the world and solicit creative approaches and programs that will accomplish defined objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)-

- RFAs invite interested parties to submit competitive applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

USAID/Manila - USAID/Philippines invites applications from US and non-US organizations, including Philippines, non-profit or for-profit entities to implement democracy and governance activities at the national level and in Mindanao under the US Foreign Assistance framework's objectives "Governing Justly and Democratically" and "Peace and Security". USAID/Philippines currently supports oversight and reform of government budgeting, anticorruption efforts, initiatives to improve the efficiency and integrity of the judiciary and access to justice, greater transparency and public participation in governance, a fair and transparent electoral process, an empowered civil society and the protection of vulnerable individuals from human trafficking. For FY2009, the priority areas for support are geared towards promoting greater political competition through free, fair and honest elections; promoting human rights; strengthening public participation in governance through reform advocates and civil society actors among others; enhancing transparency and accountability; reducing corruption; broadening access to justice and ensuring the fair and equal application of the law; and reducing conflict, particularly in Mindanao. As of April 15, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Kenya - East Africa is seeking applications from qualified and eligible organizations to implement the "Rural Roads Rehabilitation and Maintenance Program" with USAID-provided financial assistance. The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. USAID intends to make available up to \$2,475,000 and award a single Cooperative Agreement (a form of a grant) to fund the successful Applicant's Program designed to achieve objectives and results matching those described in the RFA Section C. USAID will make funds available incrementally. Program implementation is expected to be fully completed within two years— the maximum period of authorized funding. It is anticipated that award will be made in mid-June, 2009. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 18, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - is seeking comments on the following draft Request for Applications (RFA) for the production, packaging, and stockpiling of shelf-stable, prepackaged commodities to be distributed under the International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) program. This is not a formal Request for Application. This announcement is soliciting comments and suggestions from interested parties in order to further refine the program description and corresponding RFA. USAID anticipates issuing a final RFA this calendar year. USAID reserves the right to use any comments received in response to this request in its future plans and documents, however USAID is not obligated to do so. USAID reserves the right to change this draft, based on comments received and its own internal review, prior to issuance of the RFA itself. Issuance of this draft for comment does not obligate USAID to issue an RFA on this subject. All expenses incurred in responding to this request for comment shall be the responsibility of the individual or organization which provides the comments and not USAID. Please provide any comments and suggestions on this draft RFA to IFRP@amexdc.com within thirty (30) days of posting. Thank you for your interest in USAID programs. USAID, is

seeking applications (proposals for funding) from U.S. non-profit organizations for the production, packaging, and stockpiling of shelf-stable, prepackaged commodities to be distributed under the International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) program. Please refer to the Program Description under the "Full Announcement" option on <http://www.grants.gov> for a complete description. Subject to the availability of funds, under this Request for Assistance (RFA), USAID/DCHA/Office of Food for Peace (FFP) plans to enter into awards for a maximum of \$6,000,000 each year for up to three years. The anticipated award date is o/a December 15, 2009. USAID intends to award up to two (2) grants under this RFA. Please see important eligibility requirements in Section C1, including the requirement that the organization be a U.S. based non-profit entity as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 18, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - The United States Government, represented by the Agency for International Development (USAID), Global Health (GH), Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition (HIDN), proposes to enter into two Leader with Associate Cooperative Agreements for the implementation of the Health Research Challenge for Impact (HRCI) activity and the Health Research Challenge for Delivery (HRCI) activity specifically described in Section I of this RFA. These two research activities fall under the GH/HIDN Health Research Program (HaRP) Framework described in this RFA. As of April 22, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 22, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition (GH/HIDN) is seeking applications from U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Non-U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (see Section III.B, Eligible Countries) engaged in international health and development, to implement activities under the Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Net (LLIN) RFA. The activity outlined in this RFA is aligned with USAID's Foreign Assistance Framework and will contribute to the Health Program Area of the Investing in People Objective. As such, the project in its entirety will support the Malaria Program Element, Sub-Element: 3.1.3.2, "Insecticide-Treated Nets to Prevent Malaria". It is anticipated that PMI-designated priority countries will be a significant source of mission buy-in and funding for this agreement. However, any USAID operating unit (field missions, bureaus, etc) with malaria control programs will be encouraged to participate in this activity. The new award will build on previous and on-going USG investments, including those made under the PMI, the NetMark Project, as well as investments by other partners. The agreement will be a five-year competitively awarded Cooperative Agreement to begin in FY 2009. The project will be funded with a combination of core and field support funding. This agreement will be authorized to accept all types of USAID funding as long as the use is consistent with the scope of this award and USAID's malaria control objectives. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Global Health, Office of Health, Infectious Disease and

Nutrition (GH/HIDN) is seeking applications from eligible U.S. organizations, as described in Section III of this RFA, to implement activities under PREPARE –Pandemic Preparedness Activity. This coordinated and comprehensive program is designed to minimize the impact of specific newly emergent diseases of animal origin, which pose a significant threat to human health and development. This program must be managed by the USAID Avian and Pandemic Influenza Unit. USAID will work closely with international, host governments, USG, and private sector entities to coordinate activities and ensure that USAID’s involvement is consistent with that of the global health community. As of May 5, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 4, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Almaty - The purpose of this notice to solicit an application for a three year program that will provide region-wide legal and regulatory support for civil society organizations (CSOs) in Central Asia. Specifically, USAID is seeking assistance to support the following goals: • Support the development/implementation of enabling CSO legislation and avoid passage of restrictive legislation • Increase the capacity of indigenous lawyers to assist CSOs • Promote public discussion of legal and policy issues related to civil society and CSOs. As of April 24, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Monrovia - The purpose of this program description (PD) is to define the parameters of a five year, election support program for USAID/Liberia. The objective is to provide timely support through technical assistance and some material support to assist Liberia’s National Elections Commission (NEC) to conduct specific electoral exercises that are vital to the continued democratic transition underway in Liberia. These exercises include constituency boundary delimitation, design a revised voter registration system, holding a national referendum to amend the Constitution, and support holding local elections. In addition to these exercises, the program description also calls for capacity building training for the entire NEC, including for temporary staff hired to assist with the conduct of electoral events, such as by-elections, as needed. Finally, the PD requires a program of support to the NEC for nationwide civic and voter education to inform and sensitize Liberians about some important new changes in the election landscape as a result of these exercises. As of April 16, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 9, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Addis Ababa - USAID/Ethiopia Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program will operate within the Investing in People objective. The Program will contribute to improving health by increasing access to safe drinking water and improving sanitation and hygiene practices, in accordance with USAID guidance on the use of Global Health/Child Survival Funds. This new WASH Program will be a three year program, depending on performance and availability of funding. The total three year cost of the program is estimated at \$4,000,000. As of May 1, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 9, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Accra - The Focus Region Health Project is intended to increase access, quality, and use of family planning and maternal, newborn and child health services and improve regional, district and community management

and systems in three focus regions. These regions are Greater Accra, Central, and Western. The Recipient will be expected to collaborate with other implementing partners to support the integration of activities from other USAID/Ghana program components when relevant to the focus regions, including malaria prevention and case management, HIV/AIDS prevention, and water and sanitation activities. The Recipient is expected to enable regional and district health teams to engage a range of NGOs, the private sector, and community and elected leaders in a joint effort to support improved health programs and outcomes. As of April 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 12, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Accra - The Ghana Behavior Change Support Project is intended to foster positive health practices in households and communities and support changes in cultural norms that will reinforce and maintain these practices. The Recipient will provide a range of communications support for the behavior changes needed to improve health in the priority technical areas of reproductive health/maternal and child health, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and water/sanitation and other infectious diseases, maximizing the use of relevant approaches, materials and media products already developed and used successfully in Ghana. To implement the key components of this project, the Recipient will need to work in close partnership with the Government of Ghana, other USAID implementing partners, non-governmental organizations, community and elected leaders, faith-based organizations, and various other local partners. As of April 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 12, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Bangkok - The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking applications (proposals for funding) to support U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and/or a consortia to support regional and country-based infectious disease programs. This award will permit the recipient to carry out activities on a region-wide basis and/or in all of the following countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS): Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and possibly Burma in the future. As of May 11, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 19, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Almaty - This USAID/Central Asian Republics (CAR) Annual Program Statement (APS) solicits applications from prospective partners to implement maternal and child health activities in Tajikistan. USAID expects that the total level of funding available under this APS for activities in Tajikistan would be up to \$3.5 million. Based on these figures, funding requests are expected to range from a minimum of \$200,000 up to a maximum of \$3.5 million (if activities are proposed to cover all program objectives), for expenditure over a period of up to five years. Funding will not exceed \$700,000 per year; awards for projects of more than one year will be funded incrementally. All awards are subject to the availability of funding. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-The USAID/Washington/Middle East Bureau 2008 Annual Program Statement (APS) is seeking applications from eligible institution as described

in Section A.1.e., that promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Iran. Applications should advance one or more of the following objectives: strengthening civil society organization and advocacy; increasing awareness of and strengthening the rule of law; and expanding freedom of information. USAID intends to make several awards under this APS for a total of up to \$20 million. Applicants can request \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 for expenditure for a maximum of two years. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-ODP Annual Program Statement-There is no dollar value limit or minimum for individual proposals or for cumulative awards made under this APS. However, as a reference, past USAID funding awards have ranged between \$50,000 and \$10,000,000. The actual number of awards under this APS is subject to the availability of funds and the interests and requirements of missions/WOUs as well as viability of proposals received. Do not post applications in Grants.gov. All applications and specific questions should be submitted directly to the mission. Contact information for the missions is located in the attached Annual Program Statement. As of December 2, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Manila- The Mission of the United States Agency for International Development in the Philippines (USAID/Philippines) invites applications from U.S. or non-U.S. organizations (including Philippines) non-profit or for profit entities to implement "Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of Natural Resources" activities as described in this Annual Program Statement (APS) under grants or cooperative agreements. As of February 3, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 1, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dar es Salaam - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to disseminate information about USAID/Tanzania's Foreign Assistance Framework, Objective: Economic Growth (EG), and to provide prospective grantees with an opportunity to develop and submit applications for a maximum of 4-year funding. This APS describes the program and the application process, including criteria for evaluating applications. The APS also provides information on administration of awards and point of contact. As of April 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 10, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID - The United States Government (USG), as represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM), invites applications for funding from qualified U.S. and non-U.S., non-profit or for-profit non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and International Organizations (PIO or IO) to carry out activities that mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation by bringing together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and war in the countries listed in the APS. USAID anticipates that approximately US \$25,000,000 will be available to support

the program(s) or activity (ies) described herein, although final funding levels will depend on content, quality, number of applications received, needs, availability of funding, and competing priorities. USAID will not consider any applications below a minimum amount of US\$100,000 or above a maximum amount of US\$600,000 except for applications for West Bank/Gaza and Israel, for which a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 may be requested. As of April 27, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID- Global Food Security Response: Africa Action Plan, The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID's Bureau for Africa to fund proposals to contribute to the objectives of the Global Food Security Response through forming public-private and/or private-private alliances to support the development of effective staple food value-chains in West Africa. This APS provides prospective recipients with an opportunity to develop and submit applications for U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID) funding in the area of Economic Growth focused on increasing food security. This APS describes the strategy, the APS application process, the criteria for evaluating applications, and information on administration of awards and point of contract. As of February 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 31, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID – The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information to prospective applicants so they may develop and submit applications for USAID funding. USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements and/or grants as a result of this APS, targeting humanitarian interventions that facilitate and anchor returnees and also maintaining emergency support for displaced and vulnerable communities with special concern for, but not limited to war widows, women and children, and disabled civilians. This APS: (1) provides background on ongoing emergency needs in Iraq as well as the types of interventions that could encourage returns and maintain support for the displaced; (2) identifies the types of activities for which applications will be considered; (3) explains the criteria for evaluating applications; (4) describes the level of funding available and the process and requirements for submitting applications; and (5) refers prospective applicants to relevant documentation which is available on the Internet. As of April 13, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is December 13, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID- The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to disseminate information about the United States Agency for International Development(USAID) African Urban Poor Improved Water Supply and Sanitation Program (AUP-IWS) APS. USAID anticipates awarding a maximum of three assistance instruments from applications submitted in response to this APS during the first initial round. It is anticipated that grants will be funded for amounts between \$1,500,000 and \$4,500,000 for the life of proposed projects. As of March 13, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is February 8, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Cultural Programs Division of the Office of Citizen Exchanges in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for two Cooperative

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Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Overseas Processing Entity (OPE)-

An entity funded by the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration's (PRM's) Admissions Office to prepare the paperwork on individual refugee cases prior to interview by the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (DHS/USCIS). Once approved by DHS, an OPE helps the refugee complete processing by requesting a sponsorship assurance from a resettlement agency in the U.S.; scheduling the refugee for a medical examination; ensuring a security name check has been done; arranging travel through the International Organization for Migration (IOM), etc.

Agreements to support programs for short residency and training programs in the United States for emerging and midcareer documentary filmmakers from around the world and museum specialists from Iraq. The Bureau anticipates that approximately \$900,000 will be available to support this competition. Grantees will design, develop, and implement 30-60 day programs in the United States for the selected participants, individually or in small groups. Each program should be built around a residency experience, which may be supplemented by other program elements designed to enhance and expand upon the activities of the residency. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 12, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - Limited funding is available NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Southern Sudanese Refugees, Refugee Returnees and Receiving Communities. Current Funding Priorities for Southern Sudan: (1) Proposed activities should support Sudanese refugee reintegration via programs in return communities in Jonglei State, Eastern Equatoria State, and Upper Nile State of southern Sudan. PRM will consider reintegration activities in the following areas: health, primary education, water/sanitation, mine awareness education, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, and livelihoods training and establishment. PRM will not support NGO projects in FY09 that focus on information campaigns, civic education projects, "go and see" visits or other activities to prepare refugees in countries of asylum for returns. As of April 13, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 13, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support NGOs assisting refugees in Tanzania and working with refugee returnees in Burundi and the DRC For Tanzania proposals should focus exclusively on life-saving basic assistance in the remaining refugee camps in western Tanzania. At least 80% of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals should focus on health, water and sanitation, and gender based violence (GBV). For Burundi and the DRC proposed activities should support the repatriation and reintegration of Burundi and DRC refugees. Priority sectors include: shelter, health/mental health, water/sanitation, livelihood promotion, primary education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Proposals should target priority sectors as identified in collaboration with UNHCR, local authorities, and returnees themselves. As of March 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 13, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

The Office of Academic Programs will accept proposals for the following one-time special initiatives. For each of the activities listed below, Bureau emphasis is given to engaging participants from select geographic regions. Further details on specific program responsibilities are included in the Program Objectives, Goals, and Implementation (POGI) document for this initiative. Interested organizations should read the entire Federal Register announcement for all information prior to preparing proposals. Please refer to the solicitation package for further instructions. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 14th, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is conducting as directed in the FY- 2009 Omnibus Appropriation (P.L. 111-8) under Division H of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, under “Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs” in support of a \$6 million “competitive one-time grants program.” All applications must be submitted by public or private non-profit organizations, meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue code section 26 USC 501(c)(3). Total funding for this “onetime grants program” is \$6 million dollars. \$3.9 million will be dedicated to this competition, (Competition B – Professional, Cultural and Youth One-time Grants Program– reference number ECA/PE/C-09-One-time-Comp.B), and \$2.1 million will be dedicated to and announced simultaneously in a separate RFGP, (Competition A – Academic Programs One-time Grants Program – reference number ECA/A-09-One-time-Comp.A). Please note: The Bureau reserves the right to reallocate funds it has initially allocated to each of these two competitions, based upon factors such as the number of applications received and responsiveness to the review criteria outlined in each of the solicitations. Applicants may submit only ONE proposal (TOTAL) to ONE of the two competitions referenced above. In addition, applicants under this competition (either ECA/PE/C-09-One-time-Comp.B OR ECA/A-09-One-time-Comp. A) may only apply to administer one of the listed activities (total). If multiple proposals are received from the same applicant, all submissions will be declared technically ineligible and will be given no further consideration in the review process. Eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to read both RFGPs thoroughly, prior to developing and submitting proposals, to ensure that proposed activities are appropriate and responsive to the goals, objectives and criteria outlined in each of the solicitations. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 14th, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- The purpose of OPE Bangkok is to provide refugee processing services in support of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in East Asia using the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) and in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau, as needs arise, in the following countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Bureau intends to award a single Cooperative Agreement to a single qualified organization to provide the required services in the countries listed above, from a base located in Bangkok. The organization with which the Bureau enters into a Cooperative Agreement for this OPE will be funded for all approved costs associated with providing the required processing services according to a budget submitted as part of this proposal. This financial support may be renewable for up to two additional fiscal years based upon budget submissions on an annual basis, as long as there remains a need for the OPE and the organization operating the OPE provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. As of March 13, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 14, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State seeks an organization to assist the Cultural Programs

Division of the Office of Citizen Exchanges in all logistical and administrative aspects related to its support of U.S. Embassy sponsored visual arts programs. The visual arts programs to be supported are intended to foster good will, engage foreign audiences, and provide insight into American culture and values. The Visual Arts Initiative (VAI) program will provide funding on a competitive basis for posts to showcase American talent overseas. Over a period of two years, grantee will be responsible for one-way exchanges in the visual arts, providing support to ECA to include cyclical solicitation and review of proposals received from U.S. Missions abroad using ECA-established criteria; packaging and submitting proposals to ECA for final decision; extending financial support to selected U.S. partners, and; to reporting on program results. The Bureau anticipates that approximately \$500,000 will be available to support this program. The Bureau is interested in receiving proposals from organizations with a strong background/thematic expertise in the visual arts, institutional commitment to cultural diplomacy and the role of the United States in the arts, and a successful track-record in conducting international programs in the arts. Organizations that have the expertise, interest, and institutional commitment but lack the required experience of conducting exchanges may wish to consider developing proposals based on consortia type relationships with more experienced, eligible organizations. Please note that for these proposals, the role of each organization must be clearly defined and any sub-granting agreements must be included in the proposal submission. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 19th, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- The purpose of OPE Vienna is to provide refugee processing services in support of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in Vienna, Austria, using the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) and in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau. The Bureau intends to award a single Cooperative Agreement to a qualified organization to provide the required OPE services for applicants who are processed in Vienna, Austria. The organization with which the Bureau enters into a Cooperative Agreement for this OPE will be funded for all approved costs associated with providing the required processing services, according to a budget submitted as part of this proposal. This financial support may be renewable for up to two additional fiscal years based upon budget submissions on an annual basis, as long as there remains a need for the OPE and the organization operating the OPE provides satisfactory service, and subject to the availability of funds. As of March 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for two Youth Leadership Program grants for countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, one for 40 participants from four Anglophone countries (Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa), and one for 60 participants from six Francophone countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger). [Note: Target countries may be subject to change.] Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct a minimum of two U.S.-based

three-week exchange projects for combinations of two Anglophone countries, or a minimum of three U.S.-based three-week exchange projects for combinations of two Francophone countries. The project activities will focus on civic education, leadership, diversity, and community activism, which will prepare participants to conduct follow up activities at home that serve a community need. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 21, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration The Bureau intends to award up to ten cooperative agreements in FY 2009 to public or private non-profit agencies (hereinafter referred to as "Recipients") participating in the U.S Reception and Placement Program under a current cooperative agreement to provide refugee emergency housing assistance (REHA). NOTE: Applicants should understand that receipt of prior funding from the Bureau does not guarantee participation for this funding opportunity. The purpose of REHA is to provide emergency housing assistance to refugees (defined as persons admitted to the United States under section 207(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, or persons to whom eligibility for the resettlement assistance available to individuals admitted under section 207(c) has been extended by statute (hereinafter collectively referred to as "refugees")), which were admitted to the U.S. in FY 2009 and which have not yet found employment and have extreme unmet housing needs in paying rent and other associated housing costs during their first 90 days in the U.S. Recipients must demonstrate that refugees receiving REHA are actively participating in R&P activities or required activities in any other benefit program in which they are enrolled or have documented extenuating circumstances that prevent them from actively participating. This funding should be administered in a manner that will not adversely affect refugee eligibility for other programs and benefits. Funding should focus on unmet needs and not duplicate or supplant programs available under any other Federal source of funding. In addition to distributing these funds, affiliates of successful Recipients should also be working to develop long-term housing solutions by creating linkages with both national and local housing assistance programs and other sources of funding. The Bureau is particularly interested in proposals that demonstrate such collaboration and pursuit of long-term solutions. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 21, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for the Youth Ambassadors Program with Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the United States. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select youth and adult participants and to provide the participants with three week exchanges focused on civic education, community service, and leadership along with follow-on projects in their home communities. For planning purposes, it is anticipated that exchange delegations will travel from all 13 countries to the United States, and U.S. exchange delegations will travel to six South American countries. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009.

For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities for Tibetan refugees as identified below: (a) Proposed activities should primarily support Tibetan refugees in India, Nepal, and, to a lesser extent, Bhutan. (b) Proposals may include work in one or more the following sectors: protection; reception facilities; health care and technical assistance; nutrition; water and sanitation; shelter; education; vocational training; and livelihoods development. (c) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO working within the above mentioned sectors that meets the PRM and Grants.gov requirements, although, given budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that respond to the points below. • PRM is particularly interested in proposals that address priority public health issues such as tuberculosis and create new livelihood opportunities in the Tibetan community. • To be considered, NGOs must have proven track records in implementing refugee assistance or other humanitarian assistance programs. Higher consideration will be given to organizations that already have well-established operations serving Tibetan populations in South Asia. • Programs must be implemented in coordination with UNHCR and appropriate agencies of host governments as well as the CTA. NGOs are encouraged to submit proposals that complement existing protection and assistance activities for Tibetans in South Asia. • The proposal must reflect appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. As of April 21, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for the Youth Leadership Program with Central America. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select youth and adult participants in the seven countries of Central America and to provide the participants with three-week, U.S.-based exchanges focused on entrepreneurship and business skills, community engagement, and leadership. The program will conclude with follow-on activities in the participants' home communities in which they apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the exchange experience. ECA plans to award a single grant for the management of the program and encourages organizations to work together as partners for effective administration in all seven countries and in the United States. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 28, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Ocean and International Environmental Scientific - The Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs of the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science (OES) at the Department of State announces an open competition to support regional and local initiatives in the Wider Caribbean Region that will reduce the amount of marine litter and debris released into waters of the Caribbean region, and/or mitigate the environmental impact of marine debris/litter. This announcement invites organizations to submit proposals

addressing the objectives referenced above. Total funding available is \$123,750. The Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs anticipates funding a single grant award from competition. However, the grantee may elect to distribute the grant funds among various sub-projects. International and U.S. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) with experience in the region are eligible to submit proposals for these grant funds. As of April 30, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is May 29, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Youth Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Global Connections and Exchange (GCE) program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer the following GCE programs: Program One: GCE Kyrgyzstan; and/or Program Two: GCE in countries in the Middle East/North Africa (see <http://www.state.gov/p/nea/>), South and Central Asia (see <http://www.state.gov/p/sca/>), and Sub-Saharan Africa (see <http://www.state.gov/p/af/>). Countries of interest include: Kazakhstan, Maldives, South Africa, Tanzania, Algeria and Yemen. GCE programs are currently being funded in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Turkmenistan, and the West Bank; therefore, they are disqualified from this competition. While all other countries in the regions mentioned above qualify, proposals focusing on countries of interest will be deemed more competitive under the Quality of Program Idea review element (see V.1. REVIEW PROCESS). The Bureau will award one grant for the Kyrgyzstan program and one grant for the multi-country program. The grantee organizations and/or their partners will select overseas schools and develop collaborative school partnerships with U.S. schools. Thematic online projects will enhance learning, research and cross-border communication among participating schools. If feasible, a small number of U.S. and/or foreign participants may travel to partner schools for a minimum of three weeks in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen online relationships. All Global Connections and Exchange activities will be undertaken in regular and consistent consultation with the Youth Programs Division and the Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in each participating country. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 1, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in eastern and southern Chad: (1) Proposed activities should primarily support Sudanese and Central African refugees in Chad. Proposals may include work in the following sectors: protection, health, nutrition, water and sanitation, education, camp management, community services, micro-enterprise and livelihoods development, and psychosocial support. (2) PRM will accept proposals from any NGO working within the above mentioned sectors although, given our budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: - a working relationship with UNHCR and 2008/2009 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country program; - a proven track record in providing proposed assistance (both in the sector and specified location) to refugees in Chad; - evidence of coordination with international organizations and other NGOs working in the same area or

sector as well as – if applicable – local authorities; - appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. Funding Limits: As stated in the FY 2009 General PRM NGO Guidelines, PRM looks favorably on cost-sharing efforts and seeks to support projects with a diverse donor base and/or resources from the submitting organization. Proposal Submission Requirements: See "[How to Apply](#)" section for complete details on requirements, and note the following highlights below. Proposal Content, Formatting and Template: Please refer to the "Proposal Submission and Review Process" section in the FY 2009 General NGO Guidelines. PRM strongly encourages organizations applying for PRM funding to use the PRM recommended proposal and budget templates. Templates can be requested by sending an email to PRM's NGO Coordinator. Please include "PRM NGO Templates" in the subject line. As of April 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration - Limited funding is available through the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) 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. Please read the guidelines carefully. Proposals that do not meet the requirements outlined in these guidelines will not be considered. Priority will be given to proposals from organizations that:

- provide a needs assessment defining the problem(s) that the application seeks to address, with an explanation of the gap(s) in the current response.
- clearly state whether PRM is supporting other activities in-country and if so, why additional targeted programming is needed;
- demonstrate a working relationship with UNHCR and UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and overall country program;
- have a proven track record in providing assistance in dealing with GBV prevention and response and an established presence in the specified location;
- provide evidence of coordination with international organizations (IOs) and other NGOs working in the same area or sector as well as – if applicable – local authorities and development organizations;
- have a well-developed transition strategy;
- have a concrete implementation plan with well-conceived objectives and indicators that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and reliable, time-bound and traceable (SMART), have established baselines, and at least one impact indicator per objective;
- include a strong evaluation plan designed to measure results and impact of the program;
- provide a budget that is appropriate for meeting the objectives and demonstrates co-funding by non-US government sources. Projects that receive other PRM funding must clearly account for shared costs between programs;
- demonstrate appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations. For those countries in which refugee populations are the target population, PRM will only consider funding projects that include a target beneficiary base of 50% refugees. As of May 5, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 4, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Fulbright Teacher

Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/A/S/X) announces an open competition for the U.S.-French Teachers-in-Training Program. Accredited, U.S. post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer a three month teacher exchange program for U.S. and French beginning teachers. The program will provide approximately 25 French pre-service teachers with a three week orientation to American history, culture and society, provided through seminars in an academic setting, and a nine-week practical component, provided through practice teaching experience under the guidance of experienced mentor teachers at a U.S. secondary school. The program will also integrate a professional development seminar with other program activities throughout the practical teaching period. Proposals should document strong contacts with local school districts in the United States to demonstrate the ability to provide the practical student-teaching component for French pre-service teachers. Proposals should also demonstrate the ability to conduct a substantive professional development seminar in an academic setting. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 4, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/A/S/X) announces an open competition for the U.S.-French Teachers-in-Training Program. Accredited, U.S. post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to administer a three month teacher exchange program for U.S. and French beginning teachers. The program will provide approximately 25 French pre-service teachers with a three week orientation to American history, culture and society, provided through seminars in an academic setting, and a nine-week practical component, provided through practice teaching experience under the guidance of experienced mentor teachers at a U.S. secondary school. The program will also integrate a professional development seminar with other program activities throughout the practical teaching period. Proposals should document strong contacts with local school districts in the United States to demonstrate the ability to provide the practical student-teaching component for French pre-service teachers. Proposals should also demonstrate the ability to conduct a substantive professional development seminar in an academic setting. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of International Visitors, Division of Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/PE/V), United States Department of State (DoS) announces an open competition for two assistance awards to develop and implement International Visitor Leadership Programs (IVLP). The IVLP seeks to increase mutual understanding between the U.S. and foreign publics through carefully designed professional programs for approximately 4,500 foreign visitors per year from all regions of the world. The two awards will fund programming for a minimum of 251 and a maximum of 712 International Visitors (IVs). Subject to availability of funds,

Award A will fund: 1) up to approximately 593 visitors (\$1,939,113), of which approximately 75 visitors will be funded, if required, through seasonal administrative funding for one 7-month and one 4-month program team included in this total or 2) up to approximately 712 visitors (\$2,326,936), of which 75 visitors will be funded, if required, through seasonal administrative funding for one 7-month and one 4-month program team included in this total. Award B will fund: 1) up to approximately 251 visitors (\$684,657) or 2) up to approximately 301 visitors (\$821,588). Applicant organizations must include two separate proposed budgets at the two different projected funding levels described above for each award for which they apply. For Award A, each of the proposed budgets should also include a separate budget spreadsheet for the one 7-month and one 4-month supplemental program team described above. Applicant organizations may bid on one or both awards. Pending availability of funds, one assistance award will be made for each category described above. If an organization is interested in bidding on more than one award, a separate proposal and budget is required for each award. See Project Objectives, Goals, and Implementation (POGI) for definitions of program-related terminology. As of April 20, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a new exchange program for Turkish and American young people while in Ankara on March 7, 2009. This two part program, called "Young Turkey/Young America: A New Relationship for a New Age," will bring 20 to 30 emerging leaders (ages 20-35) from the two countries together to develop grassroots initiatives that will positively impact people's lives and will result in stronger ties between the two nations. ECA is seeking proposals from qualified applicants for two separate programs. The Bureau expects total funding in the amount of \$500,000 to be available. ECA expects to award a total of two grants in this competition of up to \$250,000, one for each topic. The first project "Political Challenges for Future Leaders" will enable 10-15 young professionals from Turkey and the United States to participate in a structured bi-national dialogue on foreign policy issues of importance to both countries, both face-to-face and via the full range of communication media. The second project "Social and Economic Challenges for Future Leaders" will work to expand the capacity of grassroots organizations to empower women, to improve job skills for young people in economically disadvantaged communities and to raise environmental awareness and activism. As of April 8, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 5, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, announces an open competition for a Cooperative Agreement in the amount of approximately \$300,000 to support the FY 2009 U.S. – Russia Language, Technology, Math, and Science Program. This program will provide a four-week professional development program in the U.S. for secondary school teachers from Russia, followed by a two-week program in Russia for U.S. teachers and the Russian educators, and a workshop in Russia led by the Russian teachers for Russian colleagues. U.S. organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 501 (c) (3) are

eligible to apply. As of April 28, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of English Language Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA/A/L) announces an open competition for the E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop. Accredited U.S. post-secondary educational institutions or consortia of such institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to implement the following two components: (1) seven different ten- to twelve-week online, university level English as a Foreign Language (EFL) professional development courses for a total of approximately five hundred EFL teachers from throughout the world, and (2) a three-week professional development workshop for approximately twenty-six EFL professionals from diverse geographic regions of the world. For the online courses, participants will receive university level instruction in the most recent English language teaching methods and techniques as well as an introduction to U.S. educational values and will interact with U.S. experts via innovative distance learning. The professional development workshop will provide the participants a basis for their continuing contact with U.S. counterparts in order to promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries. Post-secondary educational institutions are encouraged to apply in a consortium with other post-secondary institutions, although they may apply independently. The E-Teacher Scholarship Program and Professional Development Workshop advance the U.S. Department of State's goals by improving the quality of English language teaching throughout the world. ECA will award one Cooperative Agreement for the administration of these two program components to be implemented during the academic year 2009-2010. The total funding available for program and administrative purposes is anticipated to be approximately \$750,000. As of April 28, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is June 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of English Language Programs announces an open competition for the administration of the English Access Microscholarship Program (Access Program), which provides a foundation of English language skills to bright 14- to 18-year-olds from disadvantaged sectors overseas through in-country after school classes and intensive summer learning activities. The microscholarships fund in country study for classes close to the students' homes. The Cooperative Agreement recipient's role is to disburse funds to in-country educational service providers selected by U.S. Embassies. These funds will support in-country educational service providers' activities such as English language programming for Access students and in-service teacher training for Access directors and teachers. In addition, the recipient will provide at least two U.S. summer workshops, one for selected Access Program directors and teachers and the other for selected Access students. In addition to providing quality instruction in the English language to Access students and the latest methodology to Access directors and teachers, workshops must include content that gives the participants insights into, and an appreciation for, U.S. culture and democratic values. As of May 1, 2009 the closing date of

this announcement is June 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- Limited funding is available to support NGOs assisting refugees in Tanzania and working with refugee returnees in Burundi and the DRC For Tanzania proposals should focus exclusively on life-saving basic assistance in the remaining refugee camps in western Tanzania. At least 80% of beneficiaries must be refugees. Proposals should focus on health, water and sanitation, and gender based violence (GBV). For Burundi and the DRC proposed activities should support the repatriation and reintegration of Burundi and DRC refugees. Priority sectors include: shelter, health/mental health, water/sanitation, livelihood promotion, primary education, and gender-based violence prevention and response. Proposals should target priority sectors as identified in collaboration with UNHCR, local authorities, and returnees themselves. As of March 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 31, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).