



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Next week on July 16th, the CFBCI will be hosting a meeting for NGOs working on HIV/AIDS programs. The meeting will be held here in Washington D.C. and will include key HIV/AIDS staff from USAID and the Department of State. Mark your calendar and RSVP with any questions and program areas of interest to fbc@usaid.gov by this Thursday, July 9th.

Additionally, we want to draw your attention again to the ongoing "United We Serve" Initiative and www.serve.gov. Below we have detailed how your non-profit may be able to benefit from this website.

Please email us your suggestions and comments about our conference calls and newsletter at fbc@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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HIV/AIDS Meeting

****SAVE THE DATE****

7.16.2009

Meeting update:
The Director of USAID's Office of HIV/AIDS will be joining us for the meeting as will the Director of New Partner Outreach at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator at the U.S. State Department. In addition, USAID program experts in HIV/AIDS as it relates to orphans and other vulnerable children, care and support, nutrition, gender and more will be presenting at the meeting and available for questions.

Date: July 16, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT

Location: USAID Headquarters: Washington, DC

RSVP by this Thursday, July 9, 2009 to fbcf@usaid.gov

The U.S. government has made the fight against HIV/AIDS a top priority, not only for humanitarian reasons, but because the HIV/AIDS crisis threatens the prosperity, stability, and development of nations around the world. Since the inception of its international HIV/AIDS program in 1986, USAID has contributed more than \$7 billion to fight the pandemic. Today, USAID is a partner in the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the largest and most comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment program in the world.

To learn more about USAID's efforts in HIV/AIDS join us for this meeting and check out their website by [clicking here](#).

Please RSVP for this event by **July 9th** by sending an email with subject line "HIV/AIDS Meeting" to FBCI@USAID.GOV. When sending your RSVP, please specify what your interest area is within HIV/AIDS programs and any questions you would like addressed.

Topic area examples:

- Prevention
- Care
- PEPFAR and Nutrition
- PEPFAR and Gender issues
- Treatment
- Other

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HELPFUL TOOLS & INFORMATION

United We Serve

www.Serve.gov

Through the "United We Serve" initiative, President Obama is calling Americans across the country to spend this summer and beyond in volunteer service to strengthen communities.

The www.serve.gov website is of particular use to your organization if you have a need for volunteers. You can post your nonprofit's specific volunteer needs to a searchable database that allows individuals and groups in your community to identify volunteer opportunities with your organization and others in the area.

Some potential areas of volunteer help include: office support; mailings; special events; accounting or bookkeeping; fundraising; grant writing;

outreach and publicity; and financial management. International volunteer opportunities can be posted as well.

We encourage you to make use of this important website by registering your volunteer opportunities now. In addition, if you are not currently volunteering in your community, why don't you enter your zip code and see what opportunities are out there for you to help? Or visit the "Getting Started" section to find toolkits that can help you create your own service project or event.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

2009 Water for the Poor Report to Congress Released

The Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 (the WfP Act) was signed into law on December 1, 2005. The Act makes access to safe water and sanitation a specific policy objective of U.S. foreign assistance.

It requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with USAID and other U.S. Government agencies, to develop and implement a strategy "to provide affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation in developing countries" within the context of sound water resources management. It also requires the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator submit a report to Congress. This is the fourth report to Congress since the passage of the WfP Act.

In FY 2008, the United States obligated more than \$1 billion for water- and sanitation-related activities in developing countries (excluding Iraq). Of that amount, over \$815 million was obligated in 95 countries worldwide to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation and promote hygiene.

To read the full report, [click here](#).

CFBCI REQUEST FOR OPINIONS

CFBCI Sponsored Conference Calls

Over the past few months the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has hosted a number of conference calls between NGOs and the USAID experts working in key programs within USAID.

These calls create an opportunity for you to learn more about USAID and speak directly with the USAID staff who oversees the programs in which you are interested. Each call begins with at least one USAID expert giving an overview of the priorities and work of their program offices and opportunities for faith-based and community organizations to connect and work with them. Then it is time for your questions and USAID's answers.

Did you miss a call? 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](#) – OAA is the office that actually awards USAID's grants and contracts. Hear what they look for in

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

grant applications.

[Denton Program and the Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program](#) – Need to ship goods to your work overseas, but the expense is overwhelming? These programs may be able to assist.

- [American Schools and Hospitals Abroad](#) – Do you want to build or strengthen a secondary school, university, library, or health center? ASHA is a very competitive program to do just that.
- [Microenterprise](#) – Read these minutes to find out what USAID experts are prioritizing in the field of Microenterprise and where to find grant opportunities through our partners.
- [Limited Excess Property Program](#) – Every year the U.S. Government has excess property it can't use. Can your NGO use it?

Please let us know what you would like to hear more about. To respond, [click here](#).

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!

CFBCI eNewsletter



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

USAID/Lusaka - THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA): The United States Government, represented by the USAID Mission in Zambia invites comments and suggestions on its Concept Paper for a program to design and implement grants directly with Zambian community based organizations with programs that are focused on reduction of HIV transmission in specific communities. It is envisioned the funding will be from an interagency USG/Zambia team (State, CDC and USAID). Eligible organizations are strongly encouraged to review the document, provide comment and consider submitting proposals in response to the resulting final solicitation. Comments are particularly invited on how results will be measured and specific associated incentives. The purpose of posting this Concept Paper is to enhance the quality of the final solicitation. Comments and suggestions received by the due date may be considered as the solicitation is finalized; however USAID is under no obligation to incorporate all comments or suggestions. One award is anticipated with sub-granting focus to local communities. The total planned funding for these activities over two (2) years period is \$2 – 2.5 million. No information on competition, Instructions or Evaluation Criteria is available at this time. Subject to the availability of funds, the planned award shall focus on encouraging prevention of HIV in local communities and rewarding positive behavior. The award shall be performance based in order to achieve the targeted results. Comments are due by July 7th 2009 5:00 pm Zambia time. As of June 19, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 7, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Almaty - USAID in Central Asian Republics is seeking applications from all qualified organizations for the Health Outreach Program in four Central Asian Republics (CAR): Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The goal of this project is to provide technical assistance, training and direct

applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

outreach services to increase access to quality HIV prevention and Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and treatment interventions among most-at-risk populations (MARPs). The Health Outreach Program (HOP) will strengthen governmental and non-governmental organizations to improve prevention services, increase awareness, and build capacity to reach MARPs in order to prevent the spread of HIV and TB (including co-infection) in four Central Asian Republics (CAR): Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The project will combine best practices and effective approaches using community mobilization and direct outreach to improve TB and HIV prevention, health seeking, and adherence behavior of MARPs. As of June 5, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 7, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Bangkok - USAID is seeking applications (proposals for funding) to support U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in a basic education program. This award will permit the recipient to implement a program to provide support to increase the relevance, quality, and access in Basic Education. As of May 29, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 10, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Phnom Penh - USAID is seeking applications (proposals for funding) from U.S. or non-U.S. nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and public international organizations (PIO or IO) to implement a program to improve the Community Based HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Program in Cambodia. The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. As of June 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 10, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Abuja - USAID, represented by USAID/Nigeria, is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement for funding a five-year program for Local Governance-Civil Society Partnerships to Improve Capacity for Service Delivery. The authority for this activity is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives. Please refer to the Program Description for a complete statement of goals and expected results. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide about \$40 million in total USAID funding to be allocated over the five-year period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of June 12, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 12, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Accra – The USAID West Africa Mission is seeking applications from qualified organizations to implement a program to promote primary education in Burkina Faso. As of May 13, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 13, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/New Delhi - USAID Mission in India is seeking applications (for assistance funding) from interested parties in support of its Health of the Urban Poor (HUP) Program. USAID highly encourages participation of indigenous Indian organizations in this process as both prime recipient and sub-recipients. The purpose of this four year program is to support the achievement of improved delivery of a comprehensive package of maternal and child health and nutrition interventions, including the promotion of water supply, sanitation and hygiene services, to urban poor communities. This program aims to: Improve the health of and basic water, sanitation and hygiene services for the urban poor in India. The recipient will continue USAID's ongoing efforts to provide support to the national (National Urban Health Mission in particular), state, local governments and the private sector and will forge linkages with other USAID-supported partners, donors and development partners supporting urban health activities in

India. Objectives under this program are to: 1. Provide quality technical assistance to the Government of India (GOI), states and cities for effective implementation of the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) 2. Expand partnerships in Urban Health including engaging the commercial sector in Public Private Partnership (PPP) activities 3. Promote the convergence of different Government of India urban health and development efforts 4. Strengthen the evidence-based rigor of city-level demonstration and learning efforts in order to improve program learning. As of June 1, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Addis Ababa - The purpose of this program is to define the parameters and objectives for a new Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) program to improve the uptake and quality of HIV and Maternal Child Health (MCH) services for pregnant women in Ethiopia through community-based approaches. The overall goals of the program are to strengthen community systems and structures to improve the well-being of HIV positive pregnant women, their families and prevent the spread of HIV to their children. The program also aims to follow-up HIV exposed babies and HIV positive mothers to ensure they receive appropriate care and treatment. As of June 16, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 16, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Monrovia - USAID Mission in Liberia is seeking applications from U.S. non governmental and non US non-governmental to implement the program entitled "Liberia Civil Society and Media Capacity, Advocacy and Leadership Program". The authority for this Request for Applications (RFA) is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. This activity will be implemented over the course of the next five years. Implementation should be scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2010. USAID intends to award one (1) Cooperative Agreement providing approximately \$11 million in total USAID funding, subject to the availability of funds. As of June 19, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) - USAID/Vietnam is seeking applications from qualified applicants to implement a program to combat human trafficking in the Mekong Delta. USAID/Vietnam anticipates one two-year award (cooperative agreement) resulting from this RFA. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the GVN anti-trafficking efforts in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. The primary objective of the program is to reduce the vulnerabilities among at-risk populations. To this end, the grantee will be responsible for designing and implementing innovative measures to prevent trafficking and provide quality support services for victims. Applicants may form public-private partnerships with other organizations, as appropriate, to maximize the employment of effective technical expertise so as to achieve the primary objectives of the program. The above indicated program objective may be achieved through one or more interventions; the following are illustrative activities: 1. Implementation of innovative trafficking prevention measures for the at-risk population. Activities might include, but are not limited to: public awareness programs about human trafficking, local capacity building in trafficking prevention, and counseling/case-management services for high-risk individuals and trafficking victims returning to their communities. 2. Implementation of support mechanism for victims of trafficking. Activities might include, but are not limited to: Establish shelters for returned victims of trafficking at the hot-spot locations where shelter services do not exist. Build local capacity to provide protection, health, psychological and social services for victims of trafficking. Develop an effective, collaborative, and mutually supportive relationship with existing health, education and protection services provided by NGOs, local authorities or other entities in the Mekong Delta, in

particular with activities under the on-going USAID-funded UNIAP project. Develop an outreach program from an existing shelter to additional hot-spot locations. All activities should promote the goal of strengthening the Mekong Delta community's capacity in coping with trafficking crimes and provide the essential services for victims of trafficking. As of July 1, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is July 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID - USAID seeks applications from eligible universities or colleges to serve as the Management Entity (ME) for a Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) entitled: Adapting Livestock Systems to Climate Change (ALS-CC) Collaborative Research Support Program (ALS-CC CRSP) The authority for this RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. This CRSP activity will be a Leader with Associates (LWA) assistance award. The successful applicant will be awarded a five-year Cooperative Agreement Leader Award with responsibility for managing a worldwide program of research and outreach activities intended to provide results in multiple countries and/or regions. A five-year extension may be provided, subject to the following three criteria: (1) a record of good performance during the first five-year period; (2) availability of Agency funding; and (3) continued relevance of the CRSP to the overall Agency portfolio and development priorities. The applicant is required to submit a technical and cost application as detailed in Section A. The Recipient will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives of this CRSP. Please refer to the Program Description (Section 1) for a complete statement of goals and expected results. Additional related activities may be awarded by USAID missions or other USAID offices as Associate Awards. These Associate Awards are not competed, but rather are awarded under the Leader agreement and are subject to the provisions of the Leader award. Associate Awards may be either cooperative agreements or grants. As of June 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 11, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Bangkok - USAID/RDMA intends to support a new US-China environmental partnership program focusing on clean energy solutions that promote real and sustainable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Public or private U.S. educational institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are eligible to submit applications to this Request for Applications (RFA). As of June 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 17, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/IFRP/FFP - 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 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 \$5,500,000 each year for up to three years. Final amount may be less than this level to ensure sufficient funds for a strong distribution program. The anticipated award date is o/a December 2009, with production and availability to be required within six months of the award. USAID intends to award up to two (2) grants under this RFA. Please see this RFA in its entirety, including all SECTIONS, at the following web address: http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/ifrp.html. As of June 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is August 25, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/ODP - The Office of Development Partners (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](#).

NEW! USAID/Peru - USAID/Peru seeks to develop innovative alliances that decrease malnutrition (chronic and micronutrient malnutrition, particularly anemia) in children in support of the Government of Peru's malnutrition (CRECER) strategy (see attached background information). The alliance will stimulate and encourage action by regional and local governments to increase effectiveness of their nutrition programs. USAID will give priority to innovative, private-sector driven interventions including, but not limited to, the following examples: nutrition education, Micronutrient administration, improved water and sanitation (i.e. – hand washing, access to potable water, etc.), improved household practices (i.e. – improved kitchens, etc.), food access (particularly high biological protein sources), and increased access to quality healthcare (including prenatal care, treatment and prevention of childhood illnesses such as diarrhea and respiratory infections, etc.). As of July 2, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is September 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Budapest – In accordance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as amended) the USAID Office of the Development Counselor in the Republic of Bulgaria through the Regional Contracting Office in Budapest, invites applications from prospective partner organizations to carry out activities which seek to strengthen Bulgarian economic competitiveness through expanding opportunities in Information Technology (IT) and innovation. USAID anticipates awarding one or several assistance awards for implementation period exceeding two years, resulting from this annual program statement (APS). As of June 3, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is October 1, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Manila- The USAID Mission 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](#).

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/OFDA – The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information to prospective applicants so they may develop and submit applications for USAID funding. The USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance 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](#).

USAID/Cairo - This Annual Program Statement (APS) is the method by which USAID/Egypt supports the Civil Society Program conducted under the authority of the 1961 Foreign Assistance Act, as amended. Through this APS, USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian non-governmental organizations. Eligible organizations interested in receiving funding for programs and activities

under the Civil Society Program are invited to carefully read this APS in its entirety and to follow the grant application guidance in order to apply for funds. There is a two stage application process consisting of the submission of an initial concept paper and then – upon invitation by USAID – the submission of a full application. Initial concept papers may be submitted in English or in Arabic. However, full applications must be submitted in English. USAID plans to hold a general information session on the APS on August 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at USAID. All interested applicants are welcome to attend. As of June 29, 2009 the closing date of this APS is April 30, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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

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.

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Teacher Exchange Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State, announces an open competition for a program that will enable U.S. language teachers to study Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin) and Russian in an Arabic-speaking country, the People's Republic of China, and Russia respectively during the summer of 2010. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration of the program. Applicant organizations should design and implement three summer institutes for a minimum total of 25 teachers — fifteen to study Chinese (Mandarin), and five each to study Arabic and Russian. These summer institutes should offer intensive, structured classroom instruction as well as less formal interactive learning opportunities through a comprehensive exchange experience that primarily emphasizes language learning. As of May 27, 2009, **the closing date of this announcement July 7, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for two or more assistance awards for the 2010 Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes, which provide foreign language instruction overseas for American undergraduate and graduate students. 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 cooperate with the Bureau in the administration and implementation of one or both of the two components available under this competition. Each component requires a separate proposal submission. It is anticipated that the total amount of funding available for all FY 2010 administrative and program costs to support both program components A and B, including all language groupings, outlined below will be \$10,000,000. Applicant organizations bidding on two or more language groups must submit a separate proposal not exceeding \$350,000 for the recruitment and selection of all participants (Component A). Applicant organizations may submit proposals requesting funds not exceeding \$9,650,000 to implement the CLS institutes between June and August 2010 (Component B). Average participant costs per language group under Component B should not exceed \$16,000. Component A: Participant Recruitment and Selection: The first component of this competition is for recruitment and selection of all U.S. participants for these summer institutes. While the CLS Institutes are active in multiple countries, it is important that a single worldwide program identity be maintained. Therefore, applicant organizations applying to administer programs for two or more language groups are required to submit a separate proposal for 2 this component, demonstrating the capacity to conduct a nationwide participant recruitment and selection process for all language institutes. Only applicant organizations applying for two or more of the language groups listed below will be eligible to bid on this component. Only one organization will be selected to administer the participant recruitment and selection process. Component B:

Administration and Implementation of Institutes: The second component is for the administration and implementation of six- to ten-week summer institutes overseas for participants in countries where Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and the Indic, Persian, and Turkic language families are widely spoken. Eligible organizations or consortia may submit proposals for the administration and implementation of one or more of the following language groupings:

- Arabic language institutes in the Near East and North Africa region for not less than a total of 185 advanced beginning, intermediate and advanced students.
- Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, and Korean language institutes in the East Asia and Pacific region for not less than a total of 155 beginning (Korean and Indonesian only), intermediate and advanced students.
- Azerbaijani, Russian and Turkish language institutes in the Europe and Eurasia region for not less than a total of 143 beginning (Turkish only), intermediate and advanced students.
- Persian and Indic (Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, and Urdu) language institutes in the South Central Asia region for not less than a total of 92 beginning (Indic languages only), intermediate and advanced students.

See section on “Country and Language Information” under “Administration and Implementation of Institutes” for additional information and a description of language levels. These summer institutes should offer U.S. undergraduate and graduate students structured classroom instruction and less formal interactive learning opportunities through a comprehensive exchange experience that primarily emphasizes language learning. Proposals from applicant organizations should demonstrate the development of new institutional language-teaching capacity overseas for these summer institutes and not propose enrolling participants in programs already in existence. This program is designed to develop additional overseas language study opportunities for U.S. students. As of June 2, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is July 10, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - Description: The Reception and Placement (R&P) Program for the initial reception and placement of refugees in the United States is managed by the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the Department of State (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau"). The Bureau welcomes the submission of proposals for the FY 2010 R&P Program. The purpose of the R&P Program is to promote the successful reception and placement of all persons who are admitted to the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. For the purpose of this announcement, “refugee” is defined as a person admitted to the United States under section 207(c) of the INA, as amended, or a person to whom eligibility for the resettlement assistance available to individuals admitted under section 207 (c) has been extended by statute. To accomplish this goal, the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) recognizes the desirability for public or private non-profit organizations to provide R&P services and to assist refugees to achieve economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible. The program goals and objectives set forth in this announcement have been established in accordance with these statutory provisions. The Bureau partners with and provides partial financial support to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to carry out the R&P Program. Participating organizations are expected to combine the Bureau’s financial assistance with existing and projected private resources for the provision of R&P services for refugees admitted to the United States during the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Eligible Applicants: The Bureau intends to award a limited number of Cooperative Agreements (CA) for FY 2010 to well-qualified non-profit organizations able to offer a range of services in multiple locations across the United States. This will include applicants that have demonstrated satisfactory performance under previous agreements with the Bureau and/or applicants that meet the selection criteria described below and have demonstrated the capacity to provide required services. Applicants should understand that participation in the FY 2009

R&P Program is neither a pre-condition for nor a guarantee of continued participation in FY 2010. In order to be considered for participation in the program, applicants must: A. Be well-established social service providers with demonstrated case management expertise and experience managing a network of offices that provide reception and placement or similar services to refugees or other migrant populations in the United States; B. Have been in operation for at least three full years in 501(c)(3) non-profit status; and C. Document the availability of private financial resources to contribute to the program. As of May 21, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is July 21, 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](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals to support a culture of compliance in Central America and the Dominican Republic. Approximately \$900,000 is available. Background: In the free trade agreement signed by the United States and the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic (CAFTA-DR) in August 2004, each party committed itself to effectively enforcing its own labor laws and to developing cooperative activities in priority labor areas. A key priority identified by the CAFTA-DR Vice-Ministers responsible for trade and labor in the April 2005 report (http://www.iadb.org/trade/1_english/pub/labor-CADR.pdf) entitled The Labor Dimension in Central America and the Dominican Republic (known as the "White Paper") was the need to promote a "culture of compliance" to increase respect for labor rights in law and practice. In the Department of State's budget for fiscal year 2008, Congress made funding available to support cooperative activities to build capacity and strengthen respect for labor rights in the CAFTA-DR countries. As of July 2, 2009 **the closing date of this announcement is August 3, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).