

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Federal and State Technology Partnership Program To Provide Outreach and Technical Assistance to Small Technology-Based Businesses Interested in Becoming Involved or Presently Involved in Federal R&D Programs****AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.**ACTION:** Program Announcement No. FAST-04-R-0003.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Program Announcement No. FAST-04-R-0003 and invite applicants from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance services to technology-based small business owners. This program is authorized by § 34(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657d(c)). There is a one proposal per state limitation on this competition. Only one proposal from each state may be submitted to SBA for consideration, and this application must have an original, signed Letter of Endorsement from the State Governor (Mayor for the District of Columbia). Prospective recipients of SBA funding under this Program Announcement include both new applicants and current FAST Program service providers. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, state and local Economic Development Agencies, colleges and universities and Small Businesses Development Centers. Funds will be provided to conduct programs for a 12-month budget and performance period. Applications/proposals must be postmarked by 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, May 5, 2004. If using a delivery service other than the U.S. Postal Service, the application must be delivered and accepted by the Office of Procurement and Grants Management by the deadline specified above. SBA will select successful applicants using a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed and awarded simultaneously for new and incumbent applicants under this Announcement. Applicants must plan to target women and minority small businesses as well as those small businesses not traditionally involved in the SBIR/STTR programs. Applicants' technical proposal must contain information about its current status and past performance (incumbent applicant's only), and a plan describing how the effort will be sustained once the grant expires. The FAST Program is authorized through Fiscal Year 2005

and will be competed annually, subject to availability of funds. There is a cascading non-Federal match requirement for this program. The non-federal match requirement ratios are based on state rankings derived from FY 2002 Phase I SBIR awards. These ratios are 1:1, 2:1, and 3:4. The program announcement will be available at <http://www.sba.gov/sbir>.

**DATES:** The application period will be from March 11, 2004 until May 5, 2004.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cherina Hughes, (202) 205-7344 regarding the Program Announcement and Patricia Branch, (202) 205-7081 about budget matters.**Edsel M. Brown, Jr.,***Assistant Administrator, SBA Office of Technology.*

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**BILLING CODE 8025-01-P****DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice 4666]****Redesignation of Foreign Terrorist Organizations**

Pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1189, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, hereby redesignates, effective March 22, 2004, the following three organizations as foreign terrorist organizations:

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, also known as the al-Aqsa Martyrs Battalion

Asbat al-Ansar

Salafist Group for Call and Combat, also known as the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat, also known as GSPC, also known as Groupe Salafiste pour la Predication et le Combat.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

**Cofer Black,***Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State.*

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**BILLING CODE 4710-10-P****DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice 4667]****Foreign Terrorists and Terrorist Organizations; Designation: Ansar al-Islam**

In the Matter of the Designation of Ansar al-Islam, also known as Devotees of Islam, also known as Followers of Islam in Kurdistan, also known as Helpers of Islam, also known as Jund al-

Islam, also known as Kurdistan Supporters of Islam, also known as Kurdish Taliban, also known as Partisans of Islam, also known as Soldiers of Islam, also known as Soldiers of God, also known as Supporters of Islam in Kurdistan, also known as Ansar al-Sunna, also known as Ansar al-Sunna Army, also known as Jaish Ansar al-Sunna, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter, and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State has concluded that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that the relevant circumstances described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189, hereinafter "INA"), exist with respect to Ansar al-Islam.

Therefore, effective March 22, 2004, the Secretary of State hereby designates that organization as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219(a) of the INA.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

**Cofer Black,***Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State.*

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**BILLING CODE 4710-10-P****OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Opportunity To Apply for Membership on the 2004 U.S.-Japan Private Sector/Government Commission****AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).**ACTION:** Notice of membership opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Government is seeking letters of interest for private sector membership on the U.S. side of the U.S.-Japan Private Sector/Government Commission (Commission) for 2004. President Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi launched the Commission in June 2001 as part of the U.S.-Japan Economic Partnership for Growth (Partnership). It is expected the 2004 Commission meeting will be held in mid-2004 on the topic of "Advancing U.S.-Japan Economic Cooperation."

**DATES:** In order to receive full consideration, letters of interest must be received by the U.S. Government Secretariat no later than April 27, 2004.