

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Notice of Renewal of Charter

The Charter of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law was renewed on January 11, 2005 and expires on January 10, 2007.

The Advisory Committee assists the State Department to monitor domestic and international developments in private international law, provides a means for state, local and private sector viewpoints to be made available to the Department, and provides information to assist in the development of positions for international efforts to harmonize or negotiate uniform rules of private law through model national laws, legal guidelines, treaties, and other means.

The Advisory Committee has focused on work undertaken or proposed for various international bodies, including but not limited to the Hague Conference on Private International Law; the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), and the Organization of American States (OAS).

Topics reviewed by the Committee include, but are not limited to, jurisdiction and enforcement of foreign judgments; party choice of forum, enforcement of foreign arbitral awards; cross-border business insolvency law; the protection of minors; inter-country adoption; child abduction; electronic commerce; secured finance; carriage of goods by sea and by other modes of transportation; international franchising; and other topics of current interest in private law as they arise.

Meetings are open to the public, and participation by the public is relied on for the Committee's work. Interested persons, organizations, academic centers and others can participate pro bono in all aspects of the Committee's work. All interested parties can seek additional information from the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law (L/PIL), Department of State, by contacting Jeffrey Kovar, Mary Helen Carlson or Hal Burman at 202-776-8420, fax 776-

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Africa Workforce Development

Announcement Type: New Grant.
Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/PE/C/NEAAF-05-49.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 00.000.

Key Dates: Application Deadline: June 6, 2005.

Executive Summary: The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State, announces an open competition for grants to support exchanges and training programs promoting "Africa Workforce Development." U.S. public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to develop and implement exchanges and training programs involving participants from Sub-Saharan Africa, including training conducted in Sub-Saharan Africa. These U.S. organizations should provide evidence of a current expertise in Sub-Saharan Africa, or experience working in Sub-Saharan Africa, and work in conjunction with Sub-Saharan African NGO partners. Three grants, not exceeding \$133,333 each, are anticipated, although more awards could be accommodated if they are at smaller amounts.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the

United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through the Conference Report accompanying the FY-2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 108-447) which earmarks \$400,000 to support Africa Workforce Development.

Purpose: The Bureau seeks proposals for an exchange program on African Workforce Development. U.S.-African partnership is emphasized as a mutually beneficial, direct and efficient method of promoting this goal. Partnerships promote the interests and long-term commitment of African and American participants going beyond U.S. government financing. The Bureau encourages applicants to consider carefully the choice of target countries. Applicants should research the work of development agencies (such as USAID, UN agencies) on the target themes, and select countries for which there has been limited investment on the issue. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Public Affairs Sections (PAS) in U.S. Embassies in Africa, and the Office of Citizen Exchanges, to discuss proposed activities and their relevance to mission priorities.

Proposals should focus on one or two countries rather than a large group so as to maximize impact. The Bureau offers the following programming ideas and suggestions.

Africa Workforce Development: The purpose of this program is to enhance Workforce Development efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa through Citizen Exchanges. ECA has set the following broad goals for the program this year:

- To foster a more productive and fully employed workforce in Africa through collaboration between U.S. and African workforce development specialists;
- To develop professional and personal linkages between African and U.S. host institutions and communities that will lead to sustained interaction;
- To promote mutual understanding between cultures and societies in the U.S. and Africa.

The Office realizes that there are many different approaches to workforce development, and is open to a wide variety of program plans. However, in order to be eligible for consideration, each proposal must explain its methodology for assessing workforce development needs and explain how its choice of needs to be addressed in the proposed program is relevant to the focus country(ies). In addition, the Office recommends that each applicant