

and follow-up activities), and program administration. Applicants should refer to the Bureau's Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines in the Proposal Submission Instructions (PSI) and the Diversity, Freedom and Democracy Guidelines section, Item IV.3d.2, above for additional guidance.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1a. *Award Notices*: Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated, and committed through internal Bureau procedures. Successful applicants will receive an Assistance Award Document (AAD) from the Bureau's Grants Office. The AAD and the original grant proposal with subsequent modifications (if applicable) shall be the only binding authorizing document between the recipient and the U.S. Government. The AAD will be signed by an authorized Grants Officer and mailed to the recipient's responsible officer, identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA program office coordinating this competition.

VI.2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements*: Terms and Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations."

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions."

OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments."

OMB Circular No. A-110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.

OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-profit Organizations.

Please reference the following Web sites for additional information:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>.
<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/grantsdiv/terms.htm#article1>.

VI.3. *Reporting Requirements*: You must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus two copies of the following reports:

1. Semi-annual program and financial reports, which include a description of

program activities implemented in the course of the six-month period and an accounting of expenditures.

2. A final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration date of the award.

3. Grantees will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.)

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

Organizations awarded grants will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required. As a minimum, the data must include the following:

(1) Name, address, contact information and biographic sketch of all persons who travel internationally on funds provided by the grant.

(2) Itineraries of international and domestic travel, providing dates of travel and cities in which any exchange experiences take place. Final schedules for in-country and U.S. activities must be received by the ECA Program Officer at least three work days prior to the official opening of the activity.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Thomas Johnston, Office of Citizen Exchanges, ECA/PE/C/NEA-AF, Room 216, ECA/PE/C/NEA-AF-06-26, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, Telephone: (202) 453-8162; Fax: (202)453-8168; E-mail: JohnstonTJ@state.gov. Correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/PE/C/NEA-AF-06-26.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice: The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau

representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: December 7, 2005.

Dina Habib Powell,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket Number FTA-2005-23227]

Notice of Revision of Title VI Circular and EEO Circular

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is revising and updating its Circulars 4702.1, "Title VI Program Guidelines for Urban Mass Transit Administration Recipients" and 4704.1 "Equal Employment Opportunity Program Guidelines for Grant Recipients." FTA is seeking input from interested parties on this document, including examples of problems with compliance, best practices for compliance, and proposals for changes to these circulars. Upon consideration of the comments, FTA will issue revised circulars and will seek additional comments on the revised documents.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 17, 2006. Late filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. FTA will publish a second notice in the **Federal Register** summarizing all comments received regarding this notice.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FTA-2005-23227] by any of the following methods:

Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

Fax: 202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400

Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and the docket number (FTA-2005-23227). You should submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. If you wish to receive confirmation that FTA received your comments, you must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the Department's Docket Management System (DMS) Web site located at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This means that if your comment includes any personal identifying information, such information will be made available to users of DMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Title VI Circular, David Schneider, Office of Civil Rights, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4018 or at David.Schneider@fta.dot.gov; For the EEO Circular, Sandra McCrea, Office of Civil Rights, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4018 or at sandra.mccrea@fta.dot.gov. For legal questions, Linda Lasley, Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 9316, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4011 or Linda.Lasley@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

Specifically, Title VI provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." (42 U.S.C. 200d). Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 790) states: "No qualified handicapped person shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance."

Additionally, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101) states that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." 23 U.S.C. 324 provides a similar prohibition on the basis of sex: "No person shall on the ground of sex be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance under this title or carried on under this title."

FTA Circulars 4702.1, "Title VI Program Requirements for Urban Mass Transit Administration Recipients" and

4704.1 "Equal Employment Opportunity Program Guidelines for Grant Recipients" provide information on how FTA will enforce Title VI and EEO requirements. Both circulars include information, guidance, and instructions on the objectives of the FTA Title VI and EEO programs; information on specific grant programs covered by the FTA Title VI and EEO programs; a description of the FTA data collection and reporting requirements; a summary of the FTA compliance review for Title VI and EEO certification procedures; a description of the FTA process for implementing remedial and enforcement actions; information on the DOT complaint process; and public information requirements.

Circulars 4702.1 and 4704.1 were last updated in May and July 1988, respectively. FTA is establishing a docket to receive public comment on these circulars. FTA intends to revise these circulars to incorporate existing practices, lessons learned, and reflect current Department policies and guidance relating to Title VI and EEO. Comments received will be summarized in another **Federal Register** notice.

In addition, FTA will solicit additional public comment on revisions to these circulars made as a result of public comment.

Issued in Washington, DC this 9th day of December 2005.

Michael Winter,

Director, FTA Office of Civil Rights.

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