

PRESS RELEASE

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USAID ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF A COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM FOR LIVESTOCK VETERINARIANS IN 2009

The USAID-supported Community Connections Program provides an important opportunity for the American people and people from across Central Asia to work together to address common professional challenges while expanding their social and cultural understanding. As business and professional communities of both countries rapidly become integrated, opportunities for positive relations between the American people and the people of Central Asia are increasingly important.

Implemented by American Councils for International Education, the Community Connections program offers home stay-based, three-week practical training opportunities in the United States. This program will contribute to the improvement of veterinary services and developing the skills and enriching the knowledge of Tajik veterinarians. The competition is open to livestock veterinarians across Tajikistan. Employees of the Ministry of Agriculture who work with veterinarians are also welcome to apply.

The professional group will travel to the United States in July 2009. Candidates should have leadership potential in the veterinary sector and live across Tajikistan during the application process. English language is not required for this program.

For participation, please complete the application form and submit it no later than April 23, 2009.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.cc-car.org or requested by e-mail from Aziza Ernazarova at ccassist@americancouncils-tj.com. Applications may also be obtained at the following addresses:

In Dushanbe:

American Councils, 86 Tolstoy Str. (37) 2212103/2211795

Consultation hours: Monday - Friday 12:00 to 13:00

In Khujand:

Khujand Educational Centre, 183 a Lenin Str. (37) 2212103//34227014441

> Consultation hours: April 9 and 22, 2009 from 10:00 to 15:00

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