



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Yesterday, March 8, was International Women's Day. USAID recognizes and celebrates the vital contributions of women in development and in the larger global economy. For more information on USAID funded activities supporting women and girls around the world, please [click here](#) and [here](#) for the announcement.

Warmest regards,

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AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Events and other Resources..... Public Meeting: Reflections From The Advisory Committee On Voluntary Foreign Assistance, Going Green in the Developing World: Climate Change, Clean Tech & Development, USAID'S Limited Excess Property, Denton and Ocean Freight Reimbursement Programs Conference Call

Articles of Interest..... USAID Blindness Program Assists One Million Children in 23 Countries, Nominate Innovators for the 2009 Tech Awards

Grant Opportunities..... USAID and U.S. Department of State

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Meeting: Reflections From The Advisory Committee On Voluntary Foreign Assistance

The ACVFA is an expert body that advises USAID and other U.S. government agencies on international development and humanitarian assistance issues. ACVFA members are private citizens appointed by the USAID Administrator and serve without compensation. The committee's public meetings, held three times per year, serve as

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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forums for consultation between the public and private sectors on a broad range of foreign assistance matters.

You are cordially invited to attend the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid's (ACVFA) public meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Jack Morton Auditorium, George Washington University

805 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052

The closest Metro stop is Foggy Bottom. Parking is available at garages at the 22nd and I Street, NW lot (pay to park)

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (end time is approximate)

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (*topics are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of the agenda*)

Keynote: USAID Transition and Policy Updates: Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham will provide an update on continuing policy issues at the Agency as well as an update on the transition to the new administration.

Reflections from the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Assistance: The ACVFA will provide a perspective on three important issues in foreign assistance: leadership, partnership, and a strengthened USAID development capacity. In addition, ACVFA members will summarize the recommendations from its papers on the foreign assistance framework that are particularly relevant to the new Administration.

Rewriting the Foreign Affairs Act: Chairman Howard Berman from the U.S. House of Representatives has been invited to speak on the ongoing efforts to revise the Foreign Affairs Act of 1961.

Update on Foreign Assistance: Deputy Secretary of State Jacob Lew has been invited to provide an update on foreign assistance.

This will be followed by a panel discussion/commentary from Steven Radelet (Center for Global Development), George Ingram (Academy for Educational Development), and Carol Adelman (Hudson Institute).

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:

Pre-register for the meeting and join the ACVFA list serve at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa . Participants will be able to register on site; pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Questions, please contact Deborah Lewis at dlewis@usaid.gov or call 202-712-0936.

Developing World: Climate Change, Clean Tech & Development

Come join the discussion as leading innovators, policymakers, and climate change experts define the greening challenge and explore how policy, investment, and innovations will support efforts to go Green in the Developing World.

Date: March 17, 2009

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm

Location: Copley Hall, Georgetown University

To RSVP, [click here.](#)

**Georgetown University's Mortara Center for International Studies and
USAID Present: Technology & the Future of Development**

Innovations in clean technology have implications that extend far beyond our borders and stretch to the most remote corners of the developing world. By harnessing the power of renewable materials and natural energy sources, clean technologies have the potential to mitigate climate change and provide new opportunities for social and economic growth. With President Obama's emphasis on combating climate change and supporting innovation and investment in alternative energy sources, the barriers to the success of clean technology seem to melt away. Questions remain, however, on how policies at home will translate to countries that are already feeling the effects of global warming.

Speakers include:

Andrew Aulisi, Director of World Resource Institute's Markets & Enterprise Program

Christopher Flavin, President of World Watch Institute

Robert Freling, President of Solar Energy Light Fund

Dirk Hoffman, Senior Vice President of Bosch Siemens

Griffin Thompson, Program Manager of the Asia-Pacific Partnership at the State Department

USAID'S Limited Excess Property, Denton and Ocean Freight Reimbursement Programs Conference Call

Date/Time: TBD

Call specifics will be included in next week's newsletter.

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives cordially invites you to join us for a conference call with representatives of USAID's Limited Excess Property Program, the Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program and the Denton Program. USAID staff will provide background on these programs, as well as discuss opportunities to partner with USAID through these programs.

The Ocean Freight and Denton programs provide assistance to NGOs shipping humanitarian goods overseas. LEPP allows NGOs to acquire U.S. Government excess property for use in their programs and projects overseas.

There will be an opportunity for Q&A with the USAID staff on the call.



USAID Blindness Program Assists One Million Children in 23 Countries

March 4, 2009

For more information about USAID and its child survival programs,

[click here.](#)

Washington, D.C. - In the past year, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Child Blindness Program assisted over one million people through eye health education, comprehensive vision screening, refractive error correction, sight-restoring surgery, and education for blind children.

USAID has supported programs to reduce childhood blindness since 1991. This year, 31 projects reached over one million people in 23 countries. Together, these projects screened 950,000 children and 61,000 adults- many of whom are teachers in school-based eye health programs. In countries like Niger, India, Nepal and Tanzania, USAID grantees are expanding access to eye care and improving vision for thousands in hard-to-reach communities.

There are 17 million children in the world with low vision or blurred eye sight. Children with inadequate vision often drop out of school when they cannot see the blackboard or letters in a book, and suffer the lifelong consequences of low education. The majority of these children experience refractive errors that can be corrected with glasses. This year, USAID supported programs in 10 countries that have distributed over 11,000 pairs of eyeglasses to children.

USAID Global Health Bureau Deputy Assistant Administrator Gloria Steele highlights the role of USAID's partners: "From supporting global leaders in eye care like Aravind Eye Care System in India to community-based screening programs like that of Seva Foundation in Nepal, USAID and our partners are leading the way in expanding access to social and educational opportunities for children with vision impairments in the developing world."

One of USAID's grantees, VisionSpring, is innovating approaches to delivering eye glasses to people with refractive error. VisionSpring trains vision entrepreneurs to screen adults and children and sell a variety of low-cost glasses. In addition to providing access to eye care in rural Indian communities, these vision entrepreneurs are earning income and are better able to support their own families. Rama Devi, a vision entrepreneur in Mahbubnager, used to sell her handiwork for around \$44 a month- barely enough to care for her husband and two children. She joined VisionSpring's program in 2006, and now earns over \$100 every month selling reading glasses.

Some children require more intensive care, and now have affordable access to hospital services through USAID's Child Blindness Program. With high-quality surgical and post-operative care, USAID grantees restored sight to 921 children in 10 countries this year.

Nine-year-old Ashis Tamang was one of these children. Unable to see out of his right eye due to a cataract, he was at high risk of dropping out of school when Seva Foundation, funded by USAID, conducted a screening program at his school in Chitwan, Nepal. Seva immediately referred Ashis to Bharatphur Eye Hospital, where he underwent cataract surgery. After surgery, with perfect vision in his right eye, he told Seva that he stood first in his class, and wants to try to get even

better scores.

For the five million children who are blind, mobility and educational training can create a lifetime of opportunities. Kean, who is 6 years old from the Philippines, lost his sight shortly after birth, and was diagnosed with autism when he was 2 after he failed to develop verbal skills. Kean is now receiving therapy services at Resources for the Blind in the Philippines, a Perkins School for the Blind partner supported by USAID since 2006. For the first time in his life, he is able to talk and play with other children. Overjoyed with his progress, Kean's mother has enrolled him in elementary school.

In many countries, blind children are neglected and never receive opportunities to engage in society or education systems. With the help of USAID, grantees like Perkins are putting these systems within reach, so more children like Kean can live full and productive lives.

Nominate Innovators for the 2009 Tech Awards

Identify Leading Technology Innovators For Social Benefit Around the World

USAID's partnership with The Tech Museum is brought to you by the Global Development Commons.

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Connect. Collaborate. Innovate.

Nominate Tech Laureates Today!

USAID has joined The Tech Museum of Innovation as a partner in supporting the 2009 Tech Awards. We need your help to nominate the best technology innovators working in social and economic development.

Each year The Tech Awards designates 25 Laureates in five categories: environment, economic development, education, equality, and health. The top five projects receive \$50,000 each. Since the program began in 2000, 200 Laureates from 71 countries have gained much-needed publicity and support to develop, implement, and expand their innovative solutions. A number of USAID partners and USAID funded activities have been recognized as Tech Laureates in the past—this is your chance to make sure that your innovative partners receive the recognition and support they need to succeed!

How to Nominate:

Nominees will be accepted until March 27th at www.techawards.org/nominate/. For more information, visit www.globaldevelopmentcommons.net and click "Nominate Tech Laureates" or email techawards@thetech.org. Anyone is welcome to nominate. Once the submission process closes on March 27th, third-party panels of leaders from business, research institutions and the public sector will select the Laureates for each category.



Photo: Carla Fiorito forThe Tech Awards

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

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

USAID- THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: USAID/ Liberia announces its intention to invite comments and suggestion on the draft program description for the implementation of “Liberia Civil Society and Media Capacity, Advocacy and Leadership Program. The purpose of this program description is to define the parameters and objectives for a new, five year civil society and media capacity building and youth leadership program for USAID/Liberia. This new program seeks to support capacity building as needed for civil society organizations that facilitate the achievement of results in USAID/Liberia’s key technical sectors of democracy and governance, health, education, economic growth and natural resource management. Details of the needs in each sector are described below. Additionally USAID/Liberia intends to implement a program of support to the media in Liberia to increase investigative journalism capacity, and broaden the reach of community radio. As of February 17, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is March 13, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-The International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) is a USAID program to support the production, stockpiling, transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf-stable, prepackaged foods by U.S. non-profit and Public International Organizations. These guidelines and procedures apply to grant proposals for transportation, delivery and distribution of commodities. In administering the IFRP program, USAID seeks to diversify the types of Title II food aid commodities available for programming and expand USAID’s base of non-profit organizations capable of managing U.S. government-funded international food aid programs. The commodities currently available for distribution are: 1. Harvest Pro Vegetable blend (Product Code 304), and/or 2. Harvest Pro Plain Harvest Lentil blend (Product 504), and/or 3. Harvest Pro Combined Vegetable and Lentil blends (Product Code 404). These commodities are produced, packaged, and warehoused by Breedlove Dehydrated Foods. Grant awards under the IFRP program are authorized by section 208(a)(2) of the Food for Peace Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1726b(a)(2), and will be made and governed in accordance with these guidelines and procedures and Part 226 of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations. As of January 7, 2009, the

closing date of this announcement is March 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-Securing Uganda's Right to Essential Medicine. Strengthen the national supply chain system for health commodities to ensure access of the population of Uganda to essential medicines and health supplies. The recipient will be responsible for working collaboratively with the Government of Uganda and other key partners to strengthen the Government of Uganda's capacity and performance in managing the key components of the supply chain including financing of health commodities, forecasting and quantification of program needs, procurement, quality assurance, storage and distribution to end user health facilities, and logistics information management systems at all levels of the supply chain. As of January 30, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dakar- The United States for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for Assistance Agreement to implement a Water and Sanitation Program for a five year period in Senegal. As of January 30, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Accra- The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Mission to Ghana (USAID/Ghana) is seeking applications from organizations for a cooperative agreement to fund a program entitled "Grants & Reporting Accountability Improve Literacy (GRAIL)." The GRAIL program seeks to improve educational quality, particularly early grade literacy, in Ghana by improving the capacity of lower-level units (district, circuits, schools) to manage for results and by assisting community groups in holding them accountable. The GRAIL program will provide districts technical and financial resources to plan and implement education quality improvement interventions, particularly those aimed at early grade literacy improvement, and provide educational stakeholders a report card with which they can better understand and account for progress. As of February 10, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Moscow- Mainstreaming of Human, Social, and Civil Rights Project The goal of this project is to "mainstream" the concept of human rights, and correspondingly, the feasibility of the protection of human rights by ordinary citizens in Russia. This will be accomplished by working in areas of broad public interest and engaging a wide spectrum of the population in this work. In addition to focusing on issue areas of broad public interest and support, mainstreaming in this project in Russia means bringing in local governments and other official entities in constructive roles. Qualified applicants may be U.S. private voluntary organizations (U.S. PVOs) and/or U.S., Russian or other non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or private, non-profit organizations (or for-profit companies willing to forego profits), including universities, research organizations, professional

associations, and relevant special interest associations. Public International Organizations (PIOs) and faith-based and community organizations are also eligible for award. In support of the Agency's interest in fostering a larger assistance base and expanding the number and sustainability of development partners, USAID encourages applications from potential new partners, particularly if they are joined with a more experienced organization. As of February 9, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 6, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-The global food crisis has affected households around the world, but has had a particularly harsh impact on the most vulnerable families in developing nations. Vulnerable populations in the Horn of Africa region can be described in three types: pastoral, agro-pastoral, and marginal farming households. Historically in the Horn region, all of these groups suffer the same repetitive scenario of humanitarian decline due to asset depletion resulting from the continuous man-made and climatic shocks. In general, this decline scenario includes a shock followed by households adopting negative coping mechanisms, such as selling productive assets to meet basic food needs and loss of assets to the effects of drought/flood/disease. USAID/OFDA's mandate is to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the social and economic impact of humanitarian emergencies worldwide. In order to achieve this goal, USAID/DCHA/OFDA's strategy for the HFPCR is to improve local livelihoods as a means to increase household's resilience to shocks reducing the need for future relief based activities. A. The broad goals of this APS are to: • Stabilize humanitarian indicators in food insecure households through both the provision of humanitarian assistance and activities designed to protect existing household assets; • Strengthen existing developmental programming designed to rebuild livelihoods and household resiliency to shocks through the diversification and creation of household assets; and, • Improve economic opportunities and livelihoods through improved market linkages in support of the agricultural and livestock sectors. USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding two cooperative agreements as a result of this APS, one targeting interventions in Kenya and one targeting interventions in Uganda. As of February 2, 2009, the closing date for this announcement is April 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dhaka- The United States Agency for International Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh (USAID/Bangladesh) is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified organizations to implement a program entitled "Bangladesh AIDS Program Phase 2." Through this award, USAID/Bangladesh seeks to Support an effective HIV/AIDS prevention strategy through improved prevention, care and treatment services for most-at-risk populations and a strengthened national response. This Bangladesh AIDS Program Phase 2 will increase and sustain the use of high impact HIV/AIDS services by MARPs and contribute to strategic and evidence-based leadership for implementation of an effective national response for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment. This Activity derives from and supports the USAID-Government of Bangladesh Health and Population

Program, which aims to enhance the quality of life in Bangladesh through expansion of basic health services, strengthening national health systems, and addressing HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. This activity is expected to last 51 months and will have a total estimated US. Government contribution of approximately \$13 million. As of February 27, 2009, the closing date for this announcement is April 8, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID- USAID/Vietnam is making a special call for the submission of concept papers related to the USG development Assistance Objective (AO) Investing in People, with a focus on higher education and work force skills development. Under USAID's proven approach to strategic public-private partnerships for achieving mutually shared interests, and leveraging individual partner's strengths and resources, USAID/Vietnam intends to launch in early FY2010, a medium-to long-term initiative in higher and skills-based education. As envisioned, the specific objective of this initiative is to improve the quality and relevance of Vietnam's education, to the extent practicable, for disadvantaged youth. As of February 24, 2009, the closing date for this announcement is April 15, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Abuja- USAID/Nigeria plans to implement a 5-year family planning, reproductive health, and maternal and child health (MCH/FP/RH) program through a Cooperative Agreement whose overall primary objective is to increase the use of selected high impact interventions in the two selected target Nigerian states, potentially Bauchi and Zamfara, through public sector health services. A strongly associated sub-objective is to draw on the program investments in these two states to develop evidence and experience that will inform and improve policies, programs, and resource allocation in other states and in Nigeria as a whole. As of March 5, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is April 20, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-USAID/OFDA anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements as a result of this APS, targeting interventions in specific zones within Oromiya, Somali, and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples regions in Ethiopia. The global food crisis has affected households around the world, but has had a particularly harsh impact on the most vulnerable families in developing nations. Vulnerable populations in the Horn of Africa region can be described in three types: pastoral, agro-pastoral, and marginal farming households. OFDA is seeking to adopt new approaches to providing assistance that, where possible, will address the root causes of food insecurity, rather than continually providing inputs to poor households each year at higher and higher costs. The broad goals of this APS for Ethiopia are to: • Stabilize humanitarian indicators in food insecure households through humanitarian assistance activities designed to protect existing household assets; • Rebuild livelihoods and household resiliency to shocks through the diversification and creation of household assets; and, • Improve economic opportunities through improved market linkages in support of the predominate agricultural and livestock sectors. As of February 2, 2009, the closing date of this announcement

is April 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Lilongwe- The purpose of the APS is to publicize the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) plans to fund a limited number of programs through the USAID/Malawi's Economic Growth Functional Objective of improving conditions in biologically significant areas through community based natural resource management. The overall objective is to support Malawi's rural poor in transforming management and protection of their natural resources and biologically significant areas from practices that degrade, to approaches that revitalize and protect these important areas for the good of the society and future generations. Pending the availability of funding, USAID/Malawi anticipates awarding one or two grants or cooperative agreements to fund applications submitted in response to this APS. Each agreement will run from approximately May, 2009 until September, 2012. The total amount available for funding is \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars). If two agreements are awarded; one agreement will receive a maximum individual amount of \$7,000,000 (seven million dollars) and a second with a minimum of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) and a maximum of \$3,000,000 (three million dollars). USAID reserves the right to fund one or more or none of the applications which may be submitted. Out of an estimated \$10 million total award, USAID is planning an initial funding of approximately \$955,000 for the programs for fiscal year 2009. The projects will be funded primarily through Biodiversity funding though will be supplemented with Agriculture funding pending future budget levels. Upon satisfactory evaluation of the projects at the end of the funding period, USAID/Malawi may make a determination to extend the project agreement(s) by a further 2 (two) years. As of February 2, 2009 the closing date for this announcement is April 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Almaty - This USAID/Central Asian Republics (CAR) Annual Program Statement (APS) solicits applications from prospective partners to implement maternal and child health activities in Tajikistan. USAID expects that the total level of funding available under this APS for activities in Tajikistan would be up to \$3.5 million. Based on these figures, funding requests are expected to range from a minimum of \$200,000 up to a maximum of \$3.5 million (if activities are proposed to cover all program objectives), for expenditure over a period of up to five years. Funding will not exceed \$700,000 per year; awards for projects of more than one year will be funded incrementally. All awards are subject to the availability of funding. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date of this announcement is June 24, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-is seeking applications from eligible institution as described in Section A.1.e., that promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Iran. Applications should advance one or more of the following objectives: strengthening civil society organization and advocacy; increasing awareness of and strengthening the rule of law; and expanding freedom of information. USAID intends to make several awards under this APS for a total of up to \$20 million. Applicants can

request \$100,000 to \$3,000,000 for expenditure for a maximum of two years. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by June 30, 2009. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. As of August 15, 2008, the closing date for this announcement is June 30, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID-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](#).

USAID/Manila- The Mission of the United States Agency for International Development 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- 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](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs
Program to Support Legal Socialization of Juveniles in Georgia
Executive Summary: Through this Request for Applications (RFA), the United States Government, represented by the Department of State's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Office of Asian, African and European Programs (INL/AAE), is pleased to announce an open competition for an assistance award with the Republic of Georgia as a target country for intervention of grant

does change)

activities. INL/AAE invites U.S. non-profit/non-governmental qualified organizations actively operating in Georgia to submit proposals with a strong focus on advocacy for, and implementation of, legal socialization activities for Georgian juveniles. The total Grant award for one to four years will be up to \$800,000 - with up to \$200,000 per year funded annually. I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES DESCRIPTION Background According to the State Department's 2007 Human Rights Report, the Georgian government expressed a longstanding commitment to protecting children's rights and welfare, but it was neither able to allocate sufficient resources to create protective infrastructure nor able to introduce the necessary institutional reforms to fulfill this commitment. As of February 17, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 19, 2009. For more information [click here.](#)

International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs- Executive Summary: Through this Request for Applications (RFA), the United States Government, represented by the Department of State's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Office of Asian, African and European Programs (INL/AAE), is pleased to announce an open competition for an assistance award with the Republic of Georgia as a target country for intervention of grant activities. INL/AAE invites U.S. non-profit/non-governmental qualified organizations actively operating in Georgia to submit proposals with a strong focus on advocacy for, and implementation of, legal socialization activities for Georgian juveniles. The total Grant award for one to four years will be up to \$800,000 - with up to \$200,000 per year funded annually. As of February 17, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 19, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs- The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the International Sports Programming Initiative. 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 for projects designed to reach out to youth and promote mutual understanding by increasing the professional capacity of those who design and manage youth sports programs in select countries in Africa, East Asia, the Near East and North Africa, South Central Asia, Europe, and the Western Hemisphere. The focus of all programs must be on reaching out to both male and female youth ages 8-18 and/or their coaches. Programs designed to train elite athletes or coaches will not be considered. For the purposes of this competition, eligible regions are Africa, Europe, East Asia, the Near East and North Africa, South and Central Asia and the Western Hemisphere. Eligible countries in each region are: Africa: Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Namibia, Senegal, and Mali; East Asia: China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam; Near East and North Africa: Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Oman; South and Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Bangladesh; Europe: Turkey and Armenia; and the Western Hemisphere: El Salvador, Panama, Honduras,

Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Brazil. As of February 11, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 23, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs- The Office of Citizen Exchanges' Youth Programs Division announces an open competition for the American Serbia & Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE) Program, for high school students from Montenegro and Serbia. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to recruit and select high school students aged 15-17 from Montenegro and Serbia, place them with host families and schools for an academic year of study in the United States, provide activities that will enable the students to learn about leadership, civic responsibility, community activism, democracy, and American society, as well as to educate Americans about their countries and cultures, and to support alumni in projects at home. As of February 3, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Office of Acquisitions Management- Bicomunal Support Program Cyprus. The Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR) at the Department of State announces a Request for Applications for management of the Bicomunal Support Program (BSP) in Cyprus. This program aims to promote peace and cooperation between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots. The grantee will work collaboratively with U.S. Embassy Cyprus to award sub-grants for programs that create networks and affiliations between the two groups that increase tolerance and reconciliation, and mitigate conflict. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) with expertise in international affairs with particular knowledge about the current political, economic, and social environment in Cyprus are eligible to apply. As of February 26, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- In FY2009, PRM anticipates providing \$1.7 million to fund NGO programs in the Balkans. PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed NGO activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, and Montenegro as identified below: To receive priority consideration, proposals should seek to facilitate sustainable minority returns to Kosovo from Serbia, Montenegro, and Macedonia; and/or assist local integration to displaced persons in Montenegro and Serbia. Additionally, all proposals must include a component addressing the provision of rapid-response, gap-filling, emergency assistance in the event of any humanitarian crisis in the region. (This component would not require dedicated funds; rather, awardees would be expected to redirect personnel and available resources to an emergency effort.) This assistance would be provided on an as-needed basis to displaced individuals in full coordination with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and relevant host government authorities. As of February 27, 2009, the closing date of this announcement is March 27,

2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- PRM is interested in innovative NGO proposals addressing the long-term needs of Afghan refugees as well as their host communities in Pakistan. PRM will consider proposals from NGOs with proven track records in implementing refugee assistance programs. Higher consideration will be given to organizations that have well-established operations in Pakistan. As in past years, PRM generally supports activities in the areas of: vocational training and preparation for sustainable livelihoods; basic and maternal/child healthcare; primary education, teacher training, and provision of materials and equipment; prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV); water and sanitation systems rehabilitation and repair; and supplemental feeding and nutritional programs. As of February 27, 2009, the closing date on this announcement is March 27, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration- NGO Programs in the Andes Region Benefiting Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): FY 2009 FUNDING FOR THE ANDES REGION: PRM currently has approximately \$5 million available for projects in the Andes Region in FY 2009. Given continuing funding constraints and the uncertainty of future funding, PRM's FY2009 priorities are only for activities in the Andes Region that fill critical emergency humanitarian gaps for refugee and/or IDP populations in Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panama and Venezuela. FUNDING PRIORITIES: PRM provides assistance to Colombian refugees in the Andean region as well as to IDPs in Colombia during the emergency phase of assistance (approximately the first 90 days) (mid and long-term assistance to IDPs is provided by USAID). Priority countries in the Andean region include Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela. Each project will be funded for a period not to exceed 12 months. Project objectives should therefore be achievable within a 12-month time frame. Priority sectors for PRM's assistance projects include the provision of the following emergency services and items: 1. shelter; 2. direct health care (including psycho-social support); 3. Water and sanitation; 4. Food and non-food items related to the emergency phase of displacement; and 5. Emergency employment income generation and training for persons displaced by armed conflict in Colombia. PRM encourages assistance be directed to areas with high expulsor and receptor rates that are underserved by other humanitarian assistance organizations and to populations disproportionately affected by displacement, including Afro-Colombians and indigenous. In Colombia, the border areas near Ecuador (Nariño and Putumayo) and Venezuela (Arauca), Montes de María and the geographic span stretching from Buenaventura east to La Macarena are a priority for PRM. Outside of Colombia, priority areas are the high refugee receptor communities along the borders with Colombia in Ecuador, Panama, and Venezuela. In addition, we will pay particular attention to proposals addressing health care needs. Projects that work with local governments to strengthen capacity to receive and meet the immediate emergency needs of IDPs,

as well as projects that are part of a broader integrated approach will be considered favorably. PRM will accept proposals from any qualified international organization (IO) or non-governmental organization (NGO); however, given budgetary constraints, priority will be given to proposals from organizations that can demonstrate: (a) proven track record in providing the assistance proposed; (b) history of successful partnership with PRM; (c) evidence of coordination with relevant governmental agencies, UNHCR, other relief organizations, and development organizations; (d) appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations; and (e) a significant percentage of cost-sharing or matching funds. As of February 18, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is March 31, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs- The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to design and implement a Youth Leadership Program with Iraq. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) may submit proposals for a grant that will support English-speaking high school students and adult participants from Iraq in a four-week U.S.-based exchange that explores civic education, leadership development, respect for diversity, and community involvement. The program will conclude with follow-on activities in the participants' home communities in which they apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the exchange experience. As of February 11, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) seeks an organization to assist the Office of Citizen Exchanges in the implementation of several short-term, high-visibility cultural, sports, and youth exchanges taking place during calendar year 2009 and 2010. Approximately 170 visitors (96 for sports, 32-48 for culture, and 30 for youth) from countries around the world will participate in approximately 13 separate exchange initiatives/projects (eight for sports, three for culture with multiple visitors for each initiative, and two for youth) in the United States designed to promote interaction between the foreign participants and their American peers. As of February 17, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 2, 2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Intelligence and Research- The Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Office of Outreach, invites organizations with substantial and wide-reaching experience in administering research and training programs to serve as intermediaries conducting nationwide competitive programs for U.S. scholars, students and institutions pertaining to advanced research and language training on the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. U.S.-based public and private nonprofit organizations and educational institutions may submit proposals to carry out Title VIII-funded

programs that 1) support and sustain American expertise on the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia 2) bring American expertise to the service of the U.S. Government, and 3) further U.S. foreign assistance and policy goals. An explicit connection must be made to U.S. policy, the maintenance of U.S. knowledge and expertise, and national capability. This program also works to support outreach and build relationships with the academic community. Intelligence Community analysts and DOS policy staff can benefit from engagement with outside elements to explore new ideas and perspectives and create new knowledge and research. The grants will be awarded through an open, merit-based competition. Grantee organizations will then conduct competitions for students, scholars, and specialists. The purpose of this request for proposals is to inform potential applicant organizations of programmatic, procedural and funding information for the fiscal year 2009 Title VIII grants competition. As of February 12, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 14, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Educational Information and Resources Branch in the Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for up to five assistance awards to administer components of the Office's EducationUSA Advising Coordination and Support Program in Fiscal Year 2010. Public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of eligible 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 EducationUSA Advising Coordination and Support Program as noted below. To facilitate effective communication between ECA's Educational Information and Resources Branch (ECA/A/S/A) and the organizations cooperating on this program, award recipients must have a Washington, D.C. presence. Applicants who do not currently have a Washington, D.C. presence must include in their proposals a detailed plan for establishing such a presence by October 1, 2009. The costs related to establishing such a presence must be borne by the award recipient. No such costs may be included in the budget submission in this proposal. The award recipient must have e-mail capability, access to Internet resources, and the ability to exchange data electronically with all partners involved in the EducationUSA Advising Coordination and Support Program. As of February 23, 2009 the closing date of this announcement is April 24, 2009. For more information, [click here.](#)