

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7218]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Exchange Programs Alumni Web Site Registration, DS-7006

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Exchange Programs Alumni Website Registration.
- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* Existing collection in use without OMB control number.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, ECA-IIP/EX.
- *Form Number:* DS-7006.
- *Respondents:* Exchange program alumni and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs, Americans who hosted or programmed an exchange participant, or employees of a program agency administering an exchange program.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 15,000.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 2,500 hours.
- *Frequency:* One-time per registrant.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from October 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *E-mail:* oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. *Attention:* Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Michael Quizon, Program Analyst, ECA-IIP/EX; State

Department; SA-5, Room 4-V01; Washington, DC 20522-0504, who may be reached on 202-632-3357 or at quizonmd@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Exchange Programs Alumni Web site requires information to process users' voluntary requests for participation in the Web site. Other than contact information, which is required for website registration, all other information is provided on a voluntary basis. Participants also have the option of restricting access to their information.

Respondents to this registration form include: U.S. government-sponsored exchange program participants and alumni, hosts, and guests. Alumni Affairs collects data from users to not only verify their status or participation in a program, but to also connect alumni with other alumni and aid embassy staff in their alumni outreach.

Methodology

Information provided for registration is collected electronically via the Alumni website, alumni.state.gov.

Additional Information

The registration form is dynamic, presenting certain questions according to the user type. The Exchange Programs Alumni Web site is also secure and encrypted.

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[Public Notice 7214]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: FY 2012 Fulbright Scholar Program

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/E-12-01.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.401.

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: February 18, 2011.

Executive Summary: The Office of Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State announces an open competition for a cooperative agreement to assist in the FY 2012 administration of the worldwide Fulbright Scholar Program. The Fulbright Scholar Program is a major component of the overall Fulbright Program, which also includes the Fulbright Student Program.

For more than 60 years, the Fulbright Scholar Program has offered awards for college and university faculty, as well as for non-academic professionals (such as lawyers, artists, and journalists) and independent scholars, to lecture and conduct research abroad. Tens of thousands of U.S. and non-U.S. scholars and professionals have participated in these exchanges since the Fulbright Program's inception in 1946.

The Fulbright Scholar Program currently sends approximately 1,300 qualified U.S. scholars and professionals abroad to lecture, conduct research, and provide academic consulting at overseas institutions for long- and short-term programs. Conversely, the program brings approximately 900 visiting (non-U.S.) participants from approximately 150 countries to the United States for similar activities.

Responsibility for the management of the Fulbright Scholar Program is shared between the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC, fifty bilateral Fulbright commissions, approximately 100 U.S. embassies overseas, and a private sector, cooperating agency in the United States. Overall policy guidelines for the Fulbright Scholar Program are determined by the Presidentially appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB).

The organization that is awarded the cooperative agreement under this competition will be responsible for recruitment, selection, placement, facilitation of enrichment activities for