

of the Pilot Program has subsequently fallen below the standard as amended by the Pilot Program as of the date of this filing and only two additional companies have been newly identified as being below the Pilot Program standard.

The Commission notes that the continued listing standards as amended by the Pilot Program are at least as stringent as those of any other national securities exchange. In addition, the Exchange notes that the Commission stated in the Pilot Program Notice¹² that it believed that the continued listing standards adopted under the Pilot Program met the requirements established in Exchange Act Rule 3a51-1(a)(2)(ii)¹³ in that they were reasonably related to the initial listing standards set forth in paragraph (a)(2)(i) of Exchange Act Rule 3a51-1 (the "Penny Stock Rule").¹⁴

Based on the above, the Commission believes that permanent adoption of the Pilot Program is appropriate and that the continued listing standards, although lower than the standards in place prior to the Pilot Program, should help to ensure that listed companies continue to have adequate depth and liquidity to maintain fair and orderly markets for the protection of investors. Consequently, the Commission believes that the Pilot Program is consistent with the Act.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁵ that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-2010-15) is hereby approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6969; Forms DS-3036, DS-3037, and DS-7000; OMB No. 1405-0147]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Recording, Reporting, and Data Collection Requirements Under 22 CFR Part 62, the Exchange Visitor Program—Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Recording, Reporting, and Data Collection Requirements Under 22 CFR Part 62 (DS-7000), the Exchange Visitor Program Application (Form DS-3036); and Update of Information on Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor (Form DS-3037).

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0147.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Designation, ECA/EC/D.

- *Form Number:* Forms DS-3036, DS-3037 and DS-7000.

- *Respondents:* U.S. government and public and private organizations wishing to become Department of State designated sponsors authorized to conduct exchange visitor programs, and Department of State designated sponsors.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 191,810 (DS-3036—150; DS-3037—1460; DS-7000—190,200).

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,623,447 (DS-3036—150; DS-3037—2920; DS-7000—1,620,377).

- *Average Hours per Response:* DS-3036—8 hours; DS-3037—20 minutes; DS-7000—45 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 1,323,260 (DS-3036—1200 hours; DS-3037—973 hours; DS-7000—1,321,087).

- *Frequency:* On Occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from April 22, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Persons with access to the Internet may also view this notice and provide

comments by going to the regulations.gov Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm>.

- *E-mail:* JExchanges@State.gov

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* U.S. Department of State, ECA/EC/D, SA-5, Floor 5, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505, ATTN: **Federal Register** Notice Response.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Stanley S. Colvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, ECA/EC/D, SA-5, Floor 5, Department of State, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505, who may be reached on 202-632-2805 or at JExchanges@State.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of 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, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The collection is the continuation of information collected and needed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in administering the Exchange Visitor Program (J-Visa) under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended. The forms have been revised to clarify language used and remove unnecessary data collection.

Methodology

Access to Forms DS-3036 and DS-3037 are found in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

¹² See the Pilot Program Notice at Note 5.

¹³ 17 CFR 240.3a51-1(a)(2)(ii).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.3a51-1(a)(2)(i).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: April 15, 2010.

Stanley S. Colvin,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6964]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: 2010 Community Solutions Program

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/PE/C/EUR-SCA-10-60.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.415.

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: June 3, 2010.

Executive Summary: The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs invites proposal submissions for the Community Solutions Program in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, South and Central Asia and the Western Hemisphere. 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 conduct this professional fellowship program. The Community Solutions Program serves as a mechanism to support and encourage initiatives organized by young civic and community leaders, ages 25-38, currently working to address the economic, environmental, political, and social challenges confronting their respective local communities. Through professional fellowships with a specific leadership component, Community Solutions will provide opportunities for eligible individuals to more effectively address issues of concern in their own towns, cities and regions.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

I.1. 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 legislation.

I.2. Purpose and Program Description

In an increasingly connected world, local economic, environmental, political, and social challenges are intimately linked to their counterparts on a global scale. So too, are each community's solutions and approaches to these problems. Making progress on today's complex global challenges on a local scale requires multi-dimensional public engagement strategies to forge partnerships, mobilize broad coalitions, and galvanize public opinion across all sectors of society.

The Community Solutions Program seeks to enhance the skills of approximately 65-80 civic and community leaders to more effectively address current economic, environmental, political, and social challenges in their communities through increased civic engagement and dialogue, leadership development, and an enhanced understanding of the way public and private resources interface for the common good. Through a four-to six-month fellowship, complemented by leadership development, Community Solutions will provide opportunities for eligible individuals to experience best practices, learn about effective models of public and community engagement, and develop concrete strategies to better address complex issues in their home communities.

ECA anticipates funding one project for approximately \$1,500,000 to take place over the course of one to two years and target young professionals currently engaged in initiatives that aim to improve and enhance the economic, environmental, political, and social well-being of their communities.

As a global tool to address community-based challenges, the Community Solutions Program seeks to:

(1) Enhance the participants' ability to address complex local economic, environmental, political, and social challenges through a U.S.-based fellowship;

(2) Provide concrete tools to the participants to take on greater leadership roles in their communities, by developing their skills for effective public discourse, professional collaboration, and project management;

(3) Cultivate professional ties with U.S. economic, environmental, political, and social institutions through collaborative and follow-on projects;

(4) Create a global network of diverse, multi-disciplinary, engaged professionals and civic leaders committed to problem solving and community engagement; and

(5) Expand and strengthen the relationship between the people of the United States and other countries to work in partnership to identify solutions to common issues facing their local communities.

The specific themes for the professional fellowships for this program are: (1) Accountability and Transparency, (2) Tolerance/Conflict Resolution, (3) Environmental Issues, and (4) Women's Issues.

Eligible countries and guidance for each theme are provided in Section I.8 below. Proposals that target professional fellowships that are unrelated to the themes referenced in this Request for Grant Proposals will be considered ineligible.

I.3. Participants

For the purposes of this program, "participants" are defined as citizens of the eligible countries selected through a merit-based, global competition to travel to the United States to take part in a Community Solutions fellowship. Participants must be early to mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership abilities, who are engaged in a community-based project with the express goal of addressing an economic, environmental, political, and/or social challenge confronting that community (either in or outside of their professional capacity). Participants must possess the intercultural and English language skills necessary to benefit fully from the fellowship. Therefore, strong preference will be given to individuals who have previously studied in the United States for a period of four months or longer, in order to build upon an already established understanding of U.S. society, culture, politics, and public institutions.

Fellows should be placed in community-based, non-profit or other civil society organizations, government offices, or legislative bodies (Federal or State, county or municipal). Hosting institutions and organizations should have expertise relevant to the fellowship's focus and be working on innovative community engagement projects in the non-profit or governmental spheres, including State legislatures, city councils or local government that express a willingness to collaborate on a specific project of