Applications must be submitted to the Grants Management Team at the address specified in number 7, below.

4. Application Consideration

Applications are initially screened for relevance to this announcement. If judged irrelevant, the applications are returned to the applicants.

Applications that conform to the requirements of this program announcement will be reviewed and evaluated against the evaluation criteria specified in this announcement and evaluated by Federal and non-Federal personnel. The results of this evaluation will assist SSA in selecting the applications to be funded.

5. Application Approval

Grant awards will be issued within the limits of Federal funds available following the approval of the applications selected for funding. The official award document is the ''Notice of Grant Award.'' It will provide the amount of funds awarded, the purpose of the award, the budget period for which support is given, the total project period for which support is contemplated, the amount of grantee financial participation, and any special terms and conditions of the grant award.

6. Screening Requirements

In order for an application to be in conformance, it must meet *all* of the following requirements:

(a) *Number of Copies:* An original signed and dated application plus at least two copies must be submitted. Five additional copies are optional and will expedite processing of the grant application.

(b) *Length:* The narrative portion of the application (Part III of form SSA–96–BK) must not exceed 20 single-or 40 double-spaced pages, exclusive of resumes, forms, etc., typewritten on one side only using standard size (8 ½″ x 11″) paper. Applications should neither be unduly elaborative nor contain voluminous documentation.

7. Closing Date for Receipt of Applications

The closing date for receipt of grant applications for Federal funds in response to this announcement is July 14, 1998.

Applications may be mailed or sent by commercial carrier or personally delivered to: Grants Management Team; Office of Operations Contracts and Grants; Office of Acquisition and Grants; Social Security Administration; ATTN: SSA–ORES–98–2; 1–E–4 Gwynn Oak Building; 1710 Gwynn Oak Avenue; Baltimore, Maryland 21207–5279.

Hand-delivered applications are accepted during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. An application will be considered as meeting the deadline if it is either:

(a) Received on or before the deadline date at the above address; or

(b) Mailed through the U.S. Postal Service or sent by commercial carrier on or before the deadline date and received in time to be considered during the competitive review and evaluation process. Applicants are cautioned to request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or to obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier as evidence of timely mailing. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

Applications which do not meet the above criteria are considered late applications. SSA will notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered.

Note: Facsimile Copies Will Not Be Accepted.

Notice Procedures

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains reporting requirements in the ''Application Process'' section. However, the information is collected using form SSA–96–BK, *Federal Assistance,* which has Office of Management and Budget clearance No. 0960–0184.

Executive Orders 12372 and 12416—Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

This program is not covered by the requirements of Executive Order 12372, as amended by Executive Order 12416, relating to Federal agencies providing opportunities for consultation with State and local elected officials on proposed Federal financial assistance or direct Federal development.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program No. 96.007, Social Security-Research and Demonstration)

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2815]

Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 6320, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled, and individual building passes are required for each attendee. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, SA–29, Room 245, Washington, DC 20522–2902, telephone 703–875–7800, prior to June 7, 1998. Visitors will be asked to provide their date of birth and Social Security number at the time they register their intention to attend and must carry a valid photo ID with them to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Keith D. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2817]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) International Project Finance: Request for Public Comments

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) is in the process of preparing a ''Legislative Guide'' for countries to use as a basis for legislation or otherwise, so as to provide enabling authority for infrastructure projects to be privately financed in whole or in part, and to allow private sector development and operation, often for a fixed period of years. Legislation in this field often

seeks to accommodate foreign as well as domestic interests, providing a balance of interests compatible with foreign source capital and management as well as national needs for infrastructure and services delivery. UNCITRAL will consider, at its upcoming Plenary session in June at the United Nations in New York, a draft of six of the approximately twelve chapters currently planned for the Legislative Guide.

The proposed Legislative Guide will include evolving methods by which private and public financing and private sector development and management are employed for long-term infrastructure projects, including build-and-operate (BOT and BOO) and other models. Legislative options to facilitate project design, development and operation, as well as project country regulation and off-shore payment facilities will be considered for inclusion in the Guide.

The Guide will seek to take into account current developments in legal issues involved in overseas project finance, including those at the world Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other international financial institutions, as well as domestic systems. New methods of obtaining longer-term assurances not dependent on recourse to governmental agencies will be considered, including, for example, long-term receivables financing and special purpose corporations. These mechanisms will need to be balanced with appropriate methods for project countries to ensure delivery of services, utilities, construction, etc. It is tentatively proposed that the Guide be organized into sections on general legislative provisions; sector structure and regulation; concessionaire selection; project agreement terms and conclusion; government support; construction phase; operational phase; delays, defects and failures to perform; duration, extension or early termination; governing laws; and settlement of disputes. Additional sections may be added or the present structure modified after review. Initial drafts of the first six chapters are now available for comment.

Comments on these drafts are solicited from any member of the public or any association or other entity that would like the opportunity to do so. Copies of the UNCITRAL draft documents will be provided without charge upon request to the office indicated below. While preliminary comments are welcome prior to June 1, a summary of recommendations made by various participating countries at the Plenary session will be available from the office indicated below after June 20, 1998 upon request, and comments made after that date should take those recommendations into account.

Please contact the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law (L/PIL) for copies of the relevant UNCITRAL documents at 2430 ''E'' Street, N.W., Suite 357 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20037–2800, or by fax to (202) 776–8482, or e-mail at pildb@his.com, attention Jeffrey D. Kovar. Documents can be provided by e-mail if requested. For additional information please call (202) 776–8420. Any member of the public who wishes to receive notice of any meetings of the Advisory Committee on this topic should so indicate; meetings of the Advisory Committee are open to the public.

Harold S. Burman,

Executive Director, Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2818]

Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea and Associated Bodies Working Group on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 1998, in room 6103, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593–0001. This meeting will discuss the upcoming 42nd Session of the Subcommittee on stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which will be held on February 8–12, 1999, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Items of discussion will include the following:

a. Review of results from SLF 41,
b. Harmonization of damage stability provisions in the IMO instruments,
c. Safety aspects of ships engaged in a ballast water exchange,
d. Revision of the High Speed Craft Code,
e. Development of the damage consequence diagrams for inclusion in damage control plan guidelines, and
f. Upcoming requirements and future actions with respect to Bulk Carrier Safety—results of SOLAS Conference and MSC 69.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Paul Cojeen, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G–MSE–2), Room 1308, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593–0001 or by calling (202) 267–2988.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Negotiation of Sectoral Market Opening Agreements

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of negotiation of sectoral market opening agreements, and of goods and services that might be affected by such negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States is participating in discussions with member economies of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum and negotiations with Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to enhance market opening in fifteen sectors, including possible elimination, modification or continuance of U.S. tariffs and non-tariff measures, opening of certain service sectors; and certain other sectoral and structural issues. Public comment is being sought on issues associated with these discussions and negotiations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane C. Earley, Director, APEC Affairs, Office of Asia Pacific and APEC, USTR (202–395–6813).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In their 1996 Subic Bay Declaration, APEC Leaders directed trade ministers to identify sectors where ''early voluntary liberalization would have a positive impact on trade, investment and economic growth in the individual APEC economies as well as the region.'' In May 1997, APEC trade ministers affirmed that APEC should continue to act as a catalyst to promote the global opening of markets, as it had with the Information Technology Agreement. They therefore directed officials to conduct an intensive process for selecting such sectors, for review and final action by the time of the APEC