

public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-99-36 and should be submitted by April 25, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.³¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region II Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region II Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Buffalo, New York, will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. on April 19, 2000, at the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA), 275 Oak Street, Board Room at entrance, Buffalo, New York to discuss matters that may be presented by members of the Advisory Council, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration or others present.

For further information, write or call: Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, Small Business Administration, 1311 Federal Building, 111 West Huron Street, Buffalo, New York 14202, (716) 551-4301.

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District Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

(Public Notice 3273)

Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Anti-Crime Training and Technical Assistance Program (ACTTA)

AGENCY: Office of Europe, NIS, and Training; Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) developed the

Anti-crime Training and Technical Assistance Program (ACTTA) in 1994 to bring U.S. Federal law enforcement agencies together to provide training and technical assistance in consultation with their counterparts in Russia, other the Newly Independent States (NIS), Hungary and Slovakia. Training continues to focus on combating international organized crime, financial crimes, and narcotics trafficking. The goal of the program is to increase professionalism and develop the technical capabilities of law enforcement institutions to combat organized crime and to assure that through international law enforcement cooperation, U.S. agencies and their foreign counterparts succeed in intercepting the movement of transnational organized criminal elements into the U.S.

The ACTTA program continues to include the participation of non-Federal agencies (e.g., universities, state/local government agencies, private non-profit organizations) in the delivery of law enforcement training and technical assistance to Russia, the NIS and Hungary and Slovakia. This non-Federal component of the ACTTA program has a timeframe of 2000-2002.

DATES: Strict deadlines for submission to the FY 2000 process are: Full proposals must be received at INL no later than Tuesday, May 16, 2000. Letters of intent will not be required. We anticipate that review of full proposals will occur during June 2000 and funding should begin during September of 2000 for most approved projects.

September 1, 2000 should be used as the proposed start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by a program manager. Applicants should be notified of their status within 6 months, of submission deadline. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines below. Failure to heed these guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be submitted to: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Navy Hill South, 2430 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520, Attn: Linda Gower, Grants Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jo Ann Moore at above address, TEL: 202-736-4380, FAX: 202-736-4515, for Russia and the NIS
Maren Brooks at above address, TEL: 202-736-4379, FAX: 202-736-4515, for Hungary or Slovakia, or
Linda Gower at above address, TEL: 202-776-8774, FAX: 202-776-8775

Once the RFA deadline has passed, DOS staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Funding Availability

This Program Announcement is for projects to be conducted by agencies/programs outside the Federal Government, over a period of up to two years. Actual funding levels will depend upon availability of funds. Current plans are for up to \$3 million for Russia and the NIS, and \$100,000 for Hungary and \$400,000 for Slovakia, to be available for new (or renewing) ACTTA awards, in Crime. The funding instrument for extramural awards will be a grant or a cooperative agreement. Funding for non-U.S. institutions and contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to INL are not available under this announcement. Matching share, though encouraged, is not required by this program. No proposal should exceed a total cost of \$750,000.

Program Authority

Authority: Section 635(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act, of 1961 as amended.

Program Objectives

The goal of the ACTTA program is to increase the technical capabilities of foreign country law enforcement institutions to control organized crime, combat corruption, institute democratic practices, and to assure that through international law enforcement cooperation, U.S. agencies succeed in intercepting the movement of transnational organized criminal elements into the U.S.

The ACTTA program has been designed to provide assistance to foreign governments which will complement the training and assistance provided by US Federal agencies. All training and assistance of the ACTTA program should be focused on city or local police forces, with a concentration out of the capital cities.

The program objectives of the ACTTA program are: (1) combat the growing threat to U.S. national security posed by the broad range of organized crime activities, (2) help emerging democracies strengthen their national and law enforcement institutions to counter illegal criminal activities, (3) help emerging democracies develop laws and prosecutorial frameworks to counter organized crime activities, and (4) provide foreign law enforcement institutions with the skills to detect,

³¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).