• Featuring voices of democratic courage, award recipients or themes raised in annual reports;
• Convening online roundtable discussions among international experts/leaders;
• Providing access to alumni of training programs, partnerships or exchanges for webchats, blogs or other outreach efforts; and
• Highlighting the results of partnerships and/or other democracy-related programs.

Using the following format, provide a written commentary, limited to 1,000 words, on how your cooperation could help us implement the goals and opportunities delineated above. In your commentary include the (1) Name of Organization; (2) Point of Contact (Name, Title, Address, Phone, E-mail, and/or Fax). Please include any mission goals and international partnerships that would enhance your participation with IIP and DRL. The Department will evaluate submissions based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
Suggested areas of cooperation;
Reputation; International connections/networks and;
Fiscal responsibility.

In early 2008, the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) launched “America.gov,” a new interactive Web site for international audiences that offers the latest in multimedia, video, forum discussions, polls, articles, etc. The site highlights the people and institutions that make America a force for progress, engages international audiences in a dialogue on important issues, and explains the core values that underlie and shape U.S. policies.

America.gov has the design and interactive features expected by younger Web-savvy users, and the substantive material that attracts traditional opinion leaders. The site is organized into multilayered packages that are visually engaging and easy to navigate. Topics include: Foreign Policy, U.S. Politics, American Life, Democracy, Science and Health. Language versions of America.gov will be developed during 2008 in Arabic, Chinese, French, Persian, Russian and Spanish.

Dated: March 10, 2008.

Jeremy Curtin,
Coordinator, International Information Programs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Art of the Royal Court: Treasures in Pietre Dure from the Palaces of Europe”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1990 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Art of the Royal Court: Treasures in Pietre Dure from the Palaces of Europe,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, from on or about July 1, 2008, until on or about September 21, 2008, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/435–8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Industry Advisory Panel: Notice of Open Meeting

The Industry Advisory Panel of Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 9:30 until 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting will be held in room 1107 of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 C Street, NW. (entrance on 23rd Street), Washington, DC. For logistical and security reasons, it is imperative that everyone enter and exit using only the 23rd Street entrance. The majority of the meeting is devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department’s Bureau of Overseas Building Operations’ senior management and the panel members, on design, operations, and building maintenance. Members of the public are asked to kindly refrain from joining the discussion until Director Shinnick opens the discussion to them.

Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should provide, by April 1, 2008, their name, professional affiliation, date of birth, citizenship, and a valid government-issued ID number (i.e., U.S. government ID, U.S. military ID, passport, or drivers license (and state)) by e-mailing: iappr@state.gov. Because of space restrictions, we request that companies interested in attending this meeting send only one representative.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Walk at walkam@state.gov or on (703) 516–1544.

Dated: March 6, 2008.

Richard J. Shinnick,
Director, Ad Interim, Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

FAA Approval Of Noise Compatibility Program 14 CFR Part 150; Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program submitted by Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and 14 CFR Part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96–52 (1980). On April 3, 2008, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by MAA under Part 150...