time slot in order to comment. In the event public comments do not take the entire scheduled time period, the Panel may use that time to deliberate or conduct other Panel business. Each individual providing public comment will be acknowledged by the Chair in the order in which they are scheduled to testify. Individuals providing public comment are limited to a maximum five-minute, verbal presentation. In lieu of public comments provided in person, individuals may provide written comments to the panel for their review and consideration. Comments in written or oral form are for informational purposes only for the Panel. Public comments will not be specifically addressed or receive a written response by the Panel.

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Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/L–12–01.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.421.

Key Program Dates: NI/A.

Application Deadline: June 24, 2011.

The Office of English Language Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for proposals to advance the Bureau’s objectives through support of academic exchanges that will result in the improvement of English teaching capacity around the world and the enhancement of mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries through exchanges of U.S. English language educators to all regions of the world.

The English Language Fellow (EL Fellow) Program sends U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) on ten-month fellowships to overseas academic institutions. The Program brings foreign English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Educators to the U.S. for a three-week workshop/institute including participation in the annual Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Convention. Pending the availability of Fiscal Year FY 2012 funds, the Bureau anticipates the placement of approximately 112 English Language Fellows overseas in AY 2012–2013. 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 administer and manage the EL Fellow Program for AY 2012–2013.

I. Funding Opportunity Description:

Authority

Overall Grant and Agreement-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.

Purpose

The English Language Fellow Program fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries through exchanges of U.S. English language educators. The EL Fellow Program sends talented, highly qualified U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.