

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from September 14, 2009.

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

- *E-mail:* VisaRegs@state.gov (Subject line must read DS-1884 Reauthorization).

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-1884 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington DC 20520-30106.

- *Fax:* (202) 663-3898.

You must include the DS form number, 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 Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951 or prosnikla@state.gov.

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

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform 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

DS-1884 solicits information from petitioners for special immigrant classification under section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. An alien is classifiable as a special immigrant under section 203(b)(4) if they meet the statutory qualifications in INA section 101(a)(27)(D). A petitioner may apply within one year of notification by the Department of State that the Secretary has approved a recommendation that special immigrant status be accorded to the alien. DS-1884 solicits information that will assist the consular officer in ensuring that the petitioner is statutorily qualified to receive such status, including meeting the years of service and exceptional service requirements.

Methodology

Petitioners will submit this form to consular officers at post.

Dated: May 28, 2009.

David T. Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6699]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-3032, Choice of Address and Agent for Immigrant Visa Applicants, OMB No. 1405-0126

AGENCY: State Department.

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:* Choice of Address and Agent for Immigrant Visa Applicants.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0126.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Visa Services.
- *Form Number:* DS-3032.
- *Respondents:* All immigrant visa applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 330,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 330,000.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 55,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per application.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from July 16, 2009.

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

- *E-mail:* VisaRegs@state.gov (Subject line must read DS-3032 Reauthorization).

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-3032 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520-30106.

- *Fax:* (202) 663-3898.

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Abstract of Proposed Collection

When an approved immigrant visa petition is received at the National Visa Center (NVC) and is determined to be current for processing, NVC will send the petition beneficiary Form DS-3032, which allows the beneficiary to choose an agent to receive mailings from NVC and assist in the paperwork or paying required fees. The applicant is not required to choose an agent and may have all mailings sent to an address abroad. However, the alien's case will be held at NVC until the signed form is returned. If the form is not returned within one year, NVC will begin the case termination process. DS-3032 is not required if a G-28 (Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative) is received from DHS and the attorney is the agent, the alien is self-petitioning, or a child is being adopted. Once the form has been signed and returned to NVC the applicant process will proceed.

Methodology

DS-3032 will be submitted via mail to the National Visa Center.

Dated: May 28, 2009.

David T. Donahue,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of
Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6697]

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

Announcement Type: New
Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/
A/S/U-10-01.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Number:* 19.009.

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: September 25,
2009.

Executive Summary:

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for one or more assistance awards to administer the Community College Initiative Program, which will support study by international undergraduate students at accredited U.S. community colleges. The Program provides quality educational programs, professional development, employment skills and a first-hand understanding of American society to underserved, non-elite international students, particularly women, who already have some work experience. The Bureau anticipates supporting students from developing countries in every world region in this program including (subject to change) such countries as Brazil, Indonesia, Pakistan, and South Africa, as well as other countries. Community college consortia and other associations of community colleges meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c) may submit proposals to cooperate with the Bureau in the administration and implementation of the 2010 Community College Initiative Program. For planning purposes, the Bureau invites proposals from eligible organizations for a program at a total funding level of approximately \$8.5 million pending availability of FY2010 resources. Applicants may apply to administer the entire program or a portion thereof. Applicant organizations should indicate the number of participants that can be accommodated at the requested funding level based on detailed calculations of program and administrative costs. In order to maximize the number of

participants under this program, it is the Bureau's expectation that significant institutional and private sector funding and cost sharing will be made available by cooperating institutions. We anticipate that approximately 250 to 275 students will participate in the FY2010 program.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

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.

Purpose:

The Community College Initiative Program demonstrates abroad the U.S. commitment to education for all by providing access to educational opportunities to a broad sector of international students. The Bureau is engaged with the community college sector in the United States to increase the number of international students enrolled at U.S. community colleges and to reinforce community college efforts to build international ties. U.S. community colleges can make a unique contribution to international educational exchange by demonstrating the flexibility and relevance of American higher education. By providing quality technical and first-level professional education, community colleges enable students from developing countries to acquire skills and to gain experiences that will equip them to participate constructively in their countries' efforts to progress economically and politically. Community colleges can also provide a model of lower-cost, community-based, higher education that offers wide access to skills development for existing jobs.

International students selected for academic study at accredited U.S. community colleges under this program will receive educational opportunities, professional development, and an exposure to American society that will enable them to return home with unique

skills and experience with which to contribute to the growth and development of their countries. Upon return, these students will be able to enter the skilled work force and fill important needs in their home countries.

Guidelines:

Applicants are requested to submit a narrative of no more than 20 double-spaced, single-sided pages outlining a comprehensive strategy for the administration and implementation of the Community College Initiative Program including the following program components: Identification of accredited U.S. community colleges to host participants in groups of approximately 12 students, with colleges with limited international experience hosting smaller cohorts. Host colleges should have expertise in the fields of study of the students accepted for placement.

Proposals should anticipate the placement of students in the following fields:

- Agriculture
- Applied Engineering
- Business Management and Administration
- Health Professions including Nursing
- Information Technology
- Media
- Tourism and Hospitality Management

Programs in agriculture, applied engineering, business management and administration, information technology, media, and tourism and hospitality management should last one academic year. Programs in the health professions, including nursing, may last up to 18 months. All programs of study should lead to a certificate or an Associate Degree. Programs should include unpaid internships and service learning opportunities. Academic programs should begin in Fall 2010.

Proposals should describe in detail a system for review and placement of candidates nominated by U.S. Embassies and Fulbright Commissions abroad for the approval of ECA. Proposals should also explain processes for developing and disseminating pre-departure orientation materials, registering participants in SEVIS under the Bureau's sponsorship with a program number to be provided by the Bureau, and organizing post-arrival orientation programming.

Pre-academic intensive English language training should be provided in the Spring of 2010 to those participants who lack adequate English to function effectively in the U.S. classroom as evidenced by standardized test scores.