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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed New Routine Use Disclosure

A. General Background

Section 233 of the Social Security Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 433) authorizes the President to enter into agreements with other countries for the purpose of coordinating the Social Security systems of both countries. These agreements, frequently called "totalization agreements," help fill gaps in benefit protection for workers who divide their careers between the United States and the other country. Such workers may fail to qualify for Social Security benefits from the United States or the other country because they have not worked long enough to meet minimum eligibility requirements. Under these agreements, each country can count credits earned under the other country's system if this will help the worker meet the minimum length-of-work requirements to qualify. Where eligibility is established by counting credits in both countries, the benefit is prorated to reflect the amount of credit earned in the paying country. To facilitate this process, SSA shares personal information in its files with the Social Security agencies of the countries which are parties to the agreements.

Consistent with section 233 of the Act, SSA enters into mutual assistance arrangements with totalization countries. Under the mutual assistance arrangements, the foreign country assists SSA generally in the administration of its programs in the foreign country and SSA provides reciprocal services for the foreign country. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing services such as post-entitlement reviews and redeterminations, program and operational studies, and integrity reviews and evaluations.

SSA currently verifies SSNs provided by foreign countries with which we have totalization agreements and mutual assistance arrangements under those agreements. We have an established routine use applicable to the *Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications System, 60-0058; Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System; and the Master Beneficiary Record, 60-0090*; Privacy Act systems of records that allows SSA to verify SSNs and disclose other information to countries with which we have totalization agreements and mutual assistance arrangements. We have identified the need to establish a

new routine use that would allow SSA to verify SSNs provided by those countries, using information we maintain in the SSR/SVB System Privacy Act system of records. The proposed routine use will read as follows:

To the Social Security agency of a foreign country, for the purpose of verifying Social Security numbers, to carry out the purposes of an international Social Security agreement entered into between the United States and the other country, pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 433).

The proposed routine use will be numbered 36 in the notice of the SSR/SVB System. We are not republishing the notice of this system of records at this time. A notice of the system of records last was published in its entirety in the **Federal Register** (FR) on February 21, 2001. See 66 FR 11079, February 21, 2001.

B. Compatibility of Proposed New Routine Use Disclosure

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)) and our disclosure regulations (20 CFR Part 401) permit us to disclose information under a published routine use for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which we collected the information. Section 401.150(c) of the regulations permits us to disclose information under a routine use where necessary to carry out SSA programs or assist other agencies in administering similar programs. The disclosures under the proposed new routine use will be compatible since, by the nature of the totalization agreement with a foreign country under section 233 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 433), the foreign country will be administering a program comparable to the Social Security program of the United States.

II. Effect of the Proposed Routine Use on the Rights of Individuals

Whenever SSA enters into a totalization agreement with a foreign country, SSA always requires the other country's assurance that appropriate laws of that country protect the confidentiality of personal data. SSA always considers how compatible the other country's privacy laws are with those of the United States. Unless the other country's laws allow disclosure, the information which SSA furnishes to a foreign country's Social Security agency under a totalization agreement must be kept confidential and, to the extent possible, used exclusively for implementing the agreement (Social Security Ruling 80-15 and 20 CFR 404.1930). Verifications of SSNs provided by foreign Social Security agencies will be done only as discussed

in section I.A. above. To this end, we do not anticipate any unwarranted effects on the rights of individuals from our implementation of the proposed routine use.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4908]

Culturally Significant Object Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Raphael's La Fornarina"

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 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and 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 object to be included in the exhibition "Raphael La Fornarina," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the The Frick Collection, New York, NY from on or about December 2, 2004 to on or about January 30, 2005, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX from on or about February 13, 2005 to on or about April 17, 2005, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN from on or about May 6, 2005, to on or about June 26, 2005, and at possible additional 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 object, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, (telephone: 202/453-8048). The address is Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: November 22, 2004.

Patricia Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4904]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Partnership for Learning (P4L) Undergraduate Program

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/E/EUR-05-06.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 00.000.

Key Dates:

Application Deadline: January 21, 2005.

Executive Summary: The Office of Academic Exchange Programs (ECA/A/E) of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Partnership for Learning (P4L) Undergraduate Program for participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, and Serbia. 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 the placement, monitoring, and evaluation for the FY 2005 P4L Undergraduate Program. One cooperative agreement will be awarded to administer the program. Organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs are not eligible for this competition.

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 Partnership for Learning (P4L) Undergraduate Program provides scholarships for one-year, non-degree study at U.S. institutes of higher education to outstanding students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, and Serbia. Scholarships are available in humanities and social sciences. Scholarships are granted to students who have completed at least two years of study at an accredited university in their home countries. Students must be citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia or Serbia. Participants will be enrolled in one-year, non-degree programs at four-year colleges and universities. Students will enhance their academic education with participation in community service and an internship. Interested organizations should read the entire **Federal Register** announcement for all information prior to preparing a proposal. Programs must comply with J-1 Visa regulations. Please refer to the Solicitation Package for further information. Pending the availability of funds, it is anticipated that this cooperative agreement award will begin in March, 2005.

In a cooperative agreement, ECA/A/E is substantially involved in program activities above and beyond routine grant monitoring. ECA/A/E activities and responsibilities for this program are as follows:

- (1) Participating in the design and direction of program activities;
- (2) Approval of key personnel;
- (3) Approval and input for all program agendas and timelines;
- (4) Guidance in execution of all project components;
- (5) Arrangement for State Department speakers during workshops;
- (6) Assistance with SEVIS-related issues;
- (7) Assistance with participant emergencies;
- (8) Providing background information related to participants' home countries and cultures;
- (9) Liaison with Public Affairs Sections of the U.S. Embassies and country desk officers at the State Department;
- (10) Participating in selection of evaluation mechanisms.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative Agreement. The Bureau's level of involvement in this program is listed under number I above.

Fiscal Year Funds: 2005.

Approximate Total Funding: 400,000.

Approximate Number of Awards: 1.

Anticipated Award Date: Pending availability of funds, March 2005.

Anticipated Project Completion Date: December 2006.

Additional Information: Pending successful implementation of this program and the availability of funds in subsequent fiscal years, it is ECA's intent to renew this grant for two additional fiscal years, before openly competing it again.

III. Eligibility Information

III.1. Eligible applicants: Applications may be submitted by public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).

III.2. Cost Sharing or Matching Funds: There is no minimum or maximum percentage required for this competition. However, the Bureau encourages applicants to provide maximum levels of cost sharing and funding in support of its programs.

When cost sharing is offered, it is understood and agreed that the applicant must provide the amount of cost sharing as stipulated in its proposal and later included in an approved grant agreement. Cost sharing may be in the form of allowable direct or indirect costs. For accountability, you must maintain written records to support all costs which are claimed as your contribution, as well as costs to be paid by the Federal government. Such records are subject to audit. The basis for determining the value of cash and in-kind contributions must be in accordance with OMB Circular A-110, (Revised), Subpart C.23—Cost Sharing and Matching. In the event you do not provide the minimum amount of cost sharing as stipulated in the approved budget, ECA's contribution will be reduced in like proportion.

III.3. Other Eligibility Requirements: Bureau grant guidelines require that organizations with less than four years experience in conducting international exchanges be limited to \$60,000 in Bureau funding. ECA anticipates awarding one grant, in an amount up to \$400,000 to support program and administrative costs required to implement this exchange program. Therefore, organizations with less than four years experience in conducting international exchanges are ineligible to apply under this competition. The Bureau encourages applicants to provide maximum levels of cost sharing and funding in support of its programs.

IV. Application and Submission Information

Note: Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may