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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Fulbright-Hays Group Projects

Abroad Program--Short-Term Projects and Advanced Overseas

Intensive Language Training Projects

AGENCY:  Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of

Education.

ACTION:  Notice.

Overview Information:

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program--Short-Term

Projects and Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training

Projects

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year

(FY) 2012.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:

84.021A and 84.021B.

Dates:

Applications Available:  [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE

FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:  [INSERT DATE 60

DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Full Text of Announcement

I.  Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program:  The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects

Abroad (GPA) Program supports overseas projects in

training, research, and curriculum development in modern

foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers,

students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor.  Short-

term projects may include seminars, curriculum development,

or group research or study.  Long-term projects support

advanced overseas intensive language projects, which give

advanced language students the opportunity to study

languages overseas.

Priorities:  This notice contains one absolute priority,

three competitive preference priorities, and one

invitational priority.  In accordance with 34 CFR

75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priority is from the

regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32).  Competitive

Preference Priorities I (applicable to both the short-term

(84.021A) and long-term (84.021B) competitions) and III

(applicable only to the long-term (84.021B) competition)

are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32),

and Competitive Preference Priority II (applicable only to

the short-term (84.021A) competition) is from the notice of

final priorities published in the Federal Register on

September 24, 2010 (75 FR 59050).

Absolute Priority:  For FY 2012 and any subsequent year in

which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants

from this competition, this priority is an absolute

priority.  Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only

applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Specific geographic regions of the world:  A group

project funded under this priority must focus on one or

more of the following geographic regions of the world:

Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the

Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and South America,

Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and

Eurasia, and the Near East.

Competitive Preference Priorities:  Within this absolute

priority, we give competitive preference to applications

that address the following priorities.  The competitive

preference priorities announced in this notice correspond

to the separate short-term and long-term competitions as

follows:

| Competition | Competition CFDA Number | Competitive Preference Priorities |
|---|---|---|
| GPA Short-Term Projects | 84.021A | • Competitive Preference Priority I--Training and focus on priority languages<br>• Competitive Preference Priority II--Inclusion of K-12 educators |

| GPA Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Projects | 84.021B | • Competitive Preference Priority I--Training and focus on priority languages<br>• Competitive Preference Priority III--U.S. participant travel to Brazil, China, India, or Russia |
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Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), depending on how well the application meets these priorities, we award up to an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority I, up to an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority II, and up to an additional five points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority III. The maximum amount of competitive preference priority points an application can receive under either the short-term or long-term competition is 10 points.

Note:  In order to receive preference under these competitive preference priorities, the applicant must identify the priority or priorities that it believes it meets and provide documentation supporting its claims.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority I--Training and focus on priority languages. (5 points)

Projects that provide substantive training and thematic focus on any of the 78 priority languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs) found below.

This list includes the following:  Akan (Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic (all dialects), Armenian, Azeri (Azerbaijani), Balochi, Bamanakan (Bamana, Bambara, Mandikan, Mandingo, Maninka, Dyula), Belarusian, Bengali (Bangla), Berber (all languages), Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano (Visayan), Chechen, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Gan), Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese (Min), Chinese (Wu), Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Georgian, Gujarati, Hausa, Hebrew (Modern), Hindi, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer (Cambodian), Kirghiz, Korean, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kurdish (Sorani), Lao, Malay (Bahasa Melayu or Malaysian), Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepali, Oromo, Panjabi, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (all varieties), Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala (Sinhalese), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrigna, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur/Uigur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu.

Competitive Preference Priority II--Inclusion of K-12 educators. (5 points)

Applications that propose short-term projects abroad that develop and improve foreign language studies, area studies, or both at elementary and secondary schools by including K-12 teachers or K-12 administrators as at least 50 percent of the project participants.

Competitive Preference Priority III--U.S. participant travel to Brazil, China, India or Russia (5 points): Applications that propose long-term projects abroad that plan to send U.S. educators and other eligible participants to Brazil, China, India, or Russia.

Invitational Priority:  For FY 2012 and any subsequent year in which we make awards based on the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority.  Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), we do not give an application that meets this priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications. The invitational priority is:

Invitational Priority I:

Applications from any one of the following:

(a)  Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), including those that are eligible to receive assistance under Part A or B of Title III or under Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

(b) Community colleges, including those that are eligible to receive assistance under Part A or B of Title III or under Title V of the HEA.

(c) Novice applicants (as defined in this notice).

Definitions: This definition is from the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR 75.225. Novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from the Department that: has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding; has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal Government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program.

Program Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6).

Applicable Regulations: (a) EDGAR in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 664. (c) The notice of final priorities for this program, published in the Federal Register on September 24, 2010 (75 FR 59050).

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education (IHEs) only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award:  Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:  $2,990,000.

Note:  The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 allows funds to be used in this program to support the participation of individuals who plan to apply their language skills and knowledge of countries vital to the United States' national security in fields outside teaching, including government, the professions, or international development (See The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division F, Title III, Public Law 112-74).  Therefore, applicants may also propose projects for visits and study in foreign countries by individuals in these fields.

Estimated Range of Awards:

Short-term projects:  $50,000 - $125,000.

Long-term projects:  $50,000 - $375,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

Short-term projects:  $82,500.

Long-term projects:  $125,000.

Maximum Award:  We will reject any short-term GPA application that proposes a budget exceeding $125,000 for a single budget period of 18 months.  We will reject any advanced overseas intensive language training long-term application that proposes a budget exceeding $375,000 for a

single budget period of 12 months.  The Assistant Secretary

for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum award

through a notice published in the Federal Register.

Estimated Number of Awards:

Short-term projects:  12.

Long-term projects:  16.

Note:  The Department is not bound by any estimates in this

notice.

Project Period:

Short-term projects:  Up to 18 months.

Long-term projects:  Up to 48 months.

III.  Eligibility Information

1.  Eligible Applicants:  (1) Institutions of higher

education, (2) State educational agencies (SEAs), (3)

Private nonprofit educational organizations, and (4)

Consortia of these entities.

2.  Cost Sharing or Matching:  This program does not

require cost sharing or matching.

IV.  Application and Submission Information

1.  Address to Request Application Package:  You can

obtain an application package via the Internet or from the

Education Publications Center (ED Pubs).

To obtain a copy via the Internet, use the following

address:  http://grants.gov.

To obtain a copy from ED Pubs, write, fax, or call the following:  ED Pubs, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 22207, Alexandria, VA 22304.  Telephone, toll free:  1-877-433-7827.  FAX:  (703) 605-6794.  If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call, toll free:  1-877-576-7734.

You can contact ED Pubs at its Web site, also: www.EDPubs.gov or at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify the competition as follows:  CFDA number 84.021A or 84.021B.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) by contacting the contact person listed under For Further Information Contact in section VII of this notice.

2.    Content and Form of Application Submission: Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

Page Limit:  The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application.  You must limit

the application narrative (Part III) to no more than 40
pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1"
margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical
inch) all text in the application narrative, except titles,
headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions.
Charts, tables, figures, and graphs in the application
narrative may be single spaced and will count toward the
page limit.

- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger; or,
no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).  However,
you may use a 10 point font in charts, tables, figures, and
graphs.

- Use one of the following fonts:  Times New Roman,
Courier, Courier New, or Arial.  An application submitted
in any other font (including Times Roman and Arial Narrow)
will not be accepted.

- The 40-page limit does not apply to Part I, the
Application for Federal Assistance face sheet (SF 424); the
supplemental information form required by the Department of
Education; Part II, the budget summary form (ED Form 524);
Part IV, assurances, certifications, and the response to
section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA);

the table of contents; the one-page project abstract; the appendices; or the line item budget.  If you include any attachments or appendices not specifically requested, these items will be counted as part of the program narrative [Part III] for purposes of the page limit requirement.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit.

3.   Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available:  [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:  [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov).  For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV. 7.  Other Submission Requirements of this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the

application process should contact the person listed under
For Further Information Contact in section VII of this
notice.  If the Department provides an accommodation or
auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in
connection with the application process, the individual's
application remains subject to all other requirements and
limitations in this notice.

    4.  Intergovernmental Review:  This program is not
subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34
CFR part 79.

    5.  Funding Restrictions:  See 34 CFR 664.33.  We
reference additional regulations outlining funding
restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this
notice.

    6.  Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer
Identification Number, and Central Contractor Registry:  To
do business with the Department of Education, you must-

    a.  Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);

    b.  Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the
Central Contractor Registry (CCR), the Government's primary
registrant database;

    c.  Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your
application; and

d.    Maintain an active CCR registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet. A DUNS number can be created within one business day.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service.  If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration.  If you need a new TIN, please allow 2-5 weeks for your TIN to become active.

The CCR registration process may take five or more business days to complete.  If you are currently registered with the CCR, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS number is correct.  Also note that you will need to update your CCR registration on an annual basis.  This may take three or more business days to complete.

In addition, if you are submitting your application via Grants.gov, you must (1) be designated by your organization as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (2) register yourself with Grants.gov as an AOR. Details on these steps are outlined at the following

Grants.gov Web page:

www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp.

7. <u>Other Submission Requirements</u>: Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. <u>Electronic Submission of Applications</u>.

Applications for grants under the GPA Program, CFDA numbers 84.021A and 84.021B, must be submitted electronically using the Government wide Grants.gov Apply site at http://www.Grants.gov. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement <u>and</u> submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the

application deadline date is provided later in this section

under Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement.

You may access the electronic grant application for

the Fulbright-Hays GPA Programs at http://Grants.gov.  You

must search for the downloadable application package for

this competition by the CFDA number.  Do not include the

CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g. search for

84.021, not 84.021A or B).

Please note the following:

● When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find

information about submitting an application electronically

through the site, as well as the hours of operation.

● Applications received by Grants.gov are date and

time stamped.  Your application must be fully uploaded and

submitted and must be date and time stamped by the

Grants.gov system no later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington,

DC time, on the application deadline date.  Except as

otherwise noted in this section, we will not accept your

application if it is received—that is, date and time

stamped by the Grants.gov system—after 4:30:00 p.m.,

Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.  We

do not consider an application that does not comply with

the deadline requirements.  When we retrieve your

application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are

rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection.  Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.

- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this competition to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system.  You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov under News and Events on the Department's G5 system home page at http://www.G5.gov.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically,

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including all information you typically provide on the

following forms:  the Application for Federal Assistance

(SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental

Information for SF 424, Budget Information--Non-

Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary

assurances and certifications.

● You must upload any narrative sections and all

other attachments to your application as files in a PDF

(Portable Document) read-only, non-modifiable format.  Do

not upload an interactive or fillable PDF file.  If you

upload a file type other than a read-only, non-modifiable

PDF or submit a password-protected file, we will not review

that material.

● Your electronic application must comply with any

page-limit requirements described in this notice.

● After you electronically submit your application,

you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification

of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number.

(This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only,

not receipt by the Department.)  The Department then will

retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second

notification to you by e-mail.  This second notification

indicates that the Department has received your application

and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System:  If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk, toll free, at 1-800-518-4726.  You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery.  You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under For Further Information Contact in section VII of this notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov

Support Desk Case Number.  We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.  The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

Note:  The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system.  We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement:  You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because--

- You do not have access to the Internet; or

- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Grants.gov system;

and

● No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days; or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.  If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to:

For GPA short-term projects (84.021A):  Loveen Bains, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6091, Washington, DC  20006-8521.  FAX:  (202) 502-7860.

For GPA advanced overseas intensive language training long-term projects (84.021B):  Michelle Guilfoil, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6098, Washington, DC  20006-8521.  FAX:  (202) 502-7860.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b.  <u>Submission of Paper Applications by Mail</u>.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department.  You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

    U.S. Department of Education
    Application Control Center
    Attention:  (CFDA Number 84.021A or 84.021B)
    LBJ Basement Level 1
    400 Maryland Avenue, SW.
    Washington, DC  20202-4260

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1)  A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2)  A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3)  A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4)  Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application, by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.021A or 84.021B)
550 12th Street, SW.
Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza
Washington, DC 20202-4260

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:  If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department--

(1)  You must indicate on the envelope (and, if not provided by the Department, in Item 11 of the SF 424) the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2)  The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application.  If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

V.  Application Review Information

1.  General:  For FY 2012, short-term project applications will be reviewed by separate panels according to world area.  Each panel reviews, scores, and ranks its applications separately from the applications assigned to the other world area panels.  However, all applications will be ranked against each other from the highest to the

lowest score for funding purposes.  Advanced overseas
intensive language training long-term projects will be
reviewed by one panel across world areas.  A rank order
from highest to lowest score will be developed for each of
the two types of projects and will be used for funding
purposes.

2.  <u>Selection Criteria</u>:  The selection criteria for
this program are from 34 CFR 664.31 and are as follows:
(a) Plan of operation (20 points); (b) Quality of key
personnel (10 points); (c) Budget and cost effectiveness
(10 points); (d) Evaluation plan (20 points); (e) Adequacy
of resources (5 points); (f) Potential impact of the
project on the development of the study of modern foreign
languages and area studies in American education (15
points); (g) The project's relevance to the applicant's
educational goals and its relationship to its program
development in modern foreign languages and area studies (5
points); and (h) The extent to which direct experience
abroad is necessary to achieve the project's objectives and
the effectiveness with which relevant host country
resources will be utilized (10 points).  Additional
information about these criteria is in the application
package for this competition.

3.  Review and Selection Process:  We remind potential

applicants that in reviewing applications in any

discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may

consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance

of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as

the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project

objectives, and compliance with grant conditions.  The

Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to

submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of

unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the

Secretary also requires various assurances including those

applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit

discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal

financial assistance from the Department of Education (34

CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

4.  Special Conditions:  Under 34 CFR 74.14 and 80.12,

the Secretary may impose special conditions on a grant if

the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a

history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or

other management system that does not meet the standards in

34 CFR parts 74 or 80, as applicable; has not fulfilled the

conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not

responsible.

VI.  Award Administration Information

1.  <u>Award Notices</u>:  If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN).  We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2.  <u>Administrative and National Policy Requirements</u>: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the <u>Applicable Regulations</u> section in this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the <u>Applicable Regulations</u> section in this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN.  The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3.  <u>Reporting</u>:  (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition.  This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).  (b) At the end

of your project period, you must submit a final performance

report, including financial information, as directed by the

Secretary.  If you receive a multi-year award, you must

submit an annual performance report that provides the most

current performance and financial expenditure information

as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118.  Grantees

are required to use the electronic data instrument

<u>International Resource Information System</u> (IRIS) to

complete the final report.  The Secretary may also require

more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c).

For specific requirements on reporting, please go to

http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.

   4.  <u>Performance Measures</u>:  Under the Government

Performance and Results Act of 1993, the following measures

will be used by the Department to evaluate the success of

the program:

   a.   The percentage of Fulbright-Hays Group Projects

Abroad advanced overseas intensive language training long-

term participants who demonstrate a significant increase in

their pre-post scores on a standardized measure of language

competency.  (84.021B only)

   b.   Percentage of all GPA projects judged to be

successful by the program officer, based on a review of

information provided in annual performance reports. (84.021A and 84.021B)

The information provided by grantees in their performance reports submitted via IRIS will be the source of data for this measure.  Reporting screens for institutions can be viewed at:

For GPA short-term projects:

http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/gpa_director.pdf and http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/gpa_participant.pdf.

For GPA advanced overseas intensive language training projects:

http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/gpa_lang_director.pdf and http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/gpa_lang_participant.pdf.

VII.  Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact:

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person does not mail application materials and does not

accept applications.

    If you use a TDD or a TTY, call the FRS, toll-free, at

1-800-877-8339.

VIII.  Other Information

Accessible Format:  Individuals with disabilities can

obtain this document and a copy of the application package

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