NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115 (formerly section 114 of the Act), and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the Federal Register of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the Federal Register.

Liphardt & Associates of Ronkonkoma, New York (Registered Importer R–93–016) petitioned NHTSA to decide whether 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E passenger cars are eligible for importation into the United States. NHTSA published notice of the petition on April 7, 1995 (60 FR 17847) to afford an opportunity for public comment. The reader is referred to that notice for a thorough description of the petition. No comments were received in response to the notice. Based on its review of the information submitted by the petitioner, NHTSA has decided to grant the petition.

Vehicle Eligibility Number for Subject Vehicles

The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS–7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. VSP–114 is the vehicle eligibility number assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision.

Final Determination

Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing, NHTSA hereby decides that a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E (Model ID 124.031) not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards is substantially similar to a 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300E originally manufactured for importation into and sale in the United States and certified under 49 U.S.C. § 30115, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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Marilynne Jacobs

Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. [FR Doc. 95–14134 Filed 6–8–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–59–M

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Disability Exchanges Clearinghouse

ACTION: Notice—request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply for a single award to establish and manage a disability exchanges clearinghouse, the overall purpose of which is two-fold: (1) To provide information for the disability community about international exchange opportunities available to them; and (2) to assist exchange organizations in developing skills and understanding about how to incorporate people with disabilities into their exchange programs.

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 cited above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds. **ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the Disability Exchanges Clearinghouse and reference number *E*/*AE*-95-01.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on Thursday, July 27, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked July 27, 1995 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

Award date: The award should begin on September 30, 1995.

Duration: September 30, 1995— September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchanges Divsiion—E/AE, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone number: 201/619-4360, fax number: 202/401-5914, internet address: DLEVIN@USIAGOV to request a Solicitation Package, which includes all application forms and further guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please specify USIA Program Officer David Levin on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested applicants should read the complete Federal Register announcement before addressing inquiries to the Academic Exchanges Division or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the Academic Exchange Division may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

SUBMISSIONS: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 15 copies of the complete application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/AE-95-01 (Disability Exchanges Clearinghouse), Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including but not limited to race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle.

Proposals obviously will relate directly to the disability community.