

and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below.

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.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported For Exhibition; Determination

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: 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 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that those objects to be included in the exhibit "House of Style" (See list ¹) which are imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Cleveland, Ohio, from on or about September 1, 1995 through on or about September 1, 1997, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 11, 1995.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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Voice of America; Development Office; VOA Computerized Pronunciation Guide Project Development

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Voice of America Office of Development announces a

solicitation for proposals to participate with VOA in technical development and commercial marketing of the VOA Pronunciation Guide, a computerized digital audio pronunciation reference system. The system provides current and authoritative pronunciation of names, places and things found in international news reports. VOA has completed concept and initial design. The Guide is suitable for commercial marketing to media, business, home, government and educational organizations in the United States and abroad as an on-line service, network or stand-alone service. Applicants must demonstrate hardware and software expertise and competency in addition to marketing capability. Organizations should suggest options for cooperation with VOA in terms of cash benefits, cost sharing, provision of goods or services or exchanges in kind.

Overall authority for VOA to solicit proposals is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256 as amended, also known as the Fullbright-Hays Act, and The U.S. Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended, known as the Smith-Mundt Act. Proposals must conform to requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package.

ANNOUNCEMENT NAME AND NUMBER: All communications with VOA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number B/VOA-95-1.

DATES: Deadline for proposal: All copies must be received at VOA by 5 p.m. Washington time on Friday October 13, 1995. Faxes documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on Friday, October 13, 1995, but received on a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Voice of America Development Office, Room 3340, 330 Independence Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone: 202-401-8526, FAX: 202-401-2374, Email: mkennedyusia.gov. to request a solicitation package which includes more detailed award criteria, all application forms, and guidelines for preparing proposals. For specific questions or concerns regarding the solicitation, contact VOA Senior Development Officer Margaret Kennedy. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to VOA or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, representatives of the VOA may

not discuss the competition in any way with applicants until after the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package and send only complete applications to: Voice of America, Ref.: B/VOA-95-1, Office of Development, Room 3340, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Overview

VOA is the preeminent authority on the pronunciation of foreign names and places for American media. VOA seeks assistance to complete its interactive, digital audio system to provide its professional staff with fast and accurate pronunciations for international names commonly found in international news. This system provides users with precise visual and audio guidance using a specially-designed international phonetic alphabet and spoken pronunciations by VOA's language experts. The prototype currently in use at VOA uses Foxpro for Windows with a SoundBlaster 16 sound card and runs on a stand-alone IBM compatible computer. With modification, it could run on Macintosh or a network. VOA's current index has 50,000 entries updated daily. The guide provides text references for honorifics, second reference and other useful information. The index can be expanded and tailored for specialized needs.

Guidelines

This solicitation is for a proposal for joint creation of a commercial reference system based on the prototype currently in use at VOA. VOA maintains the integrity of the data base on a 24 hour basis through the expertise of its own editors and language experts.

A proposal should clearly state how the applicant would work with VOA to develop hardware and software to facilitate commercial access to the VOA Pronunciation Guide. Proposals may include an on line service, network and/or stand-alone product.

Proposals should address hardware options to implement practical data entry, storage and retrieval, compression system and software as well as project management. Proposals should include geographical marketing areas. Applicants should refer to the Program Objectives, Goals and Implementation section of the Solicitation Package for greater detail regarding special conditions and other program information.

¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Lorie J. Nierenberg, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6084; the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301-4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001