cultural property and national heritage, help publicize cultural attractions and encourage tourism, and address the relationships of these goals to economic planning. The program should address the roles of citizen and government action and encourage cooperation among African countries and the U.S. on these goals. It should also analyze relevant legislation, such as the 1970 **UNESCO Convention on Cultural** Property and the U.S. Cultural Property Act of 1983. The program should include at least two phases, one of which would bring African specialists to the U.S., and the other would send U.S. specialists to the selected African countries. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Charlotte Peterson, (202) 619-5319, Internet CPETERSO@USIA.GOV

Trade and Sustainable Growth

Proposals are invited to conduct a program for participants from 4-5 African countries which would address issues of trade and investment policies and their relation to national development planning. Issues to be addressed might include incentives for foreign investment, local benefits and problems from foreign investment, impact of tariffs, currency devaluation, development of new exports, and international marketing. Participants in the program might include entrepreneurs, representatives of business associations, government representatives (executive and legislative) or others with influence on these issues. The program should be comprised of at least two phases, one of which would bring African specialists to the U.S. and the other would send U.S. counterparts to participating African countries. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Stephen Taylor, (202) 619–5319, Internet STAYLOR@USIA.GOV

American Republics

In most of this hemisphere, governments, economists, and various 'technocratic'' experts have come to believe that open markets and minimal government restraint on commercial practices lead to higher macro-economic growth rates. But others fear this approach leaves many businesses and their employees behind, ill-equipped to respond to the rough-and-tumble realities of domestic and international competition. USIA seeks proposals that will utilize exchanges to demonstrate that, while innovation and competition inevitably displace some individuals, the increased competition usually leads to greater prosperity not just for entrepreneurs, but for most citizens.

Programs which illustrate this through visits to and by the citizens of areas affected by business, plant and base closings, the depletion of mineral deposits, the imposition of new environmental standards, etc., are more likely to have an impact than programs relying solely on extended round-table discussions of macro-economic theory and exposure to national economic policy. Priority will be given to projects dealing with logical sub-regional groupings of no more than four countries (e.g., Central America, the Caribbean, Andean nations, etc.), or to single-country projects in large nations with enormous disparities between rich and poor (e.g., Brazil and Mexico). Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Laverne Johnson, (202) 619-5326, Internet LJOHNSON@USIA.GOV

East Asia

Burmese Environmental Project

Proposals are invited to conduct a project that provides an exchange between Burmese non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and U.S. NGOs to examine, through workshops and professional consultation, the role of NGOs in grassroots environmental education and awareness, and the use and promotion of environmentally-appropriate technologies in developing countries.

Burmese Cultural Heritage

Proposals are invited to conduct a project for Burmese NGO representatives, academics, and selected government officials to examine problems of cultural and natural heritage preservation in the face of economic development, and the role of citizen and government action. Projects would examine U.S. approaches to historic preservation and rational economic development.

Thai Cultural Heritage

Project for Thai NGO activists, journalists and selected government officials to examine problems of cultural and natural heritage preservation in the face of economic development, and the role of citizen and government action. Projects would examine U.S. approaches to historic preservation and rational economic development. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Elroy Carlson, (202) 619–5326, Internet ECARLSON@USIA.GOV

Middle East

Environmental Education in the Eastern Mediterranean

Proposals are invited for a program to assist scientists and educators in

countries of the Eastern Mediterranean (Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, and the Palestinian Authority) in developing national and regional approaches to incorporating environmental research into university and secondary educational curricula, developing formal environmental education, and promoting general public environmental awareness. The program should include at least two phases, one of which would bring Middle Eastern specialists to the U.S. for approximately one month to consult and work with American specialists on developing curricula, texts, strategies for outreach, and the like. The other phase would send U.S. specialists who had participated in phase one to the Eastern Mediterranean to conduct, in collaboration with their Middle Eastern counterparts, activities such as teachertraining workshops, network building across participant countries, setting plans for cross-country collaboration of educators and their outreach to communities and governments. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Thomas Johnston, (202) 619-5319, Internet TJOHNSTO@USIA.GOV

Water Resources Management in the Gulf States

Proposals are invited for a multiphased program to address the interrelated issues of water resources management, environmental protection, and sustainable economic development in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Oman. Emphasis should be given to facilitating interaction among specialists in these countries and U.S. counterparts for the sharing of ideas and to develop a feasible plan for governmental and NGO action in addressing these topics. The program design should include activities in both the United States and the Gulf which would cover an assessment of needs, development of collaborative networks and action agendas, as well as outreach to wider audiences. At least one phase would bring specialists from the Gulf to the U.S. and one phase would send U.S. specialists to the Gulf. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Thomas Johnston, (202) 619-5319, Internet TJOHNSTO@USIA.GOV

Western Europe

Pacific Northwest Environment Cooperation

USIA seeks a proposal designed to exchange environmental experts between the states of the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. The exchange would involve environmental