role of arbitration and the court system in resolving disputes.

Hong Kong Journalists

Proposals are invited to conduct a project for journalists in Hong Kong that would focus on press freedom, the press-government relationship, and the role of a free press in society. Projects may consist of but are not limited to workshops, site tours, seminars and internships.

Judicial Programs for Indonesia

Proposals are invited to conduct a project for Indonesia that would focus on either the development of a responsible judiciary or the development of free and independent labor organizations.

Impact of GATT

Proposals are invited to conduct a regional or subregional project on the importance of implementing GATT rules, such as rules protecting intellectual property rights, to the continuing stability of the multilateral trading system. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Elroy Carlson, (202) 619–5326, Internet ECARLSON@USIA.GOV

Eastern Europe and the NIS (Excluding Russia)

Rule of Law in the Emerging Central and Eastern European Democracies

USIA will accept proposals related to the rule of law in Central and Eastern Europe and the NIS excluding Russia. The focus of the proposals should be on the development of an independent judiciary. Activities may include workshops in-country or in the U.S.; incountry consultation by judicial experts; and the development of materials in local languages useful in training of legal scholars. Projects must focus on a single country. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Steve Sutton, (202) 619–5326, Internet SSUTTON@USIA.GOV

Middle East

The Legal Environment for Market Economies in the Middle East

Proposals are invited for a professional exchange program to address issues faced by Middle Eastern countries attempting to move from centralized, command economies to more open systems driven by private sector initiative and market mechanisms. Crucial to the success of these efforts will be the development of a legal environment which is conducive to reform and respectful of due process. Issues to be addressed might include:

the nature and extent of government regulation appropriate to a market economy, the constructive role of labor movements and business associations, the regulation and monitoring of stock trading and financial reporting, the development and standardization of rules and procedures for the adjudication of private enterprise-public sector conflicts, the development of equitable and enforceable taxation codes, codification of property rights, and methods of detecting corruption and implementing reform. Proposals focussing on Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco are particularly encouraged. The proposed program should include at least two phases, one of which would bring Middle East specialists to the United States for two or more weeks and one of which would send U.S. specialists to the Middle East. Participants should include representatives of business and of government (executive and legislative). Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Thomas Johnston, (202) 619-5319, Internet TJOHNSTO@USIA.GOV

Western Europe

Greek Legal Development

USIA proposes a legal exchange program which would provide for American jurists to visit Athens and demonstrate the basic procedures in American commercial law (early neutral evaluation, case management, mediation, judicial settlement, arbitration) to their Greek counterparts. In return, a delegation of Greek judges would visit the United States to attend the annual conference of U.S. judges and visit the Americans who had participated in the Athens program, in their courts and law offices. Inquiries should be directed to Program Specialist Christina Miner, (202) 619-5319, Internet CMINER@USIA.GOV

Program Parameters

The Office of Citizen Exchanges strongly encourages the coordination of activities with respected universities, professional associations, and major cultural institutions in the U.S. and abroad, but particularly in the U.S. Projects should be intellectual and cultural, not technical. Vocational training (an occupation other than one requiring a baccalaureate or higher academic degree; i.e., clerical work, auto maintenance, etc. and other occupations requiring less than two years of higher education) and technical training (special and practical knowledge of a mechanical or a scientific subject which enhances mechanical, narrowly scientific, or semi-skilled capabilities)

are ineligible for support. In addition, scholarship programs are ineligible for support.

The Office does not support proposals limited to conferences or seminars (i.e., one to fourteen-day programs with plenary sessions, main speakers, panels, and a passive audience). It will support conferences only insofar as they are part of a larger project in duration and scope which is receiving USIA funding from this competition. USIA-supported projects may include internships; study tours; short-term, non-technical training; and extended, intensive workshops taking place in the United States or overseas. The themes addressed in exchange programs must be of long-term importance rather than focused exclusively on current events or short-term issues. In every case, a substantial rationale must be presented as part of the proposal, one that clearly indicates the distinctive and important contribution of the overall project, including where applicable the expected yield of any associated conference. No funding is available exclusively to send U.S. citizens to conferences or conference-type seminars overseas; neither is funding available for bringing foreign nationals to conferences or to routine professional association meeting in the United States. Projects that duplicate what is routinely carried out by private sector and/or public sector operations will not be considered. The Office of Citizen Exchanges strongly recommends that applicants consult with host country USIS posts, prior to submitting proposals.

Selection of Participants

All grant proposals should clearly describe the types of persons who will participate in the program as well as the process by which participants will be selected. It is recommended that programs in support of U.S. internships include letters tentatively committing host institutions to support the internships. In the selection of foreign participants, USIA and USIS posts retain the right to nominate all participants and to accept or deny participants recommended by grantee institutions. However, grantee institutions are often asked by USIA to suggest names of potential participants. The grantee institution will also provide the names of American participants and brief (two pages) biographical data on each American participant to the Office of Citizen Exchanges for information purposes. Priority will be given to foreign participants who have not previously travelled to the United States.