- 3. Ability to Achieve Program Objectives: Objectives should be reasonable, feasible, and flexible. Proposal should clearly demonstrate how the institution will meet the program objectives and plan.
- 4. Multiplier Effect: Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.
- 5. Value to U.S.—Partner Country Relations: Proposed projects should receive positive assessments by USIA's geographic area desk and overseas officers of program need, potential impact, and significance in the partner.
- 6. *Institutional Capacity:* Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to achieve the program or project's goal.
- 7. Institution Reputation/Ability:
 Proposal should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Agency grants as determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The Agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.
- 8. Follow-on Activities: Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without USIA support) which ensures that USIA supported programs are not isolated events.
- 9. Evaluation Plan: Proposals should provide a plan for a thorough and objective evaluation of the program/project by the grantee institution.
- 10. Cost-Effectiveness: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.
- 11. Cost-Sharing: Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.
- 12. Support of Diversity: Proposal should demonstrate the recipients' commitment to promoting the awareness and understanding of diversity throughout the program. This can be accomplished through documentation (such as a written statement or account) summarizing past and/or on-going activities and efforts that further the principle of diversity within both their organization and their activities.

Notice

The Office of Citizen Exchanges reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase the grant award. The terms and conditions published in the Request for Proposal (RFP) are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by USIA that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. Final awards cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated by the Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about April 28, 1995. Awarded grants will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Dated: January 12, 1995.

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Third World Journalism Seminar

ACTION: Notice—Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of **Education and Cultural Affairs** announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Public or private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 501(c)(3) may apply to develop a project to provide logistical support and American speaker recruitment services for the 1995 Annual "Third World Journalism Seminar," which will bring 18 professional institutional spokespersons to Tunis to discuss professionalism in public relations.

Overall grant-making and funding 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."

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. The USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT NAME AND NUMBER: All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/P–95–34.

DATES: Deadline for proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, February 17, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on February 17, 1995, but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Division of African Affairs and North African/Near Eastern/South Asian Affairs of the Office of Citizen Exchanges (E/PS), Room 224, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 29547, telephone number: (202) 619–5319, fax number: (202) 619-4350, internet address: CPeterso@USIA.gov to request a Solicitation Package, which includes more detailed award criteria; all application forms; and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please specify USIA Program Officer/Specialist Charlotte Peterson on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested applicants should read the complete Federal Register announcement before addressing inquiries to the Office of Citizen Exchanges or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the Office of Citizen Exchanges may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package and send only complete applications (the original and 14 copies) to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/P–95–34, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 336, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 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