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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Exchange Visitor Program

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Amendment to Exchange Visitor Skills List.

SUMMARY: The Exchange Visitor Skills List is amended to reflect the deletion of South Africa, addition of Iraq and changes in Group 4 in the country skill-list for the People's Republic of China, and to clarify that the country skill-list for the People's Republic of China is not applicable to exchange visitors from Taiwan.

DATES: With the establishment of a skills list for Iraq, exchange visitors from that country will be subject to the home residence requirement pursuant to the skills list 30 days after this publication in the Federal Register. With regard to the deletion of South Africa and the corrections in the Chinese skills list for the People's Republic of China, this notice shall be retroactive to December 12, 1984.

ADDRESS: Comments and requests for further information should be addressed to: Richard L. Fruchterman, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Congressional Liaison, USIA, Suite 700, 301-4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547. Telephone (202) 485-7976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1182(e)), the Secretary of State designated on April 25, 1972, a list of fields of specialized knowledge or skill (Referred to as the Exchange-Visitor Skills List) and those countries which clearly required the services of persons engaged in one or more of such fields. Any alien who was a national resident of one of those countries and obtained an exchange-visitor visa and/or became a participant in an Exchange Visitor Program involving a designated field of specialized knowledge or skill after the effective date of that notice was subject to the 2-year foreign residence (home-country physical presence) requirement of section 212(e) of said Immigration and Nationality Act as provided by said section and 22 CFR 41.85(b).

Pursuant to the provisions of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1977, section 217 of United States Information Agency Authorization Act of August 24, 1982 (Pub. L. 97-241) and Executive Orders Nos. 2038 (March 27, 1978) and 12388 (Oct. 14, 1982), the Director, United States Information Agency, on June 12, 1984 further amended the 1972 Exchange Visitor Skills List, as revised in 1978, to increase the designated fields of specialized knowledge of skills. The 1984 amendment gave notice of the addition of China and the deletion of Cambodia, Iran and Viet-Nam from the skills list as well as the indefinite suspension of Afghanistan. The Exchange Visitor Skills List, as amended in 1984, is used in conjunction with the two prior existing lists.

The Exchange Visitor Skills List, as amended in 1984, is further amended by the following changes:

1. South Africa is deleted from the list. Since South Africa was erroneously placed in the list in 1984, the change will take effect retroactively. Those exchange visitors from that country who entered the United States after June 12, 1984 are not subject to the residence requirement pursuant to the skills list.

2. Iraq is added to the list with a listing that includes the entirety of Part I, general list of Designated Fields of Specialized Knowledge or Skills, of the Exchange Visitor Skills List as amended, 1984.

3. Group 4 of the skills list for the People's Republic of China is corrected to show 4G Electrical Engineering and 4H Electronic Engineering. This list is not applicable to exchange visitors from Taiwan. There is no skills list for Taiwan.

This Notice amends Public Notice No. 356-37, 37 FR 8099-8177 April 25, 1972, Public Notice No. 591, 43 FR 5910-5912, February 10, 1978 and Public Notice, No. Vol. 49 No. 114 FR 24194-24242, June 12, 1984.

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International Festivals and Exhibitions Support Initiative

In order to expand their initiative to support U.S. participation in significant international arts events, the United States Information Agency (USIA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) solicit proposals from qualified United States nonprofit organization(s) ("cooperator") which will both provide

additional funds and administer a program to support United States participation abroad in a number of performing arts festivals and international exhibitions.

Federal funding for this project is limited to the amount of approximately \$375,000 subject to the availability of FY '87 funds. The entire \$375,000 must be used exclusively for grants to American artists, performing arts groups, museums, and visual arts organizations participating in designated international events. The Cooperator(s) will be expected to provide matching funds from private sources by the ratio of at least 1 to 1, resulting in a minimum total program budget of at least \$750,000. Additionally, the cooperator will be responsible for publicizing the program to potential applicants, disbursing grant funds, providing support services, and disseminating information abroad about United States participation.

This project is divided into two components: (1) Performing arts festivals, and (2) visual arts exhibitions. Qualified nonprofit organizations may submit proposals for either, or for both components. Accordingly, one or more Cooperative Agreements may result from this solicitation. At this time it is anticipated that if two Cooperative Agreements result, one for the performing arts and one for the visual arts, approximately half of the federal funds will be allocated to visual arts exhibitions and approximately half will be allocated to the performing arts.

For applicants for the component dealing with performing arts festivals, experience with international festivals is desirable; experience in performing arts management and international exchange is necessary. For applicants for the component dealing with visual arts exhibitions, knowledge of major international exhibitions and of American museums and museum practices is very desirable; knowledge of exhibition management and international exchange is necessary.

Proposals must be submitted by November 17. The anticipated commencement for the Cooperative Agreement(s) is December 1986. The complete program solicitation may be requested until October 21 from:

Arts America Program, P/DB, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street SW. Room 567, Washington, DC 20547, Telephone (202) 485-2783.

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