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Senior Coordinator for Business Affairs.

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[Public Notice 2474]

Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-98) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of registration period and requirements for the fourth year of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on the procedures for obtaining an opportunity to apply for one of the 55,000 immigrant visas to be made available in the DV category during Fiscal Year 1998. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33, which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(a)(3), 1153(c), and 1154(a)(1)(G)). Readers should note that the Department published amendments to its regulations at 22 CFR 42.33 in the Federal Register on January 22, 1996. [61 FR 1523.]

Information on the Entry Procedures for the 55,000 Immigrant Visas To Be Made Available in the DV Category During Fiscal Year 1998

Sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, taken together established, effective for Fiscal Year 1995 and thereafter, an annual numerical limitation of 55,000 diversity immigrant visas to be made available to persons from countries that have had low rates of immigration to the United States. The DV-98 registration mail-in period will last 30 days and will be held from noon on February 3, 1997 through noon on March 5, 1997. This will give those eligible, both in the United States and overseas, ample time to mail in an entry.

How Are the Visas Being Apportioned?

The visas will be apportioned among six geographic regions. A greater number of visas will go to those regions that have had lower immigration rates

as determined pursuant to INA 203(c). There is, however, a limit of seven percent (or 3,850) on the use of visas by natives of any one foreign state. The regions, along with their Fiscal Year 1998 allotments are:

Africa: (21,179) Includes all countries on the continent of Africa and adjacent islands.

Asia: (7,280) Includes all countries except China, both mainland and Taiwan born, India, Philippines, South Korea, and Vietnam; (Hong Kong is eligible).

Europe: (23,213) Includes all countries except Great Britain (United Kingdom) and its dependent territories and Poland; (Northern Ireland is eligible).

North America: (8) The Bahamas is the only eligible country this year; (Canada is not eligible for this year's lottery.)

Oceania: (844) Includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and all countries and islands in the South Pacific.

South America, Central America, and the Caribbean: (2,476) Includes all countries except Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Jamaica, and Mexico.

Who Is Eligible?

"High admission" countries are not eligible for the program. "High admission" countries are defined as those from which the United States has received more than 50,000 immigrants during the last five fiscal years for which data is available in the immediate relative, or family or employment preference categories. See INA 203(c)(1)(A). Each year the Immigration and Naturalization Services adds the family and employment immigrant admission figures for the previous five fiscal years to identify the countries that must be excluded from the annual diversity lottery. For 1998, "high admission" and therefore ineligible countries are: China (mainland and Taiwan), India, The Philippines, Vietnam, South Korea, Poland, United Kingdom and dependent territories (except see below), Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, El Salvador, Colombia, and The Dominican Republic.

Natives of Hong Kong and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for this year's lottery.

What Are the Requirements?

In addition to being born in a qualifying country, applicants must either (1) have a high school education or its equivalent or (2) within the past five years, have two years of work experience in an occupation that

requires at least two years of training or experience. See INA 203(c)(2).

There is no fee or special petition form that must be completed to enter. The entry must be typed or clearly printed in the English alphabet on a sheet of plain paper and must include the following:

1. Applicant's Full Name
Last Name (Surname/Family Name),
First Name and Middle Name
(Underline Last Name/Surname/Family Name)
Example: Public, George Quincy
2. Applicant's Date and Place of Birth
Date of birth: Day, Month, Year
Example: 15 November 1961
Place of birth: City/Town, District/
County/Province, Country
Example: Munich, Bavaria, Germany
Please use the current name of the country (e.g. Kazakhstan, Russia, Croatia, Slovakia, Eritrea, etc.), if different from the name in use at the time of birth.
3. Name, Date and Place of Birth of Applicant's Spouse and Minor Children, if Any

The spouse and child(ren) of an applicant who is registered for DV-98 status are automatically entitled to the same status. To obtain a visa on the basis of this derivative status, a child must be under 21 years of age and unmarried.

Note: DO NOT list parents as they are not entitled to derivative status.

4. Applicant's Mailing Address, and Phone Number, if Possible
The mailing address must be clear and complete, since it will be to that address that the notification letter for the persons who are registered will be sent. A telephone number is optional.
5. Applicant's Native Country if Different From Country of Birth
6. A Recent 1½ Inch by 1½ Inch Photograph of the Principal Applicant

The applicant's name must be printed across the back of the photograph. (The photograph should be taped to the application with clear tape, not attached by staples or paper clips which can jam the mail processing equipment.)

7. Principal Applicant's Signature Is Required on the Entry

The applicant must sign the entry using his or her normal signature, regardless of whether the entry is prepared and submitted by the applicant or someone else. (Only the principal applicant, not the spouse and children, needs to submit a signature and photograph.)

This information must be sent by regular mail or air mail to one of six postal addresses in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Applicants must use the correct postal zip code designated for their native region (see addresses below). Entries must be mailed in a regular letter or business-size envelope with the applicant's native country, full name, and complete mailing address typed or clearly printed in the English alphabet in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. Postcards are not acceptable.

Only one entry for each applicant may be submitted during the registration period. Duplicate or multiple entries will disqualify individuals from registration for this program. See INA 204(a)(1)(6)(i). Entries received before or after the specified registration dates regardless of when they are postmarked and entries sent to an address other than one of those indicated below are void. All mail received during the registration period will be individually numbered and entries will be selected at random by computer regardless of time of receipt during the mail-in period. Selected entries will be registered and then notified as specified below.

Where Should Entries Be Sent?

Note Carefully the Importance of Using the Correct Postal ZIP Code for Each Region.

Asia: DV-98 Program, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH 00210, USA
South America, Central America, and the Caribbean: DV-98 Program, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH 00211, USA

Europe: DV-98 Program, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH 00212, USA

Africa: DV-98 Program, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH 00213, USA

Oceania: DV-98 Program, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH 00214, USA

North America: DV-97 Program, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH 00215, USA

Is It Necessary To Use An Outside Attorney or Consultant?

The decision to hire an attorney or consultant is entirely up to the applicant. Procedures for entering the Diversity Lottery can be completed without assistance following these simple instructions. However, if applicants prefer to use outside assistance, that is their choice. There are many legitimate attorneys and immigration consultants assisting applicants for reasonable fees, or in some cases for free. Unfortunately, there are other persons who are charging exorbitant rates and making unrealistic claims. The selection of winners is

made at random and no outside service can improve an applicant's chances of being chosen or guarantee that an entry will win. Any service that claims it can improve an applicant's odds is promising something it cannot deliver.

Persons who think they have been cheated by a U.S. company or consultant in connection with the Diversity Visa Lottery may wish to contact their local consumer affairs office or the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060 or 1-202-835-0159. The U.S. Department of State has no authority to investigate complaints against businesses in the United States.

How Will Winners Be Notified?

Only successful entrants will be notified. They will be notified by mail at the address listed on their entry during the summer of 1997. Winners will also be sent instructions on how to apply for an immigrant visa, including information on a new requirement for a special DV case processing fee. Successful entrants must complete the immigrant visa application process and meet all eligibility requirements under U.S. law to be issued a visa.

Being selected as a winner in the DV Lottery does not automatically guarantee being issued a visa even if the applicant is qualified, because the number of entries selected and registered is greater than the number of immigrant visas available. Those selected will, therefore, need to complete and file their immigrant visa applications quickly. Once all 55,000 visas have been issued, the DV Program for Fiscal Year 1998 will end.

Where To Obtain Instructions on Entering the DV Lottery?

The above Information on entering the DV-98 program is also available 24 hours a day to persons within the United States by calling the Department of State's Visa Lottery Information Center at 1-900-884-8840 at a flat rate of \$5.10 per call. Callers will first hear some basic information about the DV Lottery and will be requested to provide their name and address so that printed instructions can be mailed to them. Applicants overseas may continue to contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for instructions on the DV Lottery.

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Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1490).

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m. (CST), November 20, 1996.

PLACE: TVA Environmental Research Center Auditorium, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on October 16, 1996.

Discussion Item

Environmental Research Center

New Business

A—Budget and Financing

A1. Adoption of Tennessee Valley Authority Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 1996.

A2. Retention of Net Power Proceeds and Nonpower Proceeds and Payments to the U.S. Treasury in March 1997, pursuant to Section 26 of the TVA Act.

C—Energy

C1. Extension of Contract No. TV-94218V through September 30, 1999, with Team Associates, Inc. The supplement will add \$2.4 million to the contract.

C2. Approval for Fossil and Hydro to enter into a 3-year contract with McDaniel Fire Systems for systemwide fire-protection upgrades at TVA's fossil, hydroelectric, and combustion turbine facilities. The contract is not to exceed \$30 million.

C3. Two-year contract with Piping and Equipment Company (with provisions for up to three extension periods of one year each) to provide pipe and fittings for TVA fossil, hydro, and nuclear plants. The contract is not to exceed \$25 million.

E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Sale of noncommercial, nonexclusive permanent easement affecting 0.09 acre of land on Tellico Lake in Loudon County, Tennessee, to Vernon J. Lowe for construction and maintenance of recreational water-use facilities (Tract No. XTELR-185RE).

E2. Sale of a permanent easement affecting 0.3 acre of land on Nickajack Lake in Marion County, Tennessee, to Doyle Morrison for a road and utilities right-of-way (Tract No. XNJR-22H).

F—Unclassified

F1. Filing of condemnation case.