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SUBJECT: FY 2010 Inventory of International Exchange and Training
Activities of the United States Government

Congress mandates that the staff of the Interagency Working Group on U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchanges and Training (IAWG), located within the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, annually compile a comprehensive inventory of international exchange and training programs sponsored by the U.S. government. To comply with this mandate, the IAWG asks that each federal organization submit data on FY 2010 programs by June 10, 2011.

The IAWG has been specifically directed by Congress to collect data from all federal entities that administer international exchange and training activities involving the movement of people between countries. These activities, which are financed wholly or in part, directly or indirectly with U.S. government funds, help promote dialogue, develop skills, and foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. As such, federal organizations are encouraged to also include data on programs that do not involve the actual movement of people across borders, but that reflect these themes through, for example, in-country training and distance learning activities.

The IAWG uses collected data to support efforts to "improve the coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness of U.S. government-sponsored international exchanges and training...." [Section 112 (f) and (g) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (P.L. 87-256), as amended, (22 USC 2460 (f) and (g))]. The data help the IAWG to identify trends, to reveal best practices, and to study interagency coordination. The IAWG also uses these data to show Congress how U.S. government entities make effective use of partnership and the leveraging of funds in their exchange and training programs. The overall result is that program data help to demonstrate the vital contributions being made by federal organizations to support U.S. foreign policy goals and to promote U.S. national security.

The *FY 2010 Annual Report/FY 2009 Inventory of Programs* was recently completed and can be viewed at www.iawg.gov/reports/annual. Individuals from your organization who provided the IAWG with assistance in gathering and reporting the data are recognized in the report's acknowledgement section. An IAWG staff member will initiate contact with these same individuals to provide information on the data collection process for the FY 2010 cycle, and to provide

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training and assistance, as needed, on data submission and reporting through the recently upgraded Federal Exchange Data System (FEDS). If your organization sponsors or participates in international exchange and training activities that are not represented in the current IAWG inventory, please notify the IAWG.

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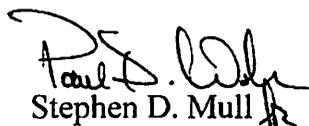
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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this project. I encourage you to visit the IAWG website at www.iawg.gov to learn more about IAWG activities and reports.


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