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The TransPanama Trail Project

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"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth."

George Washington

What is the TransPanama Trail Project?

A non-profit organization is trying to create a hiking trail that will enable people to hike the length of Panama passing through the most spectacular landscapes, and to produce a map that hikers, with a map and compass, can follow without getting lost. This trail would connect regions and people in a new way for generations to come.

Why create it?

- Because there are no existing maps of a trail crossing the length of Panama.
- Because the original settlers of the area knew of such a trail.
- Because Panamanians do not have good public facilities and resources to explore the country on foot, the best way to see Panama.

What for?

- To connect personally with nature and intensify our desire to protect our environment.
- To promote the physical and mental well-being of Panamanians.
- To educate the youth by bringing them closer to their land and historical roots.
- To learn to work together in common goals that will generate solidarity and strengthen national identity.
- To incorporate and extol communities that have limited access to the general population.

- To provide ecotourism opportunities.
- To create a tangible sense of participation in making history.

After months of establishing a conceptual route, scrutinizing maps and interviewing people, the project actual got under way on January 25, 2008 at 9:21 p.m. Three pioneering volunteers began hiking and recording the trail—Mariela de Jones, Arturo Bouche and George Dandrade.

They have now marked the trail through the entire province of Coclé and a small part of Veraguas. A GPS route and topographic profiles have already been produced for these areas, including detailed notes with every intersection, fork, crossroads, bridges, rivers, etc.

Everything has been accomplished 100% by volunteers. It is calculated that 10% of the trail has been completed and the remainder will take 2 to 4 more years to refine and complete.

We need volunteers. If you would like to contribute or assist in anyway, please contact Miguel Esquivel at 233-0014 or 233-0021 or at his email:

mike@transpanama.org

Website: <http://www.transpanama.org>



The CLO's Line

*Ellen Scotti-Belli 207-7474, MF 12-4, TWTh 8-12
Carson Dolan 207-7315 MWF 8-12, TTH 12-4*

Please let the CLO and the Huaca Talk Editor know when good things are happening with you and/or your family members!



Community Liaison Office Coordinator (CLO) FP-6 part-time, 20 hrs/wk

The U.S. Embassy in Panama is seeking an Eligible Family Member (EFM) for employment in country for the position of Community Liaison Office Coordinator.

Opening Date: April 2, 1008

Closing Date: April 15, 2008

When applying for this position, please reference "CLO Coordinator" and note that you are an EFM when contacting Human Resources at panamaembjobs@state.gov.

For further information on this position, please contact: Myrna Walch at 207-7285 or email at walchme@state.gov.

Flower

Arranging with Santiago
Saturday, April 5th, 10:00 a.m.
at the DCM's residence
\$8.00 per person
includes foam and flowers
RSVP 315-6029, DCMR



	<p>Snips and snails and puppy dog tails...that's what little boys are made of!</p> <p>Congratulations to the Boyden Family on the arrival of their precious new bouncing baby boy on April 1st weighing in at 9 lbs. 12 oz. and 22" tall.</p> <p>Welcome to the world, Jacob!</p>	



The Weekly Update

For the Week March 31 - April 4, 2008

Family Member Employment Survey Deadline Extended to April 15, 2008

FLO

Thank you to all family members and Members of Household who completed the survey. We heard from 2216 of you, which represents 21.9% of our family members overseas and nearly 200 in Washington. This was a terrific response and we were able to provide Under Secretary for Management Patrick Kennedy data that convincingly show that family members have the talent, education, and experience he is looking for in justifying an expansion of the Professional Associates Program.

We have extended the survey deadline to **April 15, 2008**. The opportunity for additional survey data will enable us to better advocate on your behalf regarding family member employment issues, and we would really like to hear from the other 78% of family members who are out there. Again a huge thank you to those who have already submitted the survey, and we look forward to hearing from the others.

Regardless of your current employment status, if you are a family member or a Member of Household, please [take the survey](#). It will take less than five minutes.

Here, There, and Everywhere Middle School Newsletter Now Available

The spring edition of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) middle school Globetrotters publication *Here, There, & Everywhere* (http://www.fsyf.org/gt/gt_main.html) is out! This issue focuses on the question, "Should students have to wear uniforms to school?" If you're interested, you may write submissions for the next issue that will focus on "Who your hero is and why". Submission guidelines may be found on page seven of the current issue.

Webinar: April 26 Parenting in a Time of Crisis: Parenting During an Unaccompanied Tour

Successful parenting can be a challenge for any family but it is usually more difficult when one parent is not only absent but also in a dangerous location. To address the many issues

families face during an unaccompanied tour, FLO is partnering with FSI's Transition Center to conduct an interactive workshop, "Parenting in a Time of Crisis: Parenting during an Unaccompanied Tour", on **Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time**. While focused on Unaccompanied Tour families, it will be also be useful to those living where an evacuation, natural disaster, or personal/familial crisis could happen. Those in the DC Metro area can attend at FSI; those outside the DC area may participate via toll-free conference call and simultaneous Web cast. CLOs will receive details and copies of any handouts closer to the date of the Webinar. Questions should be directed to: FLOaskUT@state.gov.

Employment Opportunity in FLO

The Family Liaison Office has an opening for a **Program Support Assistant** GS-0303-7, full time, 2-year limited appointment, with potential to be extended up to a maximum of 5 years). The Program Support Assistant reports to the Deputy Director through the Unaccompanied Tours Support Officer and carries out program assistant duties relevant to unaccompanied service in Iraq. The position is located in Washington, D.C., although some domestic travel may be involved.

For the vacancy announcement, please go to: <http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo/c25517.htm>.

Send applications to Tracy Young, HR/EX, Room H-726, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. Applications may also be faxed to Tracy Young at (202) 663-2371. If there are any questions regarding this announcement, please contact Leslie Teixeira, Director, M/DGHR/FLO, at (202) 647-1077 or Teixeira@state.gov. Overseas applicants may want to email, cable, or fax (202-647-1670) their intention to apply to Ms. Teixeira.

The application must be received by close of business April 4, 2008.

Weekly Update is a compilation of news and information from the Family Liaison Office, Department of State for any American U.S. government employee who is serving, has served, or will be serving under Chief of Mission Authority and their family members or Members of Household. For more on any of the following items or for information on the many programs and resources FLO has available please visit FLO: on the Internet at: <http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo> or, for those who have access, the Intranet at: <http://hrweb.hr.state.gov/prd/hrweb/flo/index.cfm>; or, Email FLO at: flo@state.gov. You can also call us at: 202-647-1076 or 1-800-440-0397. We look forward to hearing from you.

Management Notice

Dr. Sylvia Thompson - Educational Consultant

The Office of Overseas schools has scheduled a visit with Dr. Sylvia Thompson, an educational consultant in the area of special needs. Dr. Thompson will be in Panama from April 9th through April 15th, 2008. Dr. Thompson is a professor from the University of Texas and is bilingual. During her visit she will be available for individual appointments to review student records and will be visiting the schools.

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 9th, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Please RSVP to the CLO no later than Monday, April 7th. Contact Ellen Scotti-Belli, ScottiBelliE@state.gov (207-7474), or Carson Dolan, DolanCM@state.gov (207-7315) in the Community Liaison Office to schedule appointments.

Regional Medical Officer to Visit Panama

Ms. Judy L. Harris, FSHP, will be available for medical consultation from April 14th through April 18th.

To schedule an appointment, please call the Health Unit at 207-7187.

Reminder notes:

Q: I need a prescription refilled by a US licensed physician. What do I need to do?

A: Your medical record must be on file in the health Unit. Bring the original prescription, or the prescription bottle, and any written documentation from the physician who prescribed the medication with you to your appointment.

Q: I have a Class 2 Medical Clearance and have not been followed by a physician since arrival to post. Should I schedule an appointment?

A: It is advisable for anyone whose medical condition resulted in a Class 2 Medical Clearance to be monitored and re-evaluated.

Q: I arrived in Panama without a medical clearance. Should I consult the RMO?

A: You should definitely make an appointment to consult with the RMO during his/her visit. Your continued assignment to Panama could be affected if the status of your medical clearance is not resolved.

In and Around Panama



April 4th-6th, Movistar Music Fest, Figali Convention Center, Amador Causeway, Tickets \$15 to \$75.00 at Movistar and Blockbuster.

April 3rd to 11th, III International Festival of Arts, This festival of theater and dance has 10 participating countries. There are evening performances, plus daily workshops. Tickets on sale at Audiofoto and CE Center. For more info, contact Roberto Enrique King, General Producer, at reking@cwpanama.net or 264-4560, 6659-9579, or Natalie Medina, Assistant Producer, at 226-8189 or 6679-6377, nataliemed@gmail.com

April 5th & 6th, Flea Market at the Cathedral Plaza, Casco Antiguo, Saturday from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. Free admission. Call 209-6300

April 5th, Ratha Yatra Festival, 4th Annual Parade to the Hindu Temple, 2:00-5:00 p.m. The Procession will leave Edison Plaza at 2:00 p.m. and make its way up to the Hindu Temple in the northern sector of the city.

April 6th, 2nd Golf Tournament of the Users Association of the Color Free Zone (AU) at the Summit Golf & Resort. For info, email suarios@auzonalibrecolon.com or ecv@auzonalibrecolon.com

April 6th, Rapel at Campana Hill. Organized by Ecoviajeros Club. Cost: \$55. Info 6668-0222 or info@ecoviajerospanama.com

April 6th, Democrats Abroad Panama, 12:30 p.m. in the Bohio at Albrook Park Condos. For more info, contact Nick at 264-8184 or Vicki (after 5pm) at 315-0806.

April 7th, Piano Concert at Teatro Nacional de Panama, direct from Spain, Composer and Pianist, Pablo Peláez. Tickets on sale at theater's box office. \$3.00—\$20.00

April 8th-May 2nd, Vive Como Quieras (You Can't Take it With You), Teatro en Círculo, in El Cangrejo, Performances Tuesday thru Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Tickets: General Admission are \$15.00. For more info, call 261-5375, 261-5259, or tcirculo@cwpanama.net or visit the website at www.teatroencirculo.com

April 15th, Bikers Off-Road Association Ride from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Entry fee \$40.00. For more info, email: crucelagarto@movistar.com.pa or visit www.boapanama.org

April 16th, Republicans Abroad Breakfast at City Club 7:30 a.m., in the Credicorp Bank Bldg. 29th Floor

April 18th-20th, Housing Expo, Atlapa Convention Center. Organized by CAPAC. For info, 265-2500 or 265-2565, or email at eventos@capac.org

April 22nd, Nelly & Jaime Ingram In Concert with the National Symphonic Orchestra, Teatro Nacional, 8:00 p.m. Tickets on sale at Blockbuster at \$100, \$125 and \$150.00. Info 236-7555

April 24th, American Society of Panama, 2008 Board of Directors Election Night Buffet, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. \$20.00 for Members, \$25.00 for Non-Members

April 24th, Myriam Hernandez in Concert, Anayansi Theater in Atlapa Convention Center, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$100.00 at Blockbuster. Info 236-7555



Bingo to benefit the programs and projects of the Omar Moreno Foundation

May 4, 2008 Noon—4:00p.m.

At Bingo 90
\$15.00 for to 20 games
Great Prizes

To purchase tickets, please contact:
Judith de Leon leonjs@state.gov
Monica Morales moralesmc@state.gov

As the event will be held in a casino,
no children are allowed.

For more information on the
Omar Moreno Foundation visit:

Run, run, run...get ready to run and feel the wind as you cross that finish line.

On Sunday, April 27th, there will be a 25K relay race in Amador. Teams will consist of 5 members.

Please let me know if you are interested, as soon as possible, so we can begin forming teams and schedule training. You will only have to run 5K this time on a flat surface (no hills).



Contact Monica Velasco at 207-7320



In and Around Panama (continued)



Join us on Sunday 13 April

The Navy League is having a picnic in El Valle on Sunday 13 April. If you plan to attend please let us know. The 13th of April is rapidly approaching and we have to plan the complete menu. Please do not wait for the last moment to decide as you will not obtain hotel accommodations if your plan is to stay overnight in El Valle. It definitely is going to be another fun event.

Thanks, Charly

Navy League—El Valle BBQ Sunday, April 13th

Save the Date: Sunday 13 April

Place: Dr. Charly Garcia's home in El Valle. There is a pool at the home for those that wish to model their 2008 swimming attire!

Time: 1:00 pm till Charly says good night.

Dress: Casual

Cost: \$8 per person

BBQ Social with fellow Navy League members, &

2008 dues paid Navy League members! El Valle is the place to be on the 13th of April as Dr. Charly Garcia has graciously offered to host a BBQ get-together at his home. **The cost covers the steaks, chicken, sausages, plates, beer and other basics. Bring your own wine. We will distribute a sign-up list to those attending to assign & distribute the side dishes and deserts.** Creativity might be awarded a bonus prize. Can't say what it is yet, but we'll advise.

For more information visit our website: <http://navyleague-panama.org/> An application for membership can be found there online or is always available at our monthly functions. This is an event intended to attract new members, and to reward our paid dues members with a spectacular BBQ. The home has a swimming pool for those that wish to really relax and model their new 2008 swimming attire.

By all means consider staying over night but make reservations now at your favorite hotel. The party will go on as long as you want.

Listing of Better Hotels to stay at in El Valle.

For your convenience and assistance in **making your own reservations** should you wish to make it a weekend event, I am providing the following information. It is stressed that **you must make your own reservations. This is high season in El Valle. I recommend you do not hesitate to make your reservations for the Hotel as soon as possible.**

Hotel Los Capitanes : 15 rooms, tel #: 983-6080 Email: capitanes@cwpanama.net and website <http://www.panamainfo.com/loscapitanes/> Great restaurant. I consider this to be a very special place with a very special atmosphere. Enjoyable, pleasant and beautiful grounds.

Hotel Campestre: 15 rooms Tel #: 983-6146 website at www.hotelcampestre.com or Explorer@sinfo.net

Presently under major renovation, but rooms are available in the new wing. Around \$60 per room.

Rincon Vallero 14 Rooms Tel #: 983-6175/264-9119 Includes

breakfast. Email address is rinconvallero@sinfo.net and their website is at www.rinconvallero.com Excellent restaurant. Rooms from \$80-around \$110.

Park Eden Bed & Breakfast 5 rooms Tel #: 983-6167 / 226-8858 www.parkedden.com & www.panamainfo.com/parkedden parkeden@cwpanama.net 5+ rooms, includes full breakfast 2 persons per room, additional cost per each additional person. No restaurant.

La Casa de Lourdes & VillaMandarinos:

El Valle de Antón, Panama Boutique Hotel & Restaurante. Info@lacasadelourdes.com

Hotel: 507-983-6645

<http://www.lacasadelourdes.com/home.htm>

Restaurante: 507-983-6450

This is the tops, nothing better ...Gourmet breakfast included...exclusive cuisine & accommodations...where the IN people dine. Best restaurant in the area. People drive up from Panama City and adjacent areas to dine and wine in style. Adjacent are two new beautiful buildings each providing 8 rooms with magnificent accommodations. Total of 20 rooms. Not inexpensive, but the finer moments in our lives usually aren't cheap.

The Golden Frog Inn: 8 rooms, Suites Bed & Breakfast One of the nicest places to stay. Pleasant, huge pool, fireplaces. One of my favorites.

Phone: 983-6117 Cell Phone: 6565-8307

goldenfroginn@yahoo.com www.goldenfroginn.com

Crater Valley Adventure Spa 8 Rooms Tel #: 983-6942 <http://www.crater-valley.com/docs/rooms.htm> <http://www.crater-valley.com/info@crater-valley.com> Tel #: 215-2326 & 983-6942 Fax: 215-2329 Among the best in El Valle. Has pool, sauna, massage parlor, beauty saloon, and lush grounds. Expect it to be pricey, but worth it. Room Rates: \$90-\$110 Good restaurant.

The Anton Valley Hotel

This is the newest locale and it is excellent. Price, accommodations & personal customer relations are excellent. It is run by two Americans and is located across the street from the Catholic Church. The accommodations are very nice and they are famous for their American style breakfast's..... Waffles, French Toast, Pancakes, etc.

Contact: Earle Hall & Les Perkins, 983-6097 or 6484-5978 Information & Reservations:

Charly Garcia: 6618-8877, garcia dentist@hotmail.com

Hunter Schultz: 66-331156, hnsbiosafe@yahoo.com

Or reply to this email, navy.league.panama@gmail.com

Visit our website for updates: <http://navyleague-panama.org/>

Hunter Schultz

President

Navy League , Panama Council

In and Around Panama (continued)



FUNDACIÓN SINFONÍA
CONCERTANTE DE PANAMÁ



presenta: **festival
alfredo
de saint
malo**

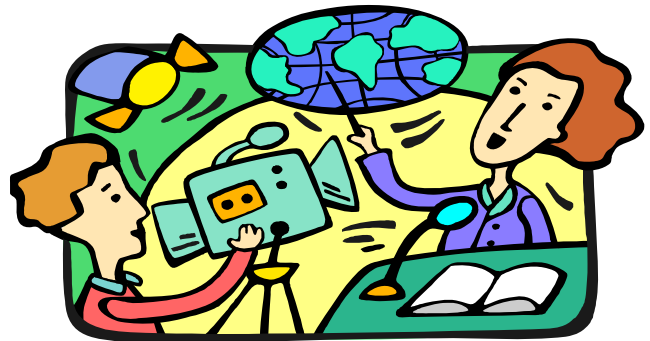
**mayo 30 - junio 8
may 30 - june 8**

carlos prieto
youth orchestra of
the americas
jorge ledezma bradley
orquesta sinfónica nacional
baylor woodwind quintet
baylor trio
baylor brass
quintet
anna noggle
misha dacic
tim deighton
leonardo soto
isaac casal luis casal
mixturas clarinon
quinteto cerrud
coro polifónico
graciela nuñez
orquesta sinfónica
juvenil istmeña
victor soto
vivace



info@asmfestivalpanama.com
www.asmfestivalpanama.com
260-4397 202-9477

This is the picture of the week— 10,000 skiers participated in 42.2k race in Switzerland.



CALLING ALL U.S. MISSION KIDS 10 to 18
**FSI TRANSITION CENTER/
OVERSEAS BRIEFING CENTER**
presents the 2008

KIDVID CONTEST

- OBC wants a DVD of your post from your viewpoint.
- Cash prizes offered to the top winners.
- See your CLO or Management Office for contest rules.
- **Deadline: April 15, 2008**

Contest co-sponsored by the Foreign Service Youth Foundation & Transition Cntr-Overseas Briefing Cntr

Questions regarding the contest rules or guidelines can be directed by Department e-mail or by Internet (johnstonm5@state.gov), phone, (703-302-7277), or fax (703-302-7452), to Maureen Johnston at the Overseas Briefing Center.

Talkin' Heads
would like to announce
we now offer acrylic nails and gels.

Bring this ad with you
and receive a

20% Discount

off your first appointment
with our
Acrylic Nail expert—Liz

Liz has 20 yrs. experience
applying acrylics.

So come and relax,
and let Liz make
your hands beautiful.

Call for an appointment at
317-1091, and don't forget
to bring this ad
for your discount.

TALKIN' HEADS

Beauty Salon

Ciudad del Saber, Clayton
Galera # 135, Local 8
Tel.: (507) 317-1091/92
talkinheads@cwpanama.net

In and Around Panama (continued)



Bahía Lounge
"de boca en boca"
Restaurante - Rodizio

Le invita a disfrutar del mejor Bossa Nova de Panamá, el grupo "Bossaleros" y la voz de Priscilla Moreno. Incluyendo una cena show al estilo Rodizio con más de 15 cortes de carnes, especialidad de la casa.

Viernes 28 de marzo a las 8:00 p.m.
Costo por persona: **B/.40.00**

Reservaciones al: 215-2841
*No incluye propina ni bebidas.
*Se aceptan Visa, Master Card y American Express.

Para mayor comodidad, contamos con servicio de valet parking.

Vía Italia, edificio Posada del Rey, planta baja frente al Plaza Paitilla Inn.

Did you know that April is a month with lots of observances:

- Women's Eye Health & Safety Month
- Cancer Control Month
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Counseling Awareness Month
- Autism Awareness Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- International Guitar Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Listening Awareness Month
- Mathematics Education Month
- Multicultural Communication Month
- National Anxiety Month
- National Garden Month
- Occupational Therapy Month
- National Poetry Month
- National Welding Month
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- STD Awareness Month
- Youth Sports Safety Month
- National Kite Month
- Parliamentary Law Month
- National Landscape Architecture Month
- World Habitat Awareness Month
- School Library Media Month
- Jazz Appreciation Month
- Financial Literacy Month
- National Garden Week
- Building Safety Week
- National Library Week
- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- Boys & Girls Club Week
- Medical Laboratory Week
- Pan American Week
- National Student Leadership Week
- Canada Book Week
- National Dark Sky Week
- National Wildlife Week
- Infants Immunization Week
- Minority Cancer Awareness Week
- National Coin Week
- Bib Brothers/Big Sisters Appreciation Week
- National Lingerie Week
- National Science & Technology Week
- National Sky Awareness Week
- National Volunteer Week
- Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Week
- TV Turnoff Week
- Administrative Professional's Week
- Egg Salad Week

...and that's the rest of the list.



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LATINA de Panamá
SUMMUM DESTINARIUM SAPIENTIAE



ASOCIACIÓN PANAMEÑA
DE TRADUCTORES E INTÉRPRETES
(APTI)

Se complace en invitarles
Seminario de Traducción Marítima
(Español/Inglés)

Cuatro presentaciones por profesionales del campo marítimo
Comparación y diferencias entre términos en ambos idiomas
Sesión de preguntas y respuestas
Refrigerio y certificado de asistencia

Lugar: Auditorio de la Universidad Latina de Panamá
Fecha: 12 de abril de 2008
Hora: 8:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

Inversión

Público en general: \$50.00
Miembros de APTI: \$40.00
Estudiantes: \$20.00

Reserve su cupo mediante depósito en una de las siguientes cuentas:

Banco General, Cuenta de ahorro: "APTI", #04-24-01-120656-3
Banvienda, Cuenta corriente: "APTI", #01-50-0262-0

Para mayor información y confirmación de asistencia escriba a:
edwardlum@cwpanama.net Tel 236-6823/6629-6769
elywater@yahoo.com Tel. 261-5943/6751-7581



VEHICLE AUCTION

JEEP CHEROKEE	1995
FORD TAURUS	2002
CHEVROLET BLAZER S-10	1991
CHEVROLET SUBURBAN	1996
DODGE DURANGO	1998
5 WHEELS WITH RUN FLAT SYSTEM	

APRIL 14, 15 & 16 , 2008

Visual inspection and receipt of bids on Monday, April 14th thru Wednesday, April 16th from 10:00 to 11:00 am and 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Last inspection on Thursday, April 17th from 10:00 to 11:00 am

Bids will be opened at 12:00 pm.

U.S. Embassy — Panama

AUCTION ADDRESS:

U.S. Embassy

Clayton Building

General Services Office

Clayton Building, 3rd Floor

Please contact GSO for more information at 317-5484 or 317-7208



All vehicles will be sold "as is" and "where is"

Job Opportunities

US Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs)



Administrative Clerk, FP-8/1, full-time 40 hrs/wk

The U.S. Embassy in Panama is seeking an individual for the position of Administrative Clerk in the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) section.

Opening Date: March 24, 2008

Closing Date: April 7, 2008

Public Affairs Clerk, FSN-5, FP-9, full-time 40 hrs/wk

The U.S. Embassy in Panama is seeking one individual for the position of Public Affairs Clerk in the Public Affairs Section (PAS).

Opening Date: March 24, 2008

Closing Date: April 7, 2008

Solicitation for the Preparation of a Retail Price Survey

Post is looking for a qualified **EFM** to do this task. You may obtain the solicitation documents from the Procurement Agent. Please read the solicitation documents if you are interested in applying for this contract job.

The Embassy plans to award a purchase order. You are encouraged to make your quote competitive. You are also cautioned against any collusion with other potential offerors with regard to price quotations to be submitted. The RFQ does not commit the Embassy to make any award. The Embassy may cancel this RFQ or any part of it.

IMPORTANCE OF RETAIL PRICE SURVEY (DS-2020)

The full Retail Price Schedule used to measure living cost differences between locations abroad and Washington, D.C., serves as the basis for determining:

- Any "post" (cost-of-living) allowance for Federal civilian employees;
- The U.S. Department of Defense cost-of-living allowances (COLA) for members of the Uniformed Services; and
- Cost-of-living comparisons for American business firms and other organizations who maintain allowances for private Americans abroad.

PREPARATION FOR RETAIL PRICE SURVEY

This survey must accurately reflect foreign living costs for the average American family. The index numbers computed from the survey are designed to reflect costs for the average Washington, D.C. family living in the foreign area. The contractor must be familiar with the retail outlets and types of goods and services generally used by an average family.

Please obtain the Standard Form 1449, read the RFQ carefully, and if you are interested, submit your quotation. **Return the completed SF-1449 to the address shown in Block 9 of the SF-1449 by 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 10, 2008.**

Late quotations or oral quotations **will not be** accepted.

For more information, contact Maria Lucia Ameglio, Procurement Agent, at 207-7179 or email at:

ameglioml@state.gov

Complete job descriptions listing all duties and responsibilities is available on the Human Resources website:

<http://panama.usembassy.gov/panama/humanresources.html>

Or you may contact your **SNAP Adviser:**

Ariatna Bustamante at

207-7073 or 7493 or email: bustamanteal@state.gov

Classified Ads



SUMMER RENTAL IN DC AREA

Headed back to the Washington area for language training or consultations this summer? Trying to avoid Oakwood? We are looking for someone who will take good care of our house while we're out of the country for a while. Available o/a June 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, 3-bdrm single-family home in Arlington's Lacey Woods Park neighborhood. Fully furnished and equipped, convenient to FSI, HST and Ballston Metro. Modern kitchen and living room, finished basement, beautiful tiled sun-room, deck w/BBQ grill, 3½ baths. Master bath has double sinks, large shower and whirlpool tub. Includes wireless computer connection, lawn service, all utilities except for telephone. No pets or small children, please. No smokers. \$3,000 monthly. Dates/rent somewhat flexible.

Contact Peter Siegwald or Susan Clyde at passac@aol.com or call 703-528-0304.

(3/20)



Living Room furniture, sofa and two chairs (one with foot stool, the other is a recliner).
\$150 for chairs
\$150 for sofa
Special price if purchased as a set.
Contact Diane Corbin at 207-7238 or CorbinDG@state.gov



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Housekeeper Available

Lil has been working for us since last June and she is wonderful. She has worked for various Embassy families for years now. She currently works for us on Wednesday, and then for other Embassy families the remainder of the week. I am always impressed at how much she gets done in just one day. She is great with dogs, and has worked for families with children in the past. She does ironing, in fact she loves to iron! Really, there isn't any household chore she won't do. Unfortunately, we needed to hire someone full-time and she is not able to work for us full-time. We really hate to lose her, but want to see her find work on Wednesdays. She will have another day open up this summer. So, if you were interested in hiring someone for two days a week, you could start with one and then in a few months increase to two.

For references or questions, please call me at 6618-2908 or email at jaimel.hawkins@gmail.com We cannot say enough good things about her, she is fantastic! Her full name is Liduvina Castillo. Call her at 233-5055.

submitted by Aaron and Jaime Hawkins

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FURNITURE FOR SALE!



- 1 small computer desk/\$20
- 1 computer chair/\$10
- 5-piece rattan patio set/\$650
- 2 small book cases on wheels/\$25 ea.
- 2 computer side tables with drawers/\$15 ea.

Call: LaVerne DeLorey at 6608-7597



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Doctor's Day	31 Cesar Chavez Day	1 Who's New	2 Intl. Children's Book Day	3	4	5
6 Natl. Tartan Day	7	8 Navy League	9	10	11	12 Ikebana
13 Navy League Picnic Intl. Special Librarian's Day	14 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday (April 13th)	15 TAX DAY Rubber Eraser Day	16 Emancipation Day (DC) Librarian Day	17	18 Paul Revere Day	19 Jewish Passover
20 Jewish Passover	21 San Jacinto Day (Texas) John Muir Day	22 Earth Day Administrative Professionals Day Oklahoma Day	23 Who's New General Mtg World Copyright Day	24	25 World Penguin Day	26 Confederate Memorial Day
27	28	29	30 Who's New Book Club	1 May Day Law Day Lei Day Loyalty Day	2 Brothers & Sisters Day	3 World Press Freedom Day National Scrapbook Day
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Who's New Natl Nurses Day	7 Historical Society at Nikko's in Balboa	8 V-E Day	9	10 World Lupus Day National Receptionist Day

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