



Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program

Position Available: Curriculum writer
Closing date: November 14, 2008

In 2005, the Smithsonian Institution observed the 25th anniversary of the end of the war in Southeast Asia and the beginning of significant Vietnamese migration to the United States with a Vietnamese American exhibit, a series of public programs, and the establishment of an endowment. The exhibition, "Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon", is now on national tour until 2010. For the exhibition to reach more people, we will develop a curriculum to aid teachers in incorporating Vietnamese American history into their classes. The Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program seeks a contractor (an individual or team of individuals) to produce a curriculum guide based on the exhibition "Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon" to raise awareness of Vietnamese American History.

Description of Project: The curriculum shall cover three topic areas appropriate for 6th through 9th graders. Units shall focus on the themes of the exhibit "*Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon*" – with lessons centered on history and culture, immigration, and contemporary issues.

Curriculum materials shall include sample activities and resources that teachers can integrate into their own lesson plans. The curriculum framework shall use the National Social Studies standards as a guide: <http://www.socialstudies.org/standards/> to facilitate the use of lessons to address state standards.

Timeline

The contractor will have up to three months to develop the materials. The contractor and Smithsonian staff shall set up a schedule for review and updates.

Deliverables

The contractor is responsible for the following deliverables:

1. Background information for teachers providing an overview of the topics.
2. Lesson plans.
3. Activities for students.
4. Resources and references, including source information for copyrighted materials such as photos and text excerpts.

Contract budget: \$4,000 firm fixed price

Distribution: Smithsonian APA Program web designer will post the curriculum on the Asian Pacific American Program's website (www.apa.si.edu) where it will be available for use free of charge. Information about the curriculum will also appear on all Vietnamese American Heritage Project materials produced by Smithsonian (exhibit brochure, public program handouts, bookmarks).

Selection Criteria:

- Experience designing and implementing curricula.
- Some familiarity of Vietnamese American history, culture and contemporary issues.

How to Submit an Application:

Please submit your resume with a cover letter detailing your experiences writing curriculum guides. If available, please send a sample of your past work. You can send them electronically to Gina Inocencio at inocenciog@si.edu, or fax to (202) 633-2699 or by mail to the address listed below. All applications should be received no later than November 14, 2008.

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