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This notice is to inform you that as of today, March 24, 2010, Greek-government sponsored teachers have been granted permission by the State Department to obtain one or two-year extensions to their J-1 exchange teacher visa tenure allowing them to remain in the U.S. for the full term of their contracts with the Greek government, up to five (5) years.

As a reminder, the Cordell Hull Foundation may, under J-1 visa regulations, sponsor Greek-government paid teachers, to work only under the following conditions:

- (1) The school must be an elementary (grades 1-6) or secondary (grades 7-12) school accredited as an educational institution in the state where located;
- (2) Teachers must work a full-time schedule in accordance with that of the school and state, the same number of hours as the American teachers, subject to approval by the Cordell Hull Foundation;
- (3) Prior to being accepted into the CHF Teacher Exchange Program, all new teachers must sign teaching offers issued by the individual school specifying the working hours and responsibilities and approved by the Cordell Hull Foundation. This signed teaching offer will be a required document to present to the American Embassy in Athens in order to receive J-1 visa status.
- (4) Teachers may not supervise Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classes; they may only visit the classroom and teach Greek language and culture for one class period per day, subject to approval by the Cordell Hull Foundation, and only on an individual case-by-case basis.

Under J-1 Exchange Visitor Program Regulations (22 CFR Part 62), Foreign teachers are not eligible for J-1 visa sponsorship to work in the following types of schools :

Uncertified and/or non-accredited schools
Pre-school and Kindergarten schools
Day-care centers

Teachers accepted for CHF J-1 visa sponsorship must, at minimum:

- (1) possess the qualifications for teaching in primary or secondary schools in their country of nationality or last legal residence,
- (2) have three years of teaching or related professional experience,
- (3) satisfy the standards of the US state in which they will teach,
- (4) be proficient in the English language, (5) be of good reputation and character, and seek to enter the United States to
- (6) teach **FULL TIME**.

We trust that this information will reach you in time to make appropriate adjustments in teacher rosters for School Year 2010-2011. We have contacted the schools and instructed them to call our office for instructions on how to obtain one or two year extensions for teachers currently in third or fourth year J-1 visa status.

The Foundation has been working for quite some time to obtain this extension for Greek-government paid teachers, and we are happy to achieve this favorable

outcome.

Cordially,

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