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# **Consultation with Federal Agencies on Areas of National Need**

Section 601(c)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) requires that the Secretary of Education consult with Federal agency heads in order to receive recommendations regarding areas of national need for expertise in foreign languages and world regions. The Secretary may take those recommendations into account when identifying areas of national need for the International Education Programs authorized by Title VI of the HEA and administered by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE). See HEA, Sec. 601(c) (20 U.S.C. 1121 (c)). Listed below are the areas of national need most recently identified by the Secretary, consisting of one-hundred sixty-one priority languages that are less commonly taught, followed by the world regions. Also included below is a summary of responses from those Federal agencies that responded to the Secretary’s request for recommendations for Title VI competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2022.

# Priority Languages

* Acholi
* Afrikaans
* Akan (Twi-Fante)
* Albanian
* Amharic
* Anufo
* Arabic (all forms)
* Armenian
* Aymara
* Azerbaijani
* Balochi
* Bambara
* Basaa
* Basaar
* Baule/Bawule
* Belarusian
* Bemba/Cibemba
* Bengali/Bangla
* Bikol
* Bislama
* Bulgarian
* Bulu
* Burmese
* Cachiquel/Cakchiguel/Kaqchikel
* Cebuano/Visayan
* Chechen
* Chewa
* Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin)
* Ciluba
* Comorian/Shinzwani
* Creole (Martinque)
* Crioulo
* Czech
* Djerma-Songhai/ Zarma-Songhay
* Estonian
* Ewe
* Ewondo
* Fang
* Fijian
* Finnish
* Flemish/Dutch (Flemish)
* Fon
* Fula
* Ga
* Gaelic
* Georgian
* Greek
* Guarani
* Gujarati
* Haitian Creole
* Hausa
* Hebrew (Modern)
* Hindi
* Hungarian
* Icelandic
* Ife
* Igbo
* Ikposso/Kposo
* Ilokano
* Ilonggo
* Indonesian/Bahasa
* Italian
* Ivatan
* Jahanka
* Jola
* Japanese
* Kabiye
* Kanuri
* Kazakh
* Khmer (Cambodian)
* Khoekhoegowab
* Kikamba
* Kinyarwanda/ -Rwanda/Ruanda
* Kirundi/Rundi
* Kituba/Manukataba
* Konkomba
* Korean
* Kreol
* Krio
* Kriolu
* Kurdish
* Kwangali
* Kwanyama
* Kyrgyz/Kirghiz
* Lamba
* Lao
* Latvian
* Lingala
* Lithuanian
* Luganda
* Lunyoro
* Maasai
* Macedonian
* Madi
* Malay (Bahasa Melayu and Malaysian)
* Malagasy
* Maltese
* Mandinka/Mandingo
* Maninka
* Marathi
* Marshallese
* Mende
* Moba
* More/Mooré/Mossi
* Moldovan
* Mongolian
* Motu
* Ndonga
* Nepali/Nepalese
* Norwegian
* Ormo
* Panjabi/Punjabi
* Papaiamento
* Pashto/Pushtu
* Persian-Afghan/Dari
* Persian-Iranian/Farsi
* Persian-Tajiki /Tadjik
* Pilipino/Tagalog
* Polish
* Portuguese
* Pulaar (Gambia, General, and Mauritania)
* Quechua
* Romanian
* Russian
* Samoan
* Sango
* Serbo-Croatian (All variants)
* Sinhala/Sinhalese
* Slovak
* Slovene/Slovenian
* Somali
* Soninke
* Sotho/Sesutho/ Sesotho
* Sranan/Taki-taki
* Susu
* Swahili/-Kiswahili
* Swati/Siswati
* Swedish
* Tamazight/Berber
* Tashelhit/Shilha
* Tamil
* Telegu
* Tem
* Temne
* Tetum/Tetun
* Thai
* Tibetan
* Tok Pisin
* Tsonga
* Tswana/Setswana
* Turkish
* Turkmen
* Twi
* Ukrainian
* Urdu
* Uzbek
* Venda
* Vietnamese
* Wescos
* Wolof
* Yoruba

# World Regions

* Africa
* Central Asia/Inner Asia
* East Asia
* Middle East
* South Asia
* Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands
* Russia/East Europe
* Western Hemisphere (Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Central/South America)

# **Responses from the Federal Agencies**

## U.S. Agency for International Development

In addition to our ongoing demand for French, Spanish and Portuguese (European), USAID has identified the following languages as having a critical need for our operations:

* Afrikaans
* Akhan (Twi-Fante)
* Albanian
* Amharic
* Arabic
* Armenian
* Baule
* Bemba/Cibemba
* Bengali
* Bulgarian
* Burmese
* Belarusian
* Cachiquel/Cakchiguel
* Chinese
* Creole (Haiti)
* Creole (Martinique)
* Croatian
* Chechen
* Danish
* Djerma-Songhai
* Dutch (Flemish)
* Estonian
* Ewe
* Ewonda
* Fang-Bulu
* Finnish
* Fijian
* Fon
* Ga
* Gaelic
* Georgian
* German
* Greek
* Gujarati
* Hausa
* Hebrew
* Hindi
* Hungarian
* Icelandic
* Indonesian (Bahasa)
* Italian
* Japanese
* Kazakh
* Khmer (Cambodian)
* Kinyawanda (Ruanda)
* Kirundi (Rundi)
* Kituba (Manukataba)
* Korean
* Krio
* Kyrgyz
* Lao
* Latvian
* Lingala
* Lithuanian
* Macedonian
* Malay
* Malagasy
* Maltese
* Mandingo
* Marathi
* More
* Moldavan
* Mongolian
* Motu
* Nepali (Nepalese)
* Norwegian
* Nyanja
* Pashto
* Papaiamento
* Persian (Dari)
* Persian (Farsi)
* Pidgin
* Polish
* Quechua
* Romanian
* Russian
* Sango
* Serbian
* Sinhala/Sinhalese
* Slovak
* Slovenian
* Somali
* Sotho (Sesutho)
* Susu
* Swahili (Kiswahili)
* Swati (Siswati)
* Swedish
* Tamil
* Tajik (Tadzhik)
* Taki-Taki (Surinam)
* Thai
* Tsonga
* Tswana (Setswana)
* Turkish
* Turkmen
* Tagalog
* Ukrainian
* Urdu
* Uzbek
* Vietnamese
* Visayan
* Wescos
* Wolof
* Yoruba

## U.S. Department of Defense

The Department of Defense “strongly supports the national effort to create a cadre of U.S. citizens with advanced, professional-level skills in languages and cultures that are critical to our national security” and lists the following languages as those for which the Department wishes to develop more capability:

* Acholi
* Amharic
* Arabic
* Arabic-Levantine
* Arabic-Yemeni
* Azerbaijani
* Balochi
* Bengali
* Burmese
* Chinese (Mandarin)
* French
* German
* Hausa
* Hebrew
* Hindi
* Indonesian
* Japanese
* Kirghiz
* Korean
* Kurdish
* Malay
* Persian-Afghan (Dari)
* Persian-Iranian (Farsi)
* Portuguese
* Punjabi
* Pushtu-Afghan
* Romanian
* Russian
* Serbo-Croatian
* Spanish
* Somali
* Swahili
* Tadjik
* Tagalog
* Thai
* Turkish
* Ukrainian
* Urdu
* Uzbek
* Vietnamese

Additionally, the Department of Defense recommends the development of more language and regional study programs for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Central Asia, South Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East.

## U.S. Department of Energy

Languages

* Arabic (all dialects)
* Bahasa
* Dari
* Farsi
* French
* German
* Hindi
* Indonesian
* Japanese
* Korean
* Mandarin Chinese
* Portuguese
* Russian
* Spanish
* Swahili
* Urdu
* Vietnamese

## U.S. Department of State

The Department of State identifies the following languages as having critical need:

* + - Albanian
    - Amharic
    - Arabic (all forms)
    - Armenian (East)
    - Azerbaijani
    - Bengali
    - Bulgarian
    - Burmese
    - Cambodian (Khmer)
    - Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)
    - Czech
    - Danish
    - Dari
    - Dutch (Flemish)
    - Estonian
    - Farsi
    - Finnish
    - French
    - Georgian
    - German
    - Greek
    - Haitian Creole
    - Hausa
    - Hebrew
    - Hindi
    - Hungarian
    - Icelandic
    - Indonesian
    - Italian
    - Japanese
    - Kazakh
    - Kinyarwanda/Rwanda
    - Korean
    - Kyrgyz
    - Lao
    - Latvian
    - Lithuanian
    - Macedonian
    - Malay
    - Mongolian
    - Nepali / Nepalese
    - Norwegian
    - Panjabi/ Punjabi
    - Pashto
    - Persian – Afghan (Dari)
    - Persian – Iranian (Farsi)
    - Persian (Tajiki)
    - Pilipino/ Tagalog
    - Polish
    - Portuguese
    - Romanian
    - Russian
    - Serbo-Croatian (All variants)
    - Singhalese
    - Slovak
    - Slovenian
    - Somali
    - Spanish
    - Swahili/Kiswahili
    - Swedish
    - Tamil
    - Telugu
    - Thai
    - Tibetan
    - Turkish
    - Turkmen
    - Ukrainian
    - Urdu
    - Uzbek
    - Vietnamese (Std.)

## U.S. Department of Transportation

The following are the regions/countries/language that we believe will further the U.S. international transportation interest:

* South America/Brazil/Portuguese
* Asia/China/Chinese Mandarin
* Middle East/Iraq/Afghanistan/UAE/Kuwait/Arabic/Kurdish/Oman/Pashto/Dari

## Peace Corps

* Acholi
* Albanian
* Amharic
* Anufo
* Arabic (Chadian)
* Arabic (Jordanian)
* Arabic (Mauritanian)
* Arabic (Moroccan)
* Arabic (Tunisian)
* Armenian
* Aymara
* Azerbaijani
* Bambara
* Basaa
* Bassar
* Bemba
* Bengali
* Bikol
* Bislama
* Bulgarian
* Cebuano
* Chewa
* Chinese (Mandarin)
* Ciluba
* Comorian (Shinzwani)
* Crioulo
* Estonian
* Ewe
* Fante
* Fijian
* Fon
* French (Cameroon)
* French (General)
* French (Mali)
* French (Tunisian)
* Fula
* Georgian
* Guarani
* Hausa
* Hindi
* Ife
* Igbo
* Ikposso (Kposo)
* Ilokano
* Ilonggo
* Indonesian (Bahasa)
* Ivatan
* Jahanka
* Jola
* Kabiye
* Kanuri
* Kaqchikel
* Kazakh
* Khoekhoegowab
* Kikamba
* Kiswahili
* Kituba
* Konkomba
* Kreol
* Kriolu
* Kwangali
* Kwanyama
* Kyrgyz
* Lamba
* Latvian
* Lingala
* Luganda
* Lunyoro
* Maasai
* Macedonian
* Madi
* Malagasy
* Mandinka
* Maninka
* Marshallese
* Mende
* Moba
* Moldovan
* Mongolian
* Moore
* Ndonga
* Nepali
* Ormo
* Persian (Farsi)
* Puular (Gambia)
* Pulaar (General)
* Pulaar (Mauritania)
* Q’eqchi’
* Romanian
* Russian (General)
* Russian (Kazakhstan)
* Russian (Kyrgyz)
* Samoan
* Sara
* Sarahulle
* Sesotho
* Setswana (Tswana)
* Sinhala
* Siswati
* Soninke
* Spanish
* Sranan
* Susu
* Tagalog
* Tamazight (Berber)
* Tashelhit (Shilha)
* Telugu
* Tem
* Temne
* Tetum (Tetun)
* Thai
* Tok Pisin
* Turkmen
* Twi
* Ukrainian
* Uzbek
* Venda
* Wolof
* Zarma (Djerma)