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To : Chief Executive Officers and Heads of Department

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Subject : APPLICATIONS FOR FIJI GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS AWARDS- NZAID PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TENABLE IN NEW ZEALAND IN 2007.

1.0 PURPOSE

One of the core responsibilities of the Public Service Commission is to enhance capacity building and productivity in the public sector aligned to the **Manpower Development and Training needs** and **Government's EEO policy**. In this regard the Fiji Government through the PSC in conjunction with the NZAID Scholarship Program will be considering applications for the 2007 academic year sponsorship from established serving officers to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies on fulltime basis in any of the New Zealand government contracted Universities as detailed at 2.0 below.

2.0 INSTITUTIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP

- i. University of Auckland
- ii. Auckland University of Technology (AUT)
- iii. University of Canterbury
- iv. Dunedin College of Education
- v. Massey University
- vi. University of Otago
- vii. Unitec
- viii. Lincoln University
- ix. Victoria University of Wellington (VUW)
- x. Manukau Institute of Technology

3.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

3.1 *Applicants should note:*

- Scholarship are granted for undergraduate and postgraduate awards in New Zealand;
- Awards must be taken up in the 2007 academic year. Requests for deferments will not be considered;
- The scholar **must return** to the country at the end of the scholarship and will be bonded according to the Public Service Commission's Scholarship conditions;
- Preference will be given to applicants with relevant work experience and those that satisfy the admission requirements of the New Zealand institution in which the qualification is to be undertaken;
- Dependants are not encouraged to travel with the awardee initially, but, with prior approval from NZAID and the educational institution can join

them once suitable accommodation arrangements have been made and the awardee has settled in;

- Awardee is responsible for meeting dependants' cost associated with visas and travel to New Zealand.
- The major areas of scholarship are as follows:

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Veterinary Science
2. Civil Engineering

POSTGRADUATE

1. Good Governance
2. Human Resource Management
3. Commerce
4. Information Technology/Computer Scn
5. Cardiologist

3.2 Eligibility:

- i. Must be a Fiji citizen and not hold any permanent residency of any other country;
- ii. Must be under the age of 35 years old for undergraduate and 45 years old for postgraduate on 1st February 2007;
- iii. Applicants must not be under any scholarship bonding arrangements;
- iv. Applicants should have a consistent strong academic background and should meet the nominated institution's English language criteria for postgraduate study at the time of application;
- v. Applicants who have been terminated from previous NZAID or other scholarships are ineligible to apply;
- vi. Applicants should not hold or be studying towards a qualification in a similar field of study at a similar level;
- vii. Applicants must be residing in the country at the time of application and do not have access (as an individual or by marriage) to New Zealand or Australian citizenship or permanent residence status.

3.3 How to apply:

- NZAID application forms is attached to this circular which can be photocopied or collected from the Workforce Planning and Scholarship Unit, Public Service Commission, 2nd Floor Reverend John Hunt Building, Stewart Street, Suva or through the PSC website: www.psc.gov.fj.
- Applications must be submitted through Chief Executive Officers or Heads of Department for their comments and assessment. Applications not assessed will not be considered.

3.4 Closing Date:

Closing date of application is 4:00 p.m. 21st July 2006. Any late applications will not be considered.

3.5 Clarification:

For any further clarification or enquiries, please contact Mr. Mosese Nasoubuta or Mr. Ravu Waqa on:

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