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Since its creation in 1790 with fewer than ten employees, the U.S. Department of State has evolved into a large, complex organization. Today its more than 55,000 employees work together to accomplish the department's mission—"to create a more secure, democratic, and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the international community."

The department is organized around both "regional" bureaus, each of which focuses on a specific geographical region (Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, the Near East, South and Central Asia, and the Western Hemisphere), and the "functional" bureaus, which have worldwide responsibility for particular issues. Our September 2006 *eJournal USA* presented essays by the leaders of the regional bureaus describing their perspectives on the policy objectives and priorities of U.S. diplomacy. This journal provides a picture of the "global actions" of some of the functional bureaus and their role in furthering U.S. policies.

The current leader of the Department of State is the 67th Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice. Her predecessors include such famous Americans as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, Martin Van Buren, Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, James Buchanan, William Jennings Bryan, Charles Evans Hughes, Cordell Hull, George C. Marshall, John Foster Dulles, Dean Rusk, Henry Kissinger, Madeleine K. Albright, and Colin Powell.

Below the secretary of state is the deputy secretary of state, John Negroponte, and then six under secretaries and the counselor of the department. The under secretary for public diplomacy and public affairs is responsible for the Bureaus of International

Information Programs, Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Public Affairs. The under secretary for political affairs is responsible for the six regional bureaus, as well as the Bureau of International Organizations and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, which are described in this journal. The under secretary for economic, energy, and agricultural affairs is over the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs. The under secretary for management leads several bureaus related to managing the department, three of which—Consular Affairs, Human Resources, and Overseas Buildings Operations contributed articles. The under secretary for democracy and global affairs heads the Bureaus of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Oceans, Environment and Science; and Population, Refugees, and

Migration; as well as the Office of International Women's Issues, the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and the Special Representative on Avian and Pandemic Influenza. The Bureaus of Political-Military Affairs; International Security and Nonproliferation; and Verification, Compliance, and Implementation come under the Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security

There are other bureaus and offices within the State Department, but these are the ones which submitted essays describing how they contribute to accomplishing the diplomatic goals of the U.S. government.

It is our hope that this edition of *eJournal USA* will give readers around the world an inside look at the operations of the U.S. Department of State.

The Editors



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President George W. Bush and Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte in the Oval Office of the White House.



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