Call for applications for a study visit entitled

E-GOVERNANCE

September 11th – 21st 2012
Boston, Massachusetts & Louisville, Kentucky

Up to ten individuals, including senior public officials, information technology (IT) professionals, and public affairs personnel from Ireland and Northern Ireland will be selected to engage with their American counterparts to explore strategies on how to integrate technology with government, employ IT to drive public sector productivity, encourage open communications between government and citizenry, and foster deeper citizen involvement in the governing process through technology. This programme will feature academic seminars, visits to Federal, state, and local government agencies, and meetings with information technology and E-government experts.

The programme is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Centre for Irish Programs, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Programme-related costs including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided.

The programme is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programmes. Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 25th April in Dublin or 26th April in Belfast. Please note that the programme is by necessity highly selective, and that consequently, not all applicants will be interviewed and not all interviewees will be invited to participate.

To apply: Visit our website at www.bc.edu/irishinstitute for an application. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at gilien@bc.edu before 5 p.m. GMT on Thursday, 12th April. The mandatory letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the programme, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone (353) 1 614 7450.