

## **Recruitment for the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program**

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is now recruiting the fourteenth group of participants for the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program. The program is a unique professional development opportunity during which U.S. Federal employees learn how the Japanese government approaches issues handled at their home agencies.

The program was established by the U.S. Congress in 1994 to build a corps of Federal employees who can manage the U.S.-Japan relationship more effectively and imaginatively when they return to their U.S. government agencies. Fellows spend a year working full-time in Japanese Government offices, preceded by a year of full-time language and area studies training in the U.S.

DOE recognizes the importance of this program in advancing the U.S.-Japan relationship. Our agency has benefited greatly from its past participation. The Fellowship is an outstanding opportunity for Federal employees to establish key contacts in Japan to share their enhanced expertise with our Department and others in the Federal government.

Fellows who are detailees from executive branch agencies will continue to receive their salaries and benefits from the sponsoring agencies, as well as cost of living support. A maximum of three applicants may be selected each year as non-detailees whose salaries and cost of living are funded through Fellowship program funds.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, would like to attend an information session, or would like to apply, please visit the following website: [www.mansfieldfdn.org](http://www.mansfieldfdn.org) or contact Sara Seavey, Program Assistant, Mansfield Fellowship Program, [sseavey@mansfieldfdn.org](mailto:sseavey@mansfieldfdn.org), Phone: 202-347-1994, Fax: 202-347-3941.