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## NOTICE

### Call for Contestants – Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest

Globally significant for thousands of years, ginger, in its many forms is significant to cultures around the world. Gingerbread cakes and cookies have been a staple in European cooking for hundreds of years and the creation and construction of gingerbread houses is among the holiday traditions for many Americans.

OFM is inviting each embassy to construct and display a gingerbread structure depicting its chancery or a culturally significant building in their country as part of our inaugural Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest. **If your mission is interested in submitting a gingerbread structure for the competition, please complete the attached document and return it via e-mail to [OFM-RSVP@state.gov](mailto:OFM-RSVP@state.gov) by October 27, 2021.**

Missions participating in the contest will be expected to bring their gingerbread structure to the International Chancery Center (3507 International Place, NW) the afternoon of December 1, 2021. **Please note that invitations to the actual contest event will be sent separately.**

All contest entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges to determine which gingerbread structure offers the best representation of a chancery or culturally significant building. In addition to the judges' prize, all attendees will be able to vote on a people's choice award for the most popular entry.

The contest will be held outdoors, under tents, and accompanied by a festive atmosphere with holiday decorations, music, and a COVID friendly selection of food and beverages.

Please do not hesitate to contact OFM if you have any questions about this or other matters involving OFM. We can be reached for this purpose by telephone at (202) 647-3417 or at [OFMAssistants@state.gov](mailto:OFMAssistants@state.gov).

## 2021 OFM - Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest Rules

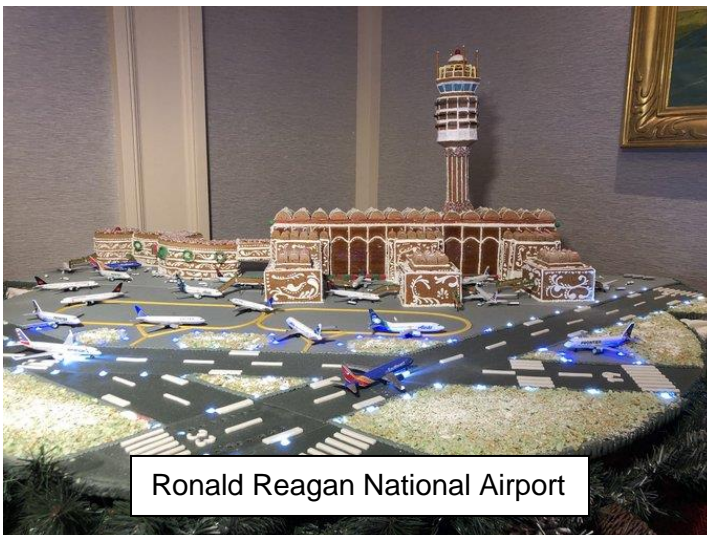


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- All gingerbread chanceries (or culturally significant building) must be placed on a plywood board base or cardboard. The plywood base must be completely concealed with an edible product; however, the sides of the base do not have to be concealed.



- The exterior of all gingerbread chanceries (or culturally significant building) must be 100% edible candy/embellishments/materials except for lights 'inside/outside' the house.
- The gingerbread chancery must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed.
- The gingerbread chancery must have MAJOR components, such as a roof and walls, made of gingerbread.



- The gingerbread chancery must be constructed in 2021.
- This is a solicitation for contest participants only, invitations to the event will follow separately.

## **2021 OFM - Gingerbread Diplomacy Contestant Registration Form**

Thank you for entering the 2021 OFM Gingerbread Diplomacy Contest!  
**Registration deadline is Friday, October 27, 2021.** If you have any questions regarding the contest entry or rules, please email [OFMAssistants@state.gov](mailto:OFMAssistants@state.gov).

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Point of Contact:

Phone Number:

Email:

Short Description of Planned Submission:

Please email registration forms to [OFM-RSVP@state.gov](mailto:OFM-RSVP@state.gov).