

This FY 1995 competition supports the seventh cohort of grants under the program.

The FY 1994 amendment of the statute modified the scope of authorized programs. Projects may now address violence prevention, in addition to alcohol and other drug abuse. Such projects must also serve as models in the field. This competition is covered by the scope of the amended statute and the application procedures in 34 CFR part 612. In the case of any inconsistency between the program regulations and the new statutory provisions, the statute will control.

Priorities

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 612.21(c)(2)(iii)(B) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects designed to develop, implement, validate, or disseminate model programs or strategies that concentrate on specific approaches to the prevention of illegal use of alcohol and other drugs and the prevention of violent behavior by students.

Invitational Priority: Within the absolute priority in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive absolute or competitive preference over other applications:

Applications proposing to develop or implement higher education consortia for the prevention of illegal alcohol and other drug use and the prevention of violent behavior by students.

Applicants are invited to propose consortium arrangements to assist either (a) local IHE alcohol and other drug and violence professionals, or (b) IHE chief executive officers and other senior administrators. In these types of arrangements, participants would be expected to meet monthly to work toward the development, implementation, validation, or dissemination of their own comprehensive, institution-wide programs to prevent the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs and the prevention of violent behavior by students.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for Specific Approaches to Prevention grants, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii).

The program regulations in 34 CFR 612.22(b) provide that the Secretary may award up to 100 points for the selection criteria, including a reserved 15 points. For this competition the Secretary distributes the 15 points as follows:

Need (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii)(A)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

Methods and management plan (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii)(C)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

Evaluation (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(iii)(E)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 15 points.

For Applications or Information Contact: FIPSE, FY 1995-D Competition, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 205-0082 to order applications; or (202) 708-5750 for information. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of the application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at gopher.ed.gov (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Paperwork Burden Reduction

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Paperwork Burden Reduction.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), provides notice that prior approval is no longer required for certain categories of costs for formula grant programs authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Rehabilitation

Act) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This change is intended to reduce paperwork burdens on grantees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This change takes effect on April 21, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg March, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3124 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2551. Telephone: (202) 205-8441. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), in 34 CFR 74.27 and 80.30(b), require prior approval from the Secretary before various categories of otherwise allowable costs may be charged to any ED grant or subgrant. The following formula grant programs authorized by the Rehabilitation Act are covered by this requirement: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) State Grants (Title I); Client Assistance Program (Title I, Part B); Innovation and Expansion (Title I, Part C), which is currently unfunded; Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (Title V, Section 509); Supported Employment (Title VI-C); Independent Living State Grants (Title VII-B); Centers for Independent Living (Title VII-C, Section 723); and Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind (Title VII, Chapter 2), once the appropriation level reaches \$13 million. The following formula grant programs authorized by IDEA are also covered by this requirement: Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities (Part B); Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities (Section 619); and Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part H). The Assistant Secretary, OSERS, believes that it is no longer necessary to require prior approval for these formula grant programs with respect to certain cost categories and has authority, under a delegation from the Secretary, to exempt these programs from this paperwork requirement. The Assistant Secretary has decided that the prior approval is no longer required for seven cost categories and, under certain conditions, for an eighth cost category. The seven cost categories are—(1) Automatic data processing; (2) Capital expenditures; (3) Management studies; (4) Professional services; (5) Building space and related facilities; (6) Insurance and indemnification; and (7) Proposal costs.

An eighth cost category that requires prior approval is the pre-agreement or pre-award cost category. The Assistant Secretary has determined that prior approval for this cost category is no longer required to the extent that it does not create interest liabilities for the Federal Government under the Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA). Interest liabilities are incurred under the CMIA when a State disburses its own funds for Federal program purposes before the date that Federal funds are deposited to the State's bank account for those obligations. Interest liabilities are not incurred, however, when a State uses its own funds to meet a program matching or maintenance of effort requirement. Thus, for programs subject to the CMIA (see the implementing Treasury Department regulations in 31 CFR part 205, Subpart A and check with the appropriate CMIA contact person for the State to determine coverage), the Assistant Secretary is no longer requiring prior approval for pre-agreement costs used to meet matching or maintenance of effort requirements. For programs in a State not subject to CMIA interest liabilities, the Secretary is no longer requiring prior approval for any pre-agreement costs.

The Assistant Secretary rarely has declined to approve requests for prior approval for these cost categories. Also, the Assistant Secretary does not believe that grantees will use grant funds inappropriately in these categories if prior approval is no longer required, and believes that grantees should be relieved of this paperwork burden. Under the authority of 34 CFR 74.27 and 80.30(b), the Assistant Secretary therefore exempts the OSERS formula grant programs covered by this notice from the requirement for prior approval for the eight cost categories as previously described.

The Assistant Secretary also notes that this policy change affects only the requirement to obtain prior approval from the Department of Education. If, upon audit or otherwise, it is determined that the claimed expenditures do not meet other requirements or tests for allowability specified by the applicable cost principles, such as reasonableness and necessity, the costs may be disallowed.

(20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474; OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110)

Dated: April 14, 1995.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement on a Proposed Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and announcement of public hearing schedule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a Proposed Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel (DOE/EIS-0218-D). The draft EIS was prepared in compliance with requirements established under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR Part 1021. The Department of State is a cooperating agency in preparing this EIS. DOE will conduct public hearings and receive comments on the draft EIS, which addresses policy issues and potential environmental impacts related to a proposed policy for management of foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel. The draft EIS will be available to the public in DOE reading rooms and designated information locations. In addition, copies of the draft EIS may be obtained by following instructions given below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to provide oral and written comments on the draft EIS. All comments on the draft EIS are due by June 20, 1995, and those received by that date will be considered by DOE in preparation of the final EIS. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be considered to the extent practicable. Written comments will be accepted at the public hearings to be held at the times and locations listed below. Persons desiring to participate in a hearing are requested to preregister by calling the toll free number listed below (see "Public Hearing Locations and Schedule") no later than one week prior to the hearing. In the interest of cost savings, DOE may cancel hearings for which insufficient interest is indicated through preregistration. In any case, written comments may be submitted to the DOE Office of Spent Fuel Management at the address below. More information regarding the hearing dates may be

found below under "Public Hearing Locations and Schedule".

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Public Comments on the draft FRR SNF EIS, Attention: Charles R. Head, Office of Spent Fuel Management (EM-37), United States Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585-0001. Addresses of DOE Public Reading Rooms, and other locations where the draft EIS will be available for public review are listed below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Public Hearing Locations and Schedule

Public hearings will be held at each of the locations listed below, on the dates indicated. Please call toll free to (800) 741-0060 to preregister to participate in one or more of these public hearings:

1. Charleston, South Carolina on May 8, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Municipal Complex, Council Chamber, 100 Ann Edwards Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 (803) 884-8517
2. North Augusta, South Carolina on May 9, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841, (803) 441-4290
3. Savannah, Georgia on May 11, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31401, (912) 651-2849
4. Jacksonville, Florida on May 12, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204, (904) 630-4000
5. Norfolk, Virginia on May 15, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Old Dominion University, Webb University Center, Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23529, (804) 683-3417
6. Galveston, Texas on May 17, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Tremont House, 2300 Ship's Mechanic Row, Galveston, TX 77550, (409) 763-0300
7. Idaho Falls, Idaho on May 18, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Quality Inn, 850 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, (208) 523-6260
8. Concord, California on May 22, 1995 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521, (510) 671-3466
9. Wilmington, North Carolina on May 22, 1995, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Cape Fear Community College Auditorium, 411 North Front Street, Room S002, Wilmington, NC 28401, (910) 251-5100