

on November 22, 1993. The repayment included \$132,959 of Vocational Education funds.

#### **B. Authority for Awarding a Grantback**

Section 459(a) of GEPA, 20 U.S.C. section 1234h, the authority applicable to this grantback request, provides that whenever the Secretary has recovered funds paid under an applicable program because the recipient made an expenditure of funds that was not allowable, or otherwise failed to discharge its responsibility to account properly for funds, the Secretary may consider those funds to be additional funds available for that program and may arrange to repay to the recipient affected by that action an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the recovered funds. The Secretary may enter into this grantback arrangement if the Secretary determines that—

(1) The practices or procedures of the recipient that resulted in the violation of law have been corrected, and that the recipient is in all other respects in compliance with the requirements of that program;

(2) The recipient has submitted to the Secretary a plan for the use of those funds pursuant to the requirements of that program and, to the extent possible, for the benefit of the population that was affected by the failure to comply or by the misuse of funds that resulted in the recovery; and

(3) The use of the funds in accordance with that plan would serve to achieve the purposes of the program under which the funds were originally paid.

#### **C. Plan for Use of Funds Awarded Under a Grantback Arrangement**

Pursuant to section 459(c) of GEPA, Iowa has applied for a grantback of \$99,719, or 75 percent of the Vocational Education portion of the recovered funds. Iowa has submitted a plan for use of the proposed grantback funds, consistent with Perkins II, which is currently in effect. Iowa plans to conduct a third-party evaluation of the applied academic coursework incorporated into Iowa's tech-prep education programs and to purchase equipment needed to connect the Iowa Department of Education to the Iowa Communication Network (ICN).

Specifically, Iowa plans to utilize the requested grantback funds to—

(1) Contract with an independent firm to design and conduct an evaluation of the applied academics course being administered as a portion of Iowa's tech-prep education programs. The State developed and implemented a framework model for tech-prep education programs approximately three

years ago. Many secondary and postsecondary institutions in the State have incorporated curriculum materials, based upon this framework model, into their own tech-prep education programs. These institutions are interested in obtaining data regarding the model program's effectiveness. The contractor will produce a final report summarizing the findings of this evaluation.

(2) Purchase equipment needed to link the State Department of Education to a statewide fiber optic network. This network connects all of Iowa's community colleges and provides for at least one education end point in all of the State's 99 counties. Gaining access to the ICN will enable the State to provide direct technical assistance to Perkins fund recipients, helping them to resolve administrative issues and to facilitate supplemental support services for students with special needs. The network will also improve basic communications between The State Board and the State community colleges. The additional equipment Iowa plans to purchase will serve to advance the quality of programs delivered by, and coordinated through, the postsecondary State system, resulting in Statewide benefit to vocational education, and maximizing the impact of the grantback funds.

#### **D. The Secretary's Determination**

The Secretary has carefully reviewed the plan submitted by Iowa and other relevant documentation. Based upon that review, the Secretary has determined that the conditions under section 459 of GEPA have been met.

This determination is based upon the best information available to the Secretary at the present time. If this information is not accurate or complete, the Secretary is not precluded from taking appropriate administrative action at a later date. In finding that the conditions of section 459 of GEPA have been met, the Secretary makes no determination concerning any pending audit recommendations or final audit determinations.

#### **E. Notice of the Secretary's Intent to Enter into a Grantback Arrangement**

Section 459(d) of GEPA requires that, at least 30 days before entering into an arrangement to award funds under a grantback, the Secretary must publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to do so, and the terms and conditions under which the payment will be made.

In accordance with section 459(d) of GEPA, notice is hereby given that the Secretary intends to make funds available to the Iowa State Division of

Vocational Education under a grantback arrangement. The grantback award would be in the amount of \$99,719, which is 75 percent—the maximum percentage authorized by the statute—of the principal amount of Vocational Education Basic Grant funds recovered by the Department as a result of the final audit determination and the settlement in this matter.

#### **F. Terms and Conditions Under Which Payments Under a Grantback Arrangement Would Be Made**

Iowa agrees to comply with the following terms and conditions under which payment under a grantback arrangement would be made:

(1) Iowa will expend the funds awarded under the grantback in accordance with—

(a) All applicable statutory and regulatory requirements;

(b) The plan that was submitted and any amendments in that plan that are approved in advance of the grantback by the Secretary; and

(c) The budget that was submitted with the plan and any amendments to the budget that are approved in advance of the grantback by the Secretary.

(2) All funds received under the grantback arrangement must be obligated by September 30, 1995 in accordance with section 459(c) of GEPA and Iowa's plan.

(3) Iowa will, no later than January 1, 1996, submit a report to the Secretary which—

(a) Indicates that the funds awarded under the grantback have been spent in accordance with the proposed plan and approved budget; and

(4) Separate accounting records must be maintained documenting the expenditures of funds awarded under the grantback arrangement.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.048, Basic State Grants for Vocational Education).

Dated: August 24, 1995.

**Patricia W. McNeil,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.*

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#### **Intent To Repay to the Washington State Board for Vocational Education Funds Recovered as a Result of Two Final Audit Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to award grantback funds.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 459 of the General Education Provisions Act

(GEPA), 20 U.S.C. 1234h, the Secretary of Education (Secretary) intends to repay to the Washington State Board for Vocational Education (Washington), under a grantback arrangement, an amount equal to 75 percent of the principal amount of funds recovered by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) as a result of the final audit determinations in this matter. The Department's recovery of funds followed settlements reached between the parties under which Washington refunded \$49,500 (ACN: 10-03372G) and \$50,000 (ACN: 10-13343G), equalling a total of \$99,500 in principal, to the Department in full resolution of the Department's final audit determinations for fiscal years (FYs) 1989 and 1990. This notice describes Washington's plan for the use of the repaid funds and the terms and conditions under which the Secretary intends to make those funds available. This notice invites comments on the proposed grantback.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before October 2, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments should be addressed to Dr. Marcel R. DuVall, Chief, Finance Branch, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., (Mary E. Switzer Building, room 4320, MS-7324), Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marcel R. DuVall, (202) 205-9502. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8239 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### A. Background

Under settlement agreements between the Department and Washington, the Department recovered \$49,500 (ACN: 10-03372G) and \$50,000 (ACN: 10-13343G) from Washington in full resolution of all claims arising from audits of Washington's State Division of Vocational Education, covering FYs 1989 and 1990, respectively.

The Department's original claims of \$192,354 (ACN: 10-03372G (FY 1989)) and \$135,248 (ACN: 10-13343G (FY 1990)) were contained in final letters of determination issued by the Assistant Secretary on March 29, 1991, and March 31, 1993, respectively. These claims arose from findings related to Washington's administration of its vocational education program under the

provisions of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq. (1988)(Perkins I).

In the March 29, 1991 letter for FY 1989, the Assistant Secretary determined that Washington violated the Federal regulations governing funds set aside for disabled and disadvantaged students awarded under Title II, Part A, of Perkins I. Specifically, Washington used funds to pay for salaries and instructional programs that served students who were not enrolled in vocational education programs, thus violating provisions implemented at 34 CFR 401.52(a) and 401.53(a)(1) and 401.58(a)(1)(1989). In addition, Washington violated the requirement, implemented at 34 CFR 401.52(a) and 401.53(a)(1), that funds allocated for disabled and disadvantaged individuals be used only for the excess costs incurred as a result of serving those populations. The Assistant Secretary further determined that Washington violated the requirement at 20 U.S.C. 2323(b)(16)(1988) that Perkins I funds be used to supplement and not supplant State and local funds.

In the March 31, 1993 letter, the Assistant Secretary determined that Washington awarded funds reserved for disabled and disadvantaged under Title II, Part A, of Perkins I to 11 community colleges based on applications proposing services that were not allowable under Perkins I. The Assistant Secretary determined that the colleges used these funds to pay for salaries and instructional programs that either served disadvantaged and disabled individuals who were not enrolled in vocational education programs or that served students who were not members of those special populations. 34 CFR 401.52(a) and 401.53(a)(1)(1990).

The settlement negotiations resulting from Washington's appeal of the Assistant Secretary's March 29, 1991 and March 31, 1993 determinations culminated in settlement agreements. The settlement agreement for the March 29, 1991 determination (ACN: 10-03372G) was executed on June 5, 1992. The Department received full payment of \$49,500 for this determination in August 1992. The settlement agreement for the March 31, 1993 determination (ACN: 10-13343G) was executed on May 10, 1995. The Department received full payment of \$50,000 for this determination on August 8, 1994.

##### B. Authority for Awarding a Grantback

Section 459(a) of GEPA, 20 U.S.C. § 1234(h), provides that whenever the Secretary has recovered funds following a final audit determination with respect to any applicable program, the Secretary

may consider those funds to be additional funds available for the program and may arrange to repay to the State or local educational agency affected by that determination an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the recovered funds. The Secretary may enter into this grantback arrangement if the Secretary determines that—

(1) The practices or procedures of the recipient that resulted in the violation of law have been corrected, and that the recipient is in all other respects in compliance with the requirements of that program;

(2) The recipient has submitted to the Secretary a plan for the use of those funds pursuant to the requirements of that program and, to the extent possible, for the benefit of the population that was affected by the failure to comply or by the misuse of funds that resulted in the recovery; and

(3) The use of the funds in accordance with that plan would serve to achieve the purposes of the program under which the funds were originally paid.

##### C. Plan for Use of Funds Awarded Under a Grantback Arrangement

Pursuant to section 459(a)(2) of GEPA, Washington has applied for a grantback of \$74,625, or 75 percent of the \$99,500 total amount repaid to the Department under the FY 1989 and FY 1990 settlement agreements, and has submitted a plan for use of the proposed grantback funds, consistent with the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1990 (Perkins II), which is currently in effect. Washington plans to use the FY 1989 funds to purchase equipment to assist disabled and disadvantaged populations enrolled in remedial vocational programs. Utilizing the FY 1990 funds, Washington plans to hire personnel and to purchase equipment to develop a communication system for the State and postsecondary institutions involved in vocational-technical programs.

Specifically, Washington plans to utilize the requested FY 1989 grantback funds, totaling \$37,125, to—

(1) Purchase updated adaptive equipment to assist disabled and disadvantaged students enrolled in remedial and vocational training programs at South Seattle Community College, so that these students can fully participate in vocational programs. This equipment will include four G.E. Fastrac speed listening cassette recorders and adapters, two Sharp Talking Clock calculators, three adjustable computer tables for wheelchair users, four Language Masters, one personal FM Loop system,

and one portable disk drive for Type 'n Speak equipment (\$3,958);

(2) Purchase adaptive equipment to assist vocational education students enrolled at Spokane Community College including: four high-back stools designed to accommodate students with physical disabilities (including back injuries), six portable spell checkers for the learning disabled, and one computer workstation specially designed for the disabled (\$9,119);

(3) Purchase equipment to assist vocational education students with disabilities at Shoreline Community College, including: five micro tape recorders, one computer station that utilizes speech recognition for text input, one Dragon Dictate that also uses speech recognition input, and one Laserjet 4M+ printer to permit special population students to print from laptop computers (\$6,330);

(4) Purchase and enhance adaptive equipment for disabled students enrolled in vocational education programs at Everett Community College, including: four wrist rests, two ergonomic keyboards, two FM Comtrex systems, four 4-track recorders, two 2MG memory computer boards, one 4MG memory computer board, and four ergonomic chairs (\$6,715);

(5) Purchase a laptop computer and related software for hearing-impaired vocational education students at Green River Community College (\$3,291);

(6) Purchase adaptive equipment for disabled students enrolled in vocational education at Wenatchee Valley Community College, including: one Vista VGA system to provide computer magnification capability for the visually impaired, and one door to provide disabled access into the Student Services facility (\$7,712).

Washington also plans to utilize the requested FY 1990 grantback funds, totaling \$37,500, to—

(1) Purchase one Hewlett Packard NetServer and related equipment to provide an effective communication system between the State Board and local community and technical colleges. Washington plans to establish an accurate and consistent method of exchange for data related to Perkins II, its rules and regulations, especially as it relates to disadvantaged and disabled populations. The information would be available for special population coordinators, counselors, teachers and local administrators. The system would share information about "best practices", providing examples of exemplary utilization of Perkins funds for disabled and disadvantaged students. It would also provide E-mail access between the State and the local

college community, permitting a question and answer dialog to be established (\$10,000);

(2) Purchase hardware and software needed to support the user network and to provide applicable data. The system information would serve as a clearinghouse resource for disadvantaged and disabled populations, providing data related to career guidance and counseling, job placement, and employment assistance. The system would also be utilized to contact and aid employers interested in hiring disabled or disadvantaged vocational education students. It would provide assistance and information about job restructuring and adaptive modifications needed to accommodate the employment of special needs students (\$7,500);

(3) Retain the services, by contract, of a computer project technician, who would develop and implement the communication system (\$18,000); and

(4) Conduct a pilot testing and dissemination program of the completed computer network system (\$2,000).

Washington plans to use the FY 1989 grantback funds to enhance access to vocational education programs for disabled and disadvantaged students. As is indicated in Washington's grantback plan, the additional equipment Washington plans to purchase will serve to advance the quality of programs delivered by, and coordinated through, the postsecondary State system, resulting in Statewide benefit to vocational education, and maximizing the impact of the grantback funds.

Washington plans to use the FY 1990 grantback funds to enable an accurate and efficient exchange of information about vocational education, especially as it relates to disadvantaged and disabled populations, to local administrators, teachers, and students within the community and technical college system. It will further allow disadvantaged and disabled vocational students to access quickly and easily a broad range of information relevant to their particular needs.

#### **D. The Secretary's Determination**

The Secretary has carefully reviewed the plan submitted by Washington and other relevant documentation. Based upon that review, the Secretary has determined that the conditions under section 459 of GEPA have been met.

These determinations are based upon the best information available to the Secretary at the present time. If this information is not accurate or complete, the Secretary is not precluded from taking appropriate administrative action

at a later date. In finding that the conditions of section 459 of GEPA have been met, the Secretary makes no determination concerning any pending audit recommendations or final audit determinations.

#### **E. Notice of the Secretary's Intent To Enter into a Grantback Arrangement**

Section 459(d) of GEPA requires that, at least 30 days before entering into an arrangement to award funds under a grantback, the Secretary must publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to do so, and the terms and conditions under which the payment will be made.

In accordance with section 459(d) of GEPA, notice is hereby given that the Secretary intends to make funds available to the Washington State Division of Vocational Education under a grantback arrangement. The grantback award would be in the amount of \$74,625, which is 75 percent—the maximum percentage authorized by the statute—of the principal recovered to date by the Department as a result of the final audit determinations and the settlements in this matter.

#### **F. Terms and Conditions Under Which Payments Under a Grantback Arrangement Would Be Made**

Washington agrees to comply with the following terms and conditions under which payment under a grantback arrangement would be made:

(1) Washington will expend the funds awarded under the grantback in accordance with—

(a) All applicable statutory and regulatory requirements;

(b) The plan that was submitted and any amendments in that plan that are approved in advance of the grantback by the Secretary; and

(c) The budget that was submitted with the plan and any amendments to the budget that are approved in advance of the grantback by the Secretary.

(2) All funds received under the grantback arrangement must be obligated by September 30, 1995 for ACN: 10-03372G and September 30, 1998 for ACN: 10-13343G, in accordance with section 459(c) of GEPA and Washington's plan.

(3) Washington will, no later than January 1, 1996, submit a report to the Secretary which—

(a) Indicates that the funds awarded under the grantback have been spent in accordance with the proposed plan and approved budget; and

(b) Describes the results and effectiveness of the project for which the funds were spent.

(4) Separate accounting records must be maintained documenting the

expenditures of funds awarded under the grantback arrangement.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.048, Basic State Grants for Vocational Education).

Dated: August 24, 1995.

**Patricia W. McNeil,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Prototype Spent Nuclear Fuel Dry Transfer System

**AGENCY:** Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On July 14, 1995, the U.S. Department of Energy published a **Federal Register** Notice entitled "Notice of Prototype Spent Nuclear Fuel Dry Transfer System Project" (60 FR 36267). That notice invited letters of interest from electric utilities and other public and private entities interested in participating with DOE in a cooperative project for prototype fabrication, demonstration and/or licensing of a spent nuclear fuel dry transfer system currently being designed under a Cooperative Agreement between DOE and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

The Department of Energy hereby announces that the due date for letters of interest in response to that notice has been extended to September 22, 1995.

**DATES:** Letters of interest must be received no later than September 22, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Letters of interest should be sent to the U.S. Department of Energy, Attn: Michelle Miskinis, HR-561.21, 1615 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Miskinis, (202) 634-4413.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOE/EPRI design consists of portable spent nuclear fuel dry transfer equipment which operates in a shielded facility to safely transfer spent nuclear fuel between casks or canister based systems. This system has potential applications at utility and Federal sites. Further details regarding the dry transfer system are included in the previous **Federal Register** Notice (60 FR 36267). Letters of interest must contain the information specified in that notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 28, 1995.

**Lake Barrett,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.*

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### Chicago Operations Office; Financial Assistance Award; the Electrochemical Society, Inc.

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Intent to Award Based on an Unsolicited Application.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 600.14, it intends to renew Grant No. DE-FG02-87CE34012 based on an unsolicited application received from the Electrochemical Society for the Electrochemical Society Summer Fellowship Program. The determination to renew this grant is based on the following information: A technical evaluation of the proposed project was performed pursuant to 10 CFR 600.14 (d). This renewal will provide five summer fellowships during 1996, 1997 and 1998 for students engaged in electrochemical research. The research will address energy-related aspects of electrochemical science and engineering, as well as solid state science and engineering relevant to batteries and fuel cells. Photoelectrochemistry and electrochemical processes in materials will also be explored with the goal being to reduce energy consumption. The objectives of this program are to increase students' awareness of the energy efficiency and renewable energy programs at DOE, contribute new understanding of basic phenomena related to electrochemical energy conversion, and provide training for new scientists and technologists in the field electrochemistry to ensure a continuing reservoir of electrochemical expertise. The probability of achieving the anticipated objectives is extremely high. The facilities and qualifications of the key personnel are appropriate. DOE knows of no other entity which is conducting or planning to conduct such an effort. The DOE share of funding is estimated at \$45,000 for the three year project period which shall go directly to the fellowship recipients in the form of five \$3,000 scholarships each year. The anticipated term of the renewal period is June 1, 1996 through May 31, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June M. Wiinikka, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office,

Acquisition and Assistance Group, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439, (708) 252-2126. Ms. Kerry Cullerton, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Group, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439, (708) 252-2107.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on August 25, 1995.

**David T. Goldman,**

*Acquisition & Assistance Group Acting Manager.*

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER95-1489-000, et al.]

### Southern California Edison Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

August 25, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission.

#### 1. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER95-1489-000]

Take notice that on August 23, 1995, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) tendered for filing supplements to its initial filing in the above docket. The supplements amend the rate to be effective June 1, 1995, for the Edison-Riverside Washington Water Power Firm Transmission Service Agreement between Edison and the City of Riverside, correct the losses stated for the Edison-IID Firm Transmission Service Agreement between Edison and Imperial Irrigation District, and correct a typographical error in the losses shown for the Edison-AEPCO Firm Transmission Service Agreement between Edison and the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative.

Edison states that copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all interested parties.

*Comment date:* September 5, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 2. Navajo Tribal Utility Authority v. Public Service Company of New Mexico

Docket No. EL95-75-000)

Take notice that on August 21, 1995, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority tendered for filing a complaint against the Public Service Company of New Mexico for rate relief.

*Comment date:* September 25, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.