

expenses and will be increased by the amount paid for Government quarters by the traveler.

² Commercial facilities are not available. Only Government-owned and contractor operated quarters and mess are available at this locality. This per diem rate is the amount necessary to defray the cost of lodging, meals and incidental expenses.

³ On any day when U.S. Government or contractor quarters are available and U.S. Government or contractor messing facilities are used, a meal and incidental expenses rate of \$19.65 is prescribed to cover meals and incidental expenses at Shemya AFB, Clear AFS, Galena APT and King Salmon APT. This rate will be increased by the amount paid for U.S. Government or contractor quarters and by \$4 for each meal procured at a commercial facility. The rates of per diem prescribed herein apply from 0001 on the day after arrival through 2400 on the day prior to the day of departure.

⁴ On any day when U.S. Government or contractor quarters are available and U.S. Government or contractor messing facilities are used, a meal and incidental expense rate of \$34 is prescribed to cover meals and incidental expenses at Amchitka Island, Alaska. This rate will be increased by the amount paid for U.S. Government or contractor quarters and by \$10 for each meal procured at a commercial facility. The rates of per diem prescribed herein apply from 0001 on the day after arrival through 2400 on the day prior to the day of departure.

⁵ On any day when U.S. Government or contractor quarters are available and U.S. Government or contractor messing facilities are used, a meal and incidental expense rate of \$25 is prescribed instead of the rate prescribed in the table. This rate will be increased by the amount paid for U.S. Government or contractor quarters.

⁶ The meal rates listed below are prescribed for the following locations in Alaska: Cape Lisburne RRL, Cape Newenham RRL, Cape Romanzof APT, Fort Yukon RRL, Indian Mtn RRL, Sparrevohn RRL, Tatalina RRL, Tin City RRL, Barter Island AFS, Point Barrow AFS, Point Lay AFS and Oliktok AFS. The amount to be added to the cost of government quarters in determining the per diem will be \$3.50 plus the following amount:

	Daily rate
DOD Personnel	\$13
Non-DOD Personnel	\$30

⁷ (Eff 9-1-94) A per diem rate of \$200 (lodging \$148; M&IE \$52) will be in effect for Las Croabas, Puerto Rico, during the Annual Conference of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) being held at the El Conquistador Resort and Country Club. This rate will be in effect from 4-12 September 1994 only for travelers attending the conference and only for travelers staying at the El Conquistador Resort.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate ODS Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Disposal and Reuse of Hamilton Army Airfield, California

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the Army has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the disposal of excess property at Hamilton Army Airfield, California. The FEIS also analyzes impacts on a range of potential reuse alternatives.

Copies of the FEIS have been forwarded to various federal agencies, state and local agencies, and predetermined interested organizations and individuals.

DATES: This FEIS will be available to the public for 30 days after publication of this NOA in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency, after which the Army will prepare a Record of Decision for the Army action.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained by writing or calling Mr. Robert Koenigs, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, 13th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Koenigs may be contacted at (916) 557-6712 or fax (916) 557-7876.

Dated: March 4, 1996.

Raymond J. Katz,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).
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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment of Army Guidelines for Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Management

AGENCY: Department the Army, DOD.
ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Army intends to revise guidelines for the management of the red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) on

Army installations. The RCW is a federally listed endangered species found on seven Army installations in the southeastern United States: Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, North Carolina; and Camp Blanding, Florida. The following Army installations do not currently have RCWs, but are within the species' range: Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Rucker, Alabama; Fort McClellan, Alabama; Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant; and Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The guidelines will be used by Army installations as baseline standards in preparing their RCW management plans. In the guidelines revision process, the Army will seek to identify measures which will increase RCW populations on military installations while simultaneously enhancing the realism of military training activities conducted on military installations with RCW populations. As part of the guidelines revision process, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires preparation of an environmental assessment to determine the environmental impact of the guidelines and whether the impact is significant. If the assessment determines that there will be a significant impact on the environment, NEPA requires preparation of an environmental impact statement. Additionally, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires a biological assessment to assess the effects of the guidelines on endangered and threatened species.

The public is invited to participate in the guidelines revision process by submitting written comments and suggestions throughout the revision process and to review the draft guidelines. The Army anticipates that draft guidelines will be available for public review in the third quarter of 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions or requests for notice of the release of draft Army RCW Guidelines may be forwarded to Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Attn: DAMO-TRS (Army Endangered Species Team), Washington, DC 20310-0400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this action may be directed to Major Mark R. Lindon, Army Endangered Species Team, (703) 695-2452.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), Data Reporting Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1996

Purpose of Program: To encourage eligible parties to conduct analyses of the data from NAEP and the NAEP High School Transcript Studies (Transcript Studies) in order to—

1. Expand the available information about the academic achievement of U.S. children in public and non-public schools who are in the fourth, eighth or twelfth grade;

2. Use existing approaches and develop new ideas for analyzing and reporting the information contained in NAEP and the Transcript Studies; and

3. Apply state-of-the-art techniques that have not previously been applied to the analysis and reporting of NAEP and Transcript Studies data.

NAEP is authorized by Section 411 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act (20 U.S.C. 9010).

Eligible Applicants: This competition is open to all public or private organizations and consortia of organizations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 29, 1996.

Applications Available: March 18, 1996.

Available Funds: Up to \$700,000.

Applicants should note that Congress has not yet enacted final appropriations for Department of Education programs for fiscal year 1996. As a result of final action, funds available for this competition could be reduced or even eliminated.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$15,000–\$90,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$75,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 5–10.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 18 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The final regulations for

Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Evaluation of Application for Grants and Cooperative Agreements and Proposals for Contracts, published in the Federal Register on September 14, 1995 (60 FR 47808) and to be codified at 34 CFR Part 700.

Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1

Projects that address the instructional factors, family background factors, and school and teacher characteristics that the educational research literature suggests are correlates of academic performance.

Invitational Priority 2

Projects that include the development of statistical software that would allow more advanced analytic techniques to be readily applied to NAEP data.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 700.30. Under this regulation, the Secretary will announce the applicable evaluation criteria and the assigned weights in the application package.

For Applications or Information Contact: Alex Sedlacek, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Room 404B, 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-5653. Telephone: (202) 219-1734. Internet: (alex__sedlacek@ed.gov). 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.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>).

However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9010.

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of School-to-Work Opportunities; Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities; Notice of Open Meetings

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities was established by the Departments of Education and Labor to advise the Departments on implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The Council shall assess the progress of School-to-Work Opportunities systems development and program implementation; make recommendations regarding progress and implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities initiative; advise on the effectiveness of the new Federal role in providing venture capital to States and localities to develop School-to-Work systems and act as advocates for implementing the School-to-Work framework on behalf of their stakeholders.

TIME AND PLACE: The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities will have an open meeting on Thursday, March 28, 1996 from 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 29 from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. at the Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets NW., Washington, DC 20005. During the interim, Council members will work in small groups to develop and present strategic plans for the consideration of the whole Council.

AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting on Thursday, March 28 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. will include opening remarks, an overview of the role of the Advisory Council and introduction of participants. The agenda for the meeting on Friday, March 29 from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. will include reports from the various work groups, a conference summary and a discussion of future actions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meetings on Thursday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. and on Friday, March 29, from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. will be open to the public. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities in