

categories based on "inland" ton-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the United States. In rank order they are (1) Farm and Food Products; (2) Coal and Coke; (3) Petroleum, Crude and Products; (4) Minerals, Ores, and Primary Metals and Mineral Products; (5) Chemicals and Allied Products; and (6) All other. A consideration in the selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. Nomination

Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the five (5) Board members whose terms expire December 31, 1996, is as follows: One member representing the Upper Mississippi River (Region 1), one member representing the Lower Mississippi River (Region 2), one member representing the Ohio River (Region 3), one member representing the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas (Region 4), and one member representing the Columbia-Snake River System and Upper Willamette (Region 6). Also, these Board members represent one shipper, three carriers and one representing both.

Three (3) of the five members whose terms expire December 31, 1996, are eligible for reappointment.

Nominations to replace Board members whose terms expire December 31, 1996, may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nomination will:

- (1) state the region to be represented;
- (2) state whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both;
- (3) provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications;
- (4) include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed.

Nominations received in response to last year's Federal Register notice published on July 31, 1995 have been retained for consideration for reappointment along with nominations received in response to this Federal Register notice. Renomination is not required but may be desirable.

e. Deadline for Nominations

All nominations must be received at the address shown above no later than August 31, 1996.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.183A]

Drug and Violence Prevention Program in Higher Education—Institution-Wide Program Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1996

Purpose of Program: To provide grants to develop, implement, validate, and disseminate model programs and strategies to promote the safety of students attending institutions of higher education (IHEs) by preventing the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs and by preventing violent behavior.

Eligible Applicants: IHEs, and consortia of IHEs.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 12, 1996.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 11, 1996.

Applications Available: June 25, 1996.

Available Funds: \$2,750,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$65,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$45,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 25 to 75.

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

Project Period: 28 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 612.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is authorized under Title IV, section 4122 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, P. L. 103-382 (October 20, 1994) (to be codified at 20 U.S.C. 7132, formerly at 20 U.S.C. 3211). This FY 1996 competition supports the tenth cohort of grants under the program.

The 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 may also serve as models for

the field. The amendment also modified the definition of a qualifying IHE by adopting the definition of an IHE in Sec. 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965. This competition is covered by the scope of the amended statute and the application procedures in the 34 CFR part 612. In the case of any inconsistency between 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(b) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority.

The Secretary funds under this Institution-Wide 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 that in addressing the absolute priority propose projects addressed at prevention of violence towards women on campus, particularly as may be influenced by drug and alcohol abuse.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this competition, the Secretary uses the applicable selection criteria in 34 CFR 612.23(c)(1).

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:

Design (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(ii). Ten points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 30 points.

Organizational Commitment (34 CFR 612.23(c)(2)(vii). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

For Applications or Information Contact

FIPSE, FY 1996—A Competition, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750 to order applications or 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 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday thru 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. 7132.

Dated: July 5, 1996.

David A. Longanecker,
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)

AGENCY: Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended, and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATE AND TIME: August 22, 1996, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 503A/529A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Garner, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-8124. Individuals

who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-8170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is established to: (1) Minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) Identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC plans to: (1) Update the membership on the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and (2) discuss issues related to dispute resolution and the Part H program.

The meeting of the FICC is open to the public. Written public comment will be accepted at the conclusion of the meeting. These comments will be included in the summary minutes of the meeting. The meeting will be physically accessible with meeting materials provided in both braille and large print. Interpreters for persons who are hearing impaired will be available. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend and need other reasonable accommodations should contact the contact person named above in advance of the meeting.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9 a.m. to

5 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

Howard R. Moses,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Record of Decision for Plutonium Finishing Plant Stabilization Final Environmental Impact Statement, Hanford Site, Richland, WA

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of record of decision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared this Record of Decision (ROD) pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR 1021). The ROD is based on the analyses of environmental impacts identified in the *Plutonium Finishing Plant Stabilization Final Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0244-F); consideration of project costs; compliance requirements for systems involved in stabilizing plutonium-bearing material; and public and agency comments.

DOE has prepared the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide an objective technical basis for evaluating alternatives to: (1) Convert the plutonium-bearing materials at the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Facility into a more stable, safer form; (2) reduce radiation exposure to PFP Facility workers; and (3) reduce the cost of maintaining the PFP Facility and its contents at the Hanford Site, Benton County, Washington. The actions evaluated in the Final EIS would stabilize PFP Facility materials that represent environmental, safety, or health vulnerabilities in their current condition. Existing vulnerabilities are the result of discontinuing nuclear material production and processing operations following the end of the Cold War. Although DOE has initiated programmatic environmental evaluations on the ultimate disposition of nuclear materials in the DOE complex which are now surplus to national defense requirements, the implementation of decisions regarding ultimate disposition will take several years. In the interim, DOE wants to eliminate vulnerabilities associated with certain current nuclear material storage