

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.* If you submit your application by hand delivery, you (or a courier service) must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: Alejandra Vélez-Paschke, Office of Migrant Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E249, Washington, DC 20202-6135.

**Note:** A person delivering an application must show identification to enter the U.S. Department of Education building.

## V. Application Review Information

*Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this program are from 34 CFR 75.210 and are listed in the application package.

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section in this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section in this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* Grant recipients under this program must submit the annual and final performance and financial reports specified in the notice of final requirements for this program published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2004 (69 FR 10110).

4. *Performance Measures:* Consortium grantees are required to report on their project's effectiveness based on the project objectives, performance measures, and scheduled activities

outlined in the consortium's application.

In addition, all grantees are required, under 34 CFR 80.40(b), to report on the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) indicators as part of their Consolidated State Performance Report. The GPRA indicators established by the Department for the Migrant Education Program, of which the Consortium Incentive Grants are a component, are—

- a. the percentage of migrant students at the elementary school level who meet or exceed the proficient level on State assessments in reading;
- b. the percentage of migrant students at the middle school level who meet or exceed the proficient level on State assessments in reading;
- c. the percentage of migrant students at the elementary school level who meet or exceed the proficient level on State assessments in mathematics;
- d. the percentage of migrant students at the middle school level who meet or exceed the proficient level on State assessments in mathematics;
- e. the percentage of migrant students who drop out from secondary school (grades 7–12); and
- f. the percentage of migrant students who graduate from high school.

## VII. Agency Contacts

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alejandra Vélez-Paschke, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E249, LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-6135. Telephone: (202) 260-2834 or by e-mail: [alejandra.velez@ed.gov](mailto:alejandra.velez@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

## VIII. Other Information

*Alternative Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII in this notice.

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Dated: March 7, 2008.

**Kerri L. Briggs,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of final priority.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education announces the addition of an eighth absolute priority to the seven current absolute priorities for the Migrant Education Program (MEP) Consortium Incentive Grant (CIG) program established in the notice of final requirements published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2004 (69 FR 10110) (March 2004 notice). The Assistant Secretary may use this proposed absolute priority and the absolute priorities established in the March 2004 notice for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2008 and later years. We take this action to give State educational agencies (SEAs) the option to propose consortium arrangements that address the educational attainment needs of out-of-school migratory youth whose education is interrupted.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This priority is effective April 11, 2008.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The MEP CIG program is authorized under section 1308(d) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (ESEA). The CIG program provides, on a competitive basis, incentive grants to the SEAs receiving MEP Basic Formula Grant awards that participate in high-quality consortium arrangements with another State or appropriate entity. The purpose of these grants is to improve the delivery of services to migratory children whose education is interrupted.

In the March 2004 notice, the Department established seven absolute priorities for the CIG that promote key national objectives. SEAs that have sought funding under the CIG have had to propose a consortium that addressed one or more of these absolute priorities. These seven absolute priorities are—

(1) Services designed to improve the proper and timely identification and recruitment of eligible migratory children whose education is interrupted;

(2) Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to improve the school readiness of pre-school-aged migratory children whose education is interrupted;

(3) Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to improve the reading proficiency of migratory children whose education is interrupted;

(4) Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to improve the mathematics proficiency of migratory children whose education is interrupted;

(5) Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to decrease the dropout rate of migratory students whose education is interrupted and improve their high school completion rate;

(6) Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to strengthen the involvement of migratory parents in the education of migratory students whose education is interrupted; and

(7) Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to expand access to innovative educational technologies intended to increase the academic achievement of migratory students whose education is interrupted.

We published a notice of proposed priority for this program in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2007 (72 FR 65316). The notice of proposed priority included a discussion of the significant issues surrounding the educational attainment of out-of-school migratory youth. The notice of proposed priority, along with the notice of final requirements published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2004 (69 FR 10110), would have allowed SEAs, based on the needs of migratory children in their respective consortium States, to seek CIG program funding for consortium activities that addressed any one or more of the eight absolute priorities.

There are no differences between the notice of proposed priority and this notice of final priority.

#### **Analysis of Comments and Changes**

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed priority, two parties submitted comments on the proposed priority. An analysis of the comments and of any changes in the priority since publication of the notice of proposed priority follows.

Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes—and suggested changes the law does not authorize us to make under the applicable statutory authority. We also do not address comments pertaining to issues that were not within the scope of the notice of proposed priority.

*Comment:* One commenter expressed concern that the inclusion of this absolute priority would result in taxpayer dollars being used to provide services to individuals who do not have the necessary legal documentation to reside or work in the United States.

*Discussion:* The Secretary appreciates the commenter's concern. However, documentation of legal status is not a requirement of the MEP, the CIG Program, or any other Federal elementary or secondary education program. In order to be eligible, and therefore to receive services, under Title I, Part C of the ESEA (under which the MEP CIG Program is authorized), a child or youth must only meet the definition of "migratory child" as outlined in the statute; proof of legal residency or legal work status is not required.

*Changes:* None.

*Comments:* Another commenter expressed general agreement with the need to serve out-of-school migratory youth, but asserted that the public school system is not the appropriate entity for administering CIG Program services for this population. The commenter maintained that it would be too difficult for the public school system

to serve those migratory children both enrolled and not enrolled in school. The commenter suggested junior colleges or private entities as more adequate administrators of the program.

*Discussion:* The Secretary does not agree that public school systems should be prohibited from operating CIG Program services under the eighth priority. SEAs, not local school districts, administer both the MEP and the CIG Program. Accordingly, SEAs have the statutory authority to operate these CIG Programs directly or through local operating agencies, which may include school districts, institutions of higher education, or any other public or nonprofit private agency with which the SEA makes an arrangement. The Secretary does not want to limit, in this eighth absolute priority, the authority of SEAs to select those entities they want to operate CIG Program services designed to improve the educational attainment of out-of-school migratory youth. Rather, the Secretary believes that SEAs will be able to choose the entities that they believe will be most effective in providing these CIG Program services. Thus, we decline to make the change recommended by the commenter.

*Changes:* None.

**Note:** This notice does not solicit applications. In any year in which we choose to use this or any of the other seven absolute priorities, we invite applications through a notice in the **Federal Register**. Under an absolute priority we consider only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)).

*Priority:* Services designed (based on a review of scientifically based research) to improve the educational attainment of out-of-school migratory youth whose education is interrupted.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This notice of final priority has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the notice of final priority are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this notice of final priority, we have determined that the benefits of the final priority justify the costs.

We have also determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal

governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

We fully discussed the costs and benefits in the notice of proposed priority.

#### Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6398(d).

Dated: March 7, 2008.

**Kerri L. Briggs,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, March 20, 2008, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. (MST).

**PLACE:** Hyatt Regency Denver, 650 15th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 436-1234.

**AGENDA:** The Commission will hear updates on the following topics: Election Management Guidelines Update; Election Data Survey Update. The Commission will receive a briefing on audits and state plans from the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED); The Commission will consider accepting the following items: Voter Hotline Study; UOCAVA Voters' Study (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act). The Commission will consider and vote on the following items: consideration and vote on changes to the state specific instructions on the national voter registration form; consideration and vote on proposed policy clarification on the allowable uses of HAVA funds. The Commission will consider other administrative matters.

This meeting will be open to the public.

#### PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

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**Thomas R. Wilkey,**

*Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### State Energy Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** April 8, 2008 (Open Meeting—morning only) 8:30–Noon. April 9, 2008 (Open Meeting) 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. April 10, 2008 (Open Meeting) 8:30 a.m.–Noon.

**ADDRESSES:** Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Boulevard, NW., Albuquerque, NM 87104.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Assistant Manager, Office of Intergovernmental Projects & Outreach, Golden Field Office, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303/275-4801.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Briefings on, and discussions of:

—EERE Energy Efficiency and Policy.

○ Presentations Provided by the Sandia National Laboratory on Their Respective Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs—Tour of the Sandia National Laboratory.

—Board Discussions/Responses to Laboratory Presentations.

—STEAB Effectiveness/Formal Discussions Regarding Current STEAB Products and the Potential Development of New Recommendations and Resolutions.

—STEAB Effectiveness/Planning for Future STEAB Meetings and Events, and New Membership Status.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gary Burch at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.steab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 7, 2008.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### State Energy Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal