

1998. The meeting will commence at 11 a.m. and continue until conclusion of the committee's agenda.

LOCATION: Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street N.E.—11th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

STATUS OF MEETING: Except for approval of the meeting agenda and any miscellaneous business that may come before the committee, the meeting will be closed to the public. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) & (6)] and the corresponding provisions of the Legal Services Corporation's implementing regulation [45 CFR § 1622.5(a) & (e)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session

1. Approval of agenda.

Closed Session

2. Conduct a performance appraisal of the President of the Corporation.
3. Conduct a performance appraisal of the Inspector General of the Corporation.

Open Session

4. Consider and act on other business.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel and Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 336-8810.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Shannon Nicko Adaway, at (202) 336-8810.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Museum Service Office Programs and Office of Library Services Programs; Grant Application Availability

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, NFAH.

ACTION: Grant application availability notice for FY 99.

SUMMARY: This grant application announcement applies to the following

Office of Museum Service programs: General Operating Support (GOS), Conservation Project Support (CP), Conservation Assessment Program (CAP), Museum Assessment Program (MAP I), Museum Assessment Program (MAP II), Museum Assessment Program III (MAP III), Museum Leadership Initiative (MLI) and Professional Services Program (PSP). This announcement also applies to the following Office of Library Services programs: Native American Library Services Basic Grants, Native American Library Services Technical Assistance Grants, Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants, Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant, Grants to States (LSTA), and National Leadership Grants (NLG). All IMLS awards are under 45 CFR part 1180 for Fiscal Year 1999.

ADDRESSES: Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 <http://www.imls.fed.us/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information on museum programs call (202) 606-8540. For information on library programs call (202) 606-5227. For the Director's office call (202) 606-8537. Or contact the agency's website at <http://www.imls.fed.us/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of museum awards is to ease the financial burden borne by museums as a result of their increased use by the public and to help them carry out their educational role, as well as other functions. The purpose of library grants is to improve library services and collaboration between libraries and museums.

Eligibility

Museum Programs

Museums meeting the definitions in 45 CFR 1180.3 may apply for these programs. The definition of "museum" includes (but is not limited to) the following institutions if they satisfy the other provisions of this section: Aquariums and zoological parks; botanical gardens and arboreta; nature centers; museums relating to art; history (including historic buildings); natural history; science and technology; and planetariums.

To be eligible for support from IMLS a museum must:

- Be organized as a public or private nonprofit institution and exist on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes; and
- Exhibit tangible objects through facilities it owns or operates; and
- Have at least one professional staff member or the full-time equivalent

whose primary responsibility is the care, or exhibition to the public of objects owned or used by the museum; and

Be open and have provided museum services to the general public on a regular basis for at least two full years prior to the date of application to IMLS for the GOS and CP programs. Applicants to MAP, CAP, MLI, and PSP need not be open for the two year period; and

Be located in one of the fifty States of the Union, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

* Applicants to the Museum Assessment Program and the Conservation Assessment Program need not be open for two years.

For Professional Services Program

To apply for this program, you must be a private, non-profit museum services organization or association which engages in activities designed to advance the well being of museum and the museum profession. Institutions eligible for the other IMLS museum grant programs are not eligible for the Professional Services Program.

Library Programs

For Grants to the States

Funding is allocated on a formula basis to State Library Administrative Agencies, which include the fifth States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. For the Pacific region entities, the agency administering funds is the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) agency in Honolulu, Hawaii. The State Library Administrative Agencies then make grants to all types of libraries, including public, school, academic, research, school, and special libraries like hospital and law libraries.

For Native American Library Services Basic Grants, Technical Assistance Grants, and Enhancement Grants

Applicants must comply with the definitions set out in the Library Services and Technology Act of the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996. Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages are eligible to apply. The term "Indian tribe" means any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska

Native village, regional corporation, or village corporation, as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), which is recognized by the Secretary of Interior as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

For Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant

Applicants should submit evidence that they meet the criteria for Native Hawaiian organizations as defined in section 9212 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7912). Such an organization is one that serves the interests of Native Hawaiians; has Native Hawaiians in substantive and policymaking positions within the organization; and is recognized by the Governor of Hawaii for the purpose of planning, conducting, or administering programs (or portions of programs) for the benefit of Native Hawaiians. Proof of recognition by the Governor of Hawaii will be an official letter or other document attesting to the organization's status and signed by the Governor of Hawaii.

For National Leadership Grants

All types of libraries may apply including public, school, academic, research (which makes publicly available library services and materials suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available to the public and is not an integral part of an institution of higher learning), special, private (not-for-profit), archives, library agencies, and library consortia. Libraries may apply individually or in partnership.

All disciplines of museums may apply, including art, children and youth, history, natural history, anthropology, nature center, science/technology centers, zoos, aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, historic houses and sites, planetariums, general, specialized, museum agencies, and museum consortia. Museums may only apply in a partnership that includes at least one library partner.

Institutions of higher education including public and not-for-profit universities and colleges may apply. Graduate library and information science schools may apply as part of an institution of higher education.

Institutions of higher education may apply individually or in a partnership.

IMLS recognizes the potential for valuable contributions to the overall goals of the National Leadership Grants program by other public, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations and encourages their participation in a

partner application. They, however, may not be the official applicant.

Program Categories

General Operating Support (GOS)

IMLS makes awards under the GOS program to museums to maintain, increase, or improve museum services through support for basic general operating expenses.

Conservation Project Support Program (CP)

Awards are made through the CP program to assist with the conservation of museum collections, both living and non-living.

Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)

Awards are made through CAP to provide an overall assessment of the condition of a museum's environment and collections to identify conservation needs and priorities. CAP is a non-competitive, one-time funding opportunity, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. It is administered in cooperation with Heritage Preservation, Inc. See 45 CFR 1180, subpart D.

Museum Assessment Program (MAP)

The MAP I funds an overall assessment of a museum's operations. The MAP II funds an assessment of the museum's collection-related policies. The MAP III provides an assessment of the public dimension of museum operations. All of the Museum Assessment Programs are non-competitive, one-time funding opportunities, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Museum Assessment Programs are administered in cooperation with the American Association of Museums through a memorandum of understanding. See 45 CFR part 1180, subpart D.

Professional Services Program (PSP)

This program provides matching funds to professional museum associations for projects that serve the museum community.

Museum Leadership Initiatives (MLI)

Museum Leadership Initiative address national issues for museums. Program priorities may change annually.

Grants to States

This program provides formula grants to State Library Administrative Agencies for the purposes of creating new networks that improve the accessibility and quality of information available to all library users. Priorities for funding are based on a Five-Year Plan which has been submitted by the

State and approved by IMLS. Priorities may include: paying for computer systems, telecommunications technologies, and electronic networks for libraries; creating or improving electronic links among libraries and with educational, social, or information services; encourage resource sharing; and targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities. Grants to States may be expended directly or through sub-grants or cooperative agreements.

Native American Library Services Grants

The Basic Grants provide small grants for core library operations of tribes and Alaska Native villages. Technical Assistance Grants provide technical assistance to these libraries. Enhancement Grants promote innovative practices in serving Native Americans and Alaskan Native villages.

Native Hawaiian Library Services

This program provides a single grant to an organization that primarily serves and represents Native Hawaiians for the purpose of improving library services to Native Hawaiians.

National Leadership Grants (NLG)

This program was created to enhance the quality of library services nationwide and to provide coordination between libraries and museums. Awards will be made for (1) education and training for library and information science, (2) research and demonstration projects in library and information science, (3) preservation and digitization of library materials, (4) model programs of collaboration between libraries and museums.

Deadline Date for Transmittal of Applications

Applications must be mailed or hand-delivered by the deadline date

Program	Deadline
GOS	Jan. 22, 1999.
CP	Mar. 5, 1999.
PSP	July 2, 1999.
CAP	Dec. 3, 1999.
MAP I	Apr. 30, 1999.
MAP II	Mar. 12, 1999.
MAP III	Feb. 26, 1999.
MLI	June 18, 1999.
Grants to States, Revisions to Five Year State Plans.	April 1, 1999.
Native American Library Services Basic Grants.	April 30, 1999.
Native American Library Services Technical Assistance Grants.	April 30, 1999.

Program	Deadline
Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants.	April 30, 1999.
Native Hawaiian Library Services Grant.	April 30, 1999.
NLG	Mar. 19, 1999.

For GOS, CP, MLI, and PSP

Applications that are sent by mail must be addressed to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 609, Washington, DC 20506.

For Native American Library Services Grants, Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants, and National Leadership Grants

Applications that are sent by mail must be addressed to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 802, Washington, DC 20506.

An applicant must be prepared to show one of the following as proof of timely mailing:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other dated proof of mailing acceptable to the Director of IMLS.

If any application is mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, the Director does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark; or (2) a mail receipt that is not date-canceled by the U.S. Postal Service.

Applications that are *hand-delivered* must be taken to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An application that is hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date.

For MAP I, MAP II, and MAP III

Applicants must apply to IMLS through the American Association of Museums (AAM). IMLS supplies the AAM with application forms and instructions. These are forwarded by AAM to applicant museums. The Director of IMLS approves applications meeting the MAP I, MAP II, and MAP III requirements on a first-come, first-served basis (i.e., in the order in which an application is received and has been

determined to have met applicable requirements). Applications will be approved for awards, subject to the availability of funds. If a museum's MAP I, MAP II or MAP III application is received on or before the indicated dates, it will be processed together with other MAP I, MAP II, or MAP III applications received during that period. Applications received after the indicated dates will be processed during the subsequent MAP I, MAP II or MAP III periods. In no event will MAP applications received after April 30, 1999, MAP II applications received after March 12, 1999, or MAP III applications received after February 26, 1999 be processed for Fiscal Year 1999 awards. Applicants should contact the American Association of Museums, 1575 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, for application packets.

For CAP

Applicants must apply to IMLS through the Heritage Preservation Inc. IMLS supplies Heritage Preservation with application forms and instructions. These are forwarded by Heritage Preservation to applicant museums. The Director of IMLS approves applications meeting the CAP requirements on a first-come, first-served basis (i.e., in the order in which an application is received and has been determined to have met applicable requirements). Applications will be approved for awards, subject to the availability of funds. Applicants must be received by December 3, 1999. Applications for FY 1999 awards which cannot be funded will not be carried over to the next fiscal year. All unfunded applicants who wish to receive an award in the subsequent year, must reapply. Interested parties should contact the Heritage Preservation, 3299 K Street, NW., Suite 403, Washington, DC 20007 for applications.

For Grants to States

Applicants must contact their State Library Administrative Agency for deadlines and application procedures.

Program Information

GOS program regulations are contained in 45 CFR ch. XI, Sec. 1180.7 (1988) and related provisions.

CP program regulations are contained in 45 CFR 1180.20 (1988) and related provisions.

CAP and MAP program regulations are contained in 45 CFR part 1180, subpart D (1988).

PSP program regulations are contained in 45 CFR part 1180, subpart E (1988).

Further program information may be found in the Application forms and accompanying instructions in the application. See paragraph on Application Forms.

Available Funds

GOS

For FY 1999, \$15,610,000 is available for this program. The GOS program award is equal to 15% of the museum's operating budget to a maximum of \$112,500 to be spent over a two year period. The grant amount is determined annually by the National Museum Services Board. A museum that receives an award in one fiscal year may not apply for the following year's competition. (See 45 CFR 1190.16(b)).

CPF for FY 1999, \$2,310,000 is available for this program. Normally, IMLS makes matching conservation grants of no more than \$50,000 in Federal funds. Unless otherwise provided by law, if the Director determines that exceptional circumstances warrant, the Director, with the advice of the Board, may award a Conservation Project Support grant which obligates in excess of \$50,000 in Federal funds to a maximum of \$75,000. The Director may make such a determination with respect to a category of Conservation grants by notice published in the **Federal Register**. IMLS awards Conservation Project Support grants only on a matching basis. At least 50% of the costs of a project must be met with non-federal funds. (See 45 CFR 1180.20 (f)).

CAP

For FY 1999, \$820,000 is available for this program.

MAP, MAP II, MAP III

For FY 1999, \$450,000 is available for this program.

PSP

For FY 1999, \$600,000 was available in this program. This program provides matching funds for cooperative agreements that generally do not exceed \$50,000.

MLI

For FY 1999, \$600,000 is available.

Grants to States

For FY 1999, \$135,367,000 is available to be allocated to State Library Administrative Agencies according to a formula which is tied to state population, added to a minimum per-state grant of \$340,000 as set by the Museum and Library Services Act. (In the case of the Pacific Territories, the minimum grant is \$40,000, plus an

amount based on the formula tied to population.)

Native American and Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants

For FY 1999, \$2,908,000 is available for these programs.

NLG

For FY 1999, \$10,565,000 is available for competitive grants in this program.

Application Forms

IMLS mails application forms and program information in General Operating Support, Conservation Project Support, Museum Leadership Initiatives, Native American and Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants, National Leadership Grants and Professional Services Program application packets to libraries, museums, and other institutions on its mailing list as appropriate. Applicants may obtain application packets by writing, emailing, or telephoning the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506. For Library programs call (202) 606-5227. For museum programs call (202) 606-8540. For e-mail, write to imlsinfo@imls.fed.us. Application forms are available on the agency's website <http://www.imls.fed.us/>.

To receive an application for the Conservation Assessment Program contact Heritage Preservation, 3299 K Street, NW, Suite 403, Washington, DC 20007 (202) 625-1495.

To receive an application for the Museum Assessment Programs contact the American Association of Museums, 1575 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (202) 289-1818.

To receive an application for the Grants to States program, contact your State Library Administrative Agency.

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(Museum and Library Services Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-208 as amended)

Dated: October 27, 1998.

Mamie Bittner,

Director, Legislative and Public Affairs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. STN 50-456]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) to withdraw its August 30, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-72 for the Braidwood Station, Unit 1, located in Will County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would revise TS 3/4.4.5 to allow continued operation of Unit 1 for the remainder of Cycle 6, provided that the projected distributions of indications found in the top of the steam generators' roll transitions resulting from the reanalysis of previous non-destructive testing data results in a probability of burst less than 1×10^{-2} and predicted leakage less than the site allowable leak limit.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1996 (61 FR 47214). However, by letter dated May 11, 1998, ComEd withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 30, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated May 11, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Stewart N. Bailey,

Project Manager, Project Directorate III/2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/V, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455, STN 50-456, and STN 50-457]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois and Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77, issued to ComEd for operation of Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

This notification addresses the beyond scope bracketed items identified in the requested amendments dated December 13, 1996. The proposed amendments would revise current Technical Specifications (CTS) of each unit to conform with NUREG-1431, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications—Westinghouse Plants." The following descriptions and proposed no significant hazard analyses cover only those beyond scope bracketed changes. Associated with each change are administrative/editorial changes such that the new or revised requirements would fit the format of NUREG-1431.

1. CTS Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) 3.2.2 ensures compliance with F_Q fuel design limits by a bounding analysis that is verified in the plant by monitoring a height dependent radial peaking factor $F_{XY}(Z)$. The CTS denotes associated LCOs, Actions, and Surveillance Requirements (SRs) for the $F_{XY}(Z)$ methodology. Improved Technical Specification (ITS) LCO 3.2.1 denotes associated LCOs, Actions, and SRs for a method based on an equilibrium $F_Q(Z)$ surveillance ($F_Q(Z)W(Z)$ methodology). The proposed methodology change provides more available margin to the $F_Q(Z)$ limit than is currently available with the $F_{XY}(Z)$ surveillance methodology. The $F_{XY}(Z)$ methodology is based on a 1 dimension-2 dimension synthesis of data whereas the $F_Q(Z)W(Z)$ methodology is a more advanced 3 dimension calculation. ComEd proposes to replace the $F_{XY}(Z)$ method by the $F_Q(Z)W(Z)$ method. NUREG-1431 provides the option for either the $F_{XY}(Z)$ methodology or the $F_Q(Z)W(Z)$ methodology. The revised