

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants for States and Partnerships Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting individuals to serve as field readers.

SUMMARY: The Office of Higher Education Programs invites interested individuals to apply to serve as field readers evaluating grant applications submitted for funding in fiscal year 1999 for the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants for States and Partnerships Program. This program includes three new competitive grant programs that, together, are intended to improve teacher quality in America by effectively addressing the Nation's need to recruit and prepare teachers who have the skills and content knowledge needed to teach all children to high academic standards. The three programs include—State Grants to support the implementation of comprehensive statewide reforms to improve teacher quality, Partnership Grants to bring about fundamental change and improvement in traditional teacher education programs, and Teacher Recruitment Grants to reduce shortages of qualified teachers in high-need school districts.

DATES: Any individual interested in serving as a field reader should mail or fax two copies of his or her resume to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than April 2, 1999, indicating the program in which he or she is interested in serving as a field reader. Résumés should not exceed two pages.

Duties and Compensation of Field Readers: Field readers will review applications according to the applicable published selection criteria. Each field reader will serve for a period of approximately five days. Each field reader who is selected will receive compensation for certain travel expenses and an honorarium.

Field Reader Qualifications: The Department is seeking experienced and knowledgeable professionals who collectively can review program applications from a variety of perspectives on what is needed to successfully prepare highly competent K–12 teachers. In this regard, the Department seeks the help of interested professionals with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- State reforms in K–12 education, and teacher licensing, certification, and testing of teachers.

- The accreditation of teacher preparation programs, and how these programs can provide prospective teachers with both strong teaching skills and academic content in the areas in which they will teach.

- The teaching needs of K–12 school districts, and particularly those with schools in high-poverty areas or that face large teacher shortages.

- The support that new teachers need in their first few years of teaching.

- Activities that can foster strong working relationships between teacher preparation programs and the school districts and schools in which teaching graduates will teach.

- The particular teaching needs of high-need school districts.

- Management and governance issues related to the development and sustainability of partnerships among teacher preparation programs, schools of arts and sciences, and high-need school districts.

- Other issues related to teacher licensure, certification, preparation, and recruitment that must be addressed if new teachers are to be able to enable all of their students to achieve high academic standards.

Prospective field readers may come from State agencies, institutions of higher education, local K–12 school districts, private organizations, community service agencies, and other entities. Each field reader must have the expertise necessary to assess accurately the quality of a program application on the basis of the applicable selection criteria. Application packages for prospective applicants that include the program selection criteria may be accessed at the following Internet site: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/heatqp/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Louis Venuto, Teacher Quality Enhancement Program, Post Office Box 23764, Washington, D.C. 20026–3764. Telephone: (202) 708–8847. Inquiries may be sent by e-mail to Louis_Venuto@ed.gov or by fax to (202) 708–9272. 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.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1021 *et seq.*

Dated: March 17, 1999.

Maureen A. McLaughlin,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. 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: Wednesday, April 7, 1999, 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Garden Plaza, 215 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marianne Heiskell, Federal Coordinator/Ex-Officio Officer, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM–90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, (423) 576–0314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: A presentation entitled "Real Estate Land Actions at Oak Ridge Operations" will be given by Ms. Katy Kates, DOE Oak Ridge Operations Realty Officer.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Marianne Heiskell at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments near the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Marianne Heiskell, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling her at (423) 576-0314.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 16, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory. 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: Wednesday, April 28, 1999:

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (Monitoring and Surveillance Workshop)

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Board Meeting)

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Public Comment Session)

ADDRESSES: Plaza Hotel, 230 Plaza, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (505) 665-5048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1. Public comment (6:30-7:00 p.m.).
2. Special report on the canyons in Los Alamos county.
3. Committee reports.
4. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The public may file written statements with the Committee, either before or after the meeting. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the door of the meeting room to indicate a request to address the Board. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations, other than during the public comment period, should contact Ms. Ann DuBois at (505) 665-5048 five (5) business days prior to the meeting to request that the Board consider the item for inclusion at this or a future meeting. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Ms. M.J. Byrne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-151-007]

Mid Louisiana Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 15, 1999.

Take notice that on March 10, 1999, Mid Louisiana Gas Company (Mid Louisiana) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with an effective date of November 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 17
Third Revised Sheet No. 23
Third Revised Sheet No. 28
Second Revised Sheet No. 34
Second Revised Sheet No. 39
Third Revised Sheet No. 80
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 81
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 97
First Revised Sheet No. 107
First Revised Sheet No. 108
Second Revised Sheet No. 143
Second Revised Sheet No. 145
Third Revised Sheet No. 154
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 155
Second Revised Sheet No. 157
First Revised Sheet No. 158
First Revised Sheet No. 159
First Revised Sheet No. 160

Mid Louisiana states that the purpose of this filing is to tender, formally for filing, those sheets which were submitted and approved in Docket No. RP97-151-002 as "PRO FORMA" sheets by Commission letter order dated July 15, 1997. Mid Louisiana's compliance filing, filed October 27, 1997 in docket number RP97-151-006 re-submitted only those sheets requiring revisions from the original submission. Mid Louisiana misinterpreted the July 15, 1997 order and therefore did not re-file the above referenced sheets sans the "pro-forma" designation. This filing is made for record-keeping and pagination purposes, only and has no practical effect on the stated content, policies or procedures set forth in Mid Louisiana's tariff since Mid Louisiana has been operating under the approved provisions of the RP97-151-002 order and its Pro-Forma provisions since November 1, 1997.

Pursuant to section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's Regulations, Mid Louisiana respectively requests waiver of Section 154.207, Notice Requirements and any other requirement of the Regulations in order to permit the tendered tariff sheet to become retroactively effective November 1, 1997, as submitted.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the