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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education and the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1999.

Purpose of the Program: This competition seeks to identify and disseminate models of alcohol and other drug prevention at institutions of higher education.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education.

Applications Available: June 28, 1999.

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: July 28, 1999.

Note: All applications must be received on or before the deadline date. Applications received after that time will not be eligible for funding. Postmarked dates will not be accepted. Applications by mail should be sent to the U.S. Department of Education, c/o The Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, Education Development Center, Inc., 55 Chapel Street, Newton, MA 02458-1060. Attention: CFDA #84.116X, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 26, 1999.

Available Funds: \$500,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$40,000–\$75,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$50,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Project Period: Up to 12 months.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86;

(b) 34 CFR parts 98 and 99; and

(c) The notice of final priority and selection criteria for FY 1999 published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION

CONTACT: Kimberly Light, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: (202) 260-3954. By FAX: (202) 260-7767. Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/OESE/SDSF>.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138d; Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-371.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

Judith Johnson,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Claudio R. Prieto,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education and the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final priority and selection criteria for fiscal year 1999.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces a final priority and selection criteria for fiscal year (FY) 1999 under the Office of Postsecondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education and the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition. The Secretary takes this action to use Federal financial assistance to identify and disseminate models of alcohol and other drug (AOD) prevention at institutions of higher education (IHEs). Alcohol and other drug use are closely related problems that are frequently addressed together as part of comprehensive AOD prevention efforts. However, for the purposes of this competition, the Secretary is interested in making awards to five (5) IHEs that have innovative programs aimed at alcohol prevention and five (5) IHEs that have innovative programs aimed at other drug prevention. These specific programs should be implemented within the context of a comprehensive AOD prevention effort on campus. IHEs that receive awards will use the funds to maintain, improve, or further evaluate their innovative programs and disseminate information about these innovative programs to other IHEs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This priority takes effect on June 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this priority, contact Kimberly Light at the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: 202-260-3954. Fax: 202-260-7767. Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>.

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Note: This notice of final priority does not solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under this competition is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice contains the final priority and selection criteria for FY 1999. Under the absolute priority, the Secretary may make awards for up to 12 months to institutions of higher education.

Applications for this competition must be received at the address specified in the notice inviting applications for this competition no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date. Applications received after that time will not be eligible for funding. Postmarked dates will not be accepted.

Absolute Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), Title VII, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition *only* applications that meet this absolute priority.

Under the absolute funding priority for this grant competition, an IHE that wishes to be considered for an award as a model under this competition must identify, propose to maintain, improve, or further evaluate, and propose to disseminate information about an innovative and effective alcohol or other drug prevention program being used on its campus. Applications must:

- (1) Describe an innovative alcohol or other drug prevention program, and indicate how that program is integrated within a comprehensive approach to reducing alcohol and other drug-related problems on campus;
- (2) Provide evidence of the effectiveness of the innovative program in reducing either alcohol or other drug use, in reducing the problems resulting from either alcohol or other drug use, or in meeting outcome objectives that are associated with reductions in alcohol or other drug use or resulting problems;
- (3) Provide a plan to maintain, improve, or further evaluate the program during the year following award; and
- (4) Provide a plan to disseminate information to assist other IHEs in implementing a similar innovative program.

In making awards under this grant program, the Secretary may take into consideration the geographic distribution and the diversity of activities addressed by the projects in addition to the rank order of applicants.

Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria will be used to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points.

(1) Significance (30 points).

In determining the significance of the model, the Secretary considers the following factors:

- (A) The extent to which the program involves the development or demonstration of promising new

strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies. (20 points)

(B) The potential replicability of the program, including, as appropriate, the potential for implementation in a variety of settings. (5 points)

(C) The extent to which the results of the program are to be disseminated in ways that will enable others to use the information or strategies. (5 points)

(2) *Quality of the program design* (40 points).

In determining the quality of the design of the program, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(A) The extent to which the design of the program reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (20 points)

(B) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the program are clearly specified and measurable. (5 points)

(C) The extent to which the design of the program is appropriate to, and successfully addresses, the needs of the target population or other identified needs. (10 points)

(D) The quality of the plan to maintain, improve, or further evaluate the program. (5 points)

In applying the above criteria, the Secretary considers the following information:

- (1) The quality of the needs assessment and how well this assessment relates to the goals and objectives of the innovative program;
- (2) How well the innovative program is integrated within a comprehensive alcohol and other drug prevention effort;
- (3) The level of institutional commitment, leadership and support for alcohol and other drug prevention efforts;
- (4) The clarity and strength of the institution's alcohol or other drug policies and the extent to which those policies are broadly disseminated and consistently enforced;
- (5) The extent to which students and employees are involved in the program design and implementation process;
- (6) The extent to which the institution has joined with community leaders to address AOD issues; and (7) If applying to be considered as an alcohol prevention model, what steps the institution is taking to limit alcoholic beverage sponsorship, advertising, and marketing on campus; and what steps are being taken to establish or expand upon alcohol-free living arrangements for students.
- (3) *Quality of the project evaluation* (30 points).

In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(A) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives and outcomes of the program. (10 points)

(B) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the program and produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible. (20 points)

In applying the above criteria, the Secretary considers the following information:

- (1) The quality of the evaluation methodology and evaluation instruments;
- (2) Whether both process (formative) and outcome (summative) data are included for each year that the alcohol or other drug prevention program has been implemented, including data collected both before and after initiation of the program; and
- (3) How evaluation information has been used for continuous improvement of the institution's approach to alcohol or other drug prevention.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

It is the Secretary's practice, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rules. Section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), however, exempts from this requirement rules that apply to the first competition under a new or substantially revised program. Funding was provided for this new initiative in the FY 1999 appropriations act enacted October 21, 1998. The Secretary, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of GEPA, has decided to forego public comment in order to ensure timely awards.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. The objective of the executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local government for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with this order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for this program.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Clean Power From Integrated Coal/Ore Reduction (CPICOR) Project

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021), to assess the potential environmental and human health impacts of a proposed project under the Clean Coal Technology Program that would integrate the production of molten iron for steelmaking with the production of electricity. The Clean Power from Integrated Coal/Ore Reduction (CPICOR) project, proposed to be located within the Geneva Steel Company's existing plant at Vineyard, Utah, would demonstrate the integration of the High

Intensity Smelting (Hismelt®) ironmaking process with technology to generate electricity using steam heated by combustion gas from the Hismelt® process. The EIS will help DOE decide whether to provide 15% of the funding for the \$1 billion proposed project.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to inform the public about the proposed action; present the schedule for the action; announce the plans for a public scoping meeting; invite public participation in (and explain) the scoping process that DOE will follow to comply with the requirements of NEPA; and solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the proposed scope and content of the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project and reasonable alternatives.

DATES: To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed, DOE invites comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS from all interested parties. All comments must be received by August 16, 1999, to ensure consideration. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to receiving comments in writing and by telephone, DOE will conduct a public scoping meeting in which agencies, organizations, and the general public are invited to present oral comments or suggestions with regard to the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the EIS. The scoping meeting will be held at the Council Chambers of the Provo City Center, 351 W. Center Street, Provo, Utah, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 1999. In addition, DOE will host an informational session for interested parties from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the day of the meeting at the Council Chambers. Displays and other forms of information about the proposed project and its location will be available, and DOE personnel will be available to answer questions. The public is invited to this informal session to learn more about the proposed project.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to participate in the public scoping process should be addressed to: Mr. Joseph Renk, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940.

Individuals who would like to provide comments and/or otherwise participate in the public scoping process should contact Mr. Renk directly at telephone 412-892-6249; fax 412-892-4775; e-mail renk@fetc.doe.gov; or by recorded message at toll-free number 1-800-276-9851.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information about this project or to receive a copy of the draft EIS when it is issued, contact Mr. Joseph Renk at the address provided above. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0119, 202-586-4600; or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Need for Agency Action

Under Public Law 102-154, the U.S. Congress provided authorization and funds to DOE for conducting cost-shared Clean Coal Technology (CCT) Program projects for the design, construction, and operation of facilities that “* * * shall advance significantly the efficiency and environmental performance of coal-using technologies and be applicable to either new or existing facilities * * *” Under a solicitation in 1992 pursuant to this law (Round V of the CCT Program) and a subsequent appropriation (Public Law 101-512), DOE selected for further consideration for cost-shared funding a proposal from the CPICOR Management Company for design, construction, and operation of a process to integrate production of molten iron for steelmaking with production of electricity for utility distribution.

The demonstration of the CPICOR project under the CCT Program would fulfill an existing programmatic need. Although substantial deposits of coal exist as a resource suitable for and capable of resolving critical energy issues, there are a number of obstacles that present barriers to its increased use. These impediments include: (1) Concerns about environmental issues, such as acid deposition, global climate change, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon emissions, and solid waste; (2) commercial demonstration of acceptable coal use technologies; and (3) technical and economic performance of the technologies. Thus, since the early 1970's, DOE and its predecessor agencies have pursued research and development programs that have included long-term, high-risk activities to support the development of a wide variety of innovative coal technologies through the proof-of-concept stage.

However, the availability of a technology at the proof-of-concept stage is not sufficient to ensure its continued development and subsequent commercialization. Before any