

commercial delivery services must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the Closing Date and Time. NTIA will not accept mail delivery of applications posted on the Closing Date or later and received after the above deadline. However, if an application is received after the Closing Date due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the Closing Date, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, NTIA will, upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline. Applicants submitting applications by hand delivery are notified that, due to security procedures in the Department of Commerce, all packages must be cleared by the Department's security office. The security office is located in Room 1874, located at Entrance No. 10 on the 15th St. N.W. side of the building.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit completed applications, or send any other correspondence, write to: NTIA/PTFP, Room H-4625, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Cooperman, Director, Public Broadcasting Division, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Application Forms and Requirements**

Funding for the PEACESAT Program is provided pursuant to Public Law 106-553, the "Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001" and Public Law 106-113, "The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000." Public Law 106-113 provides "That, hereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program is eligible to compete for Public Broadcasting Facilities, Planning and Construction funds." The PEACESAT Program was authorized under P.L. 100-584 (102 Stat. 2970) and also P. L. 101-555 (104 Stat. 2758) to acquire satellite communications services to provide educational, medical, and cultural needs of Pacific Basin communities. The PEACESAT Program has been operational since 1971 and has received funding from NTIA for support of the project since 1988.

Public Law 106-553 appropriated \$43.5 million for this account to be awarded for Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) grants and for

PEACESAT Program grants. The solicitation notice for the PTFP Program was published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80709). Applications submitted in response to this solicitation for PEACESAT applications are not subject to the requirements of the December 21, 2000 Notice and are exempt from the PTFP regulations at 15 CFR part 2301. NTIA anticipates making a single award for approximately \$475,000 for the PEACESAT Program in FY2001.

NTIA requests that each applicant for a PEACESAT Program grant supply one (1) original signed application and five (5) copies, unless doing so would present a financial hardship, in which case the applicant may submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the application. The application form consists of the Standard Form 424 Application for Federal Assistance; Standard Form 424A Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs; Standard Form 424 B, Assurances; Standard Form CD-511 Certification; and Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable). These requirements are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040 and 0348-0046.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), unless that collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Eligible applicants will include any for-profit or non-profit organization, public or private entity, other than an agency or division of the Federal government. Individuals are not eligible to apply for the PEACESAT Program funds.

Grant recipients under this program will not be required to provide matching funds toward the total project cost.

The costs allowable under this Notice are not subject to the limitation on costs contained in the December 21, 2000 Notice regarding the PTFP Program.

**II. Administrative Requirements; Scope of Project and Eligible Costs; Evaluation and Selection Process**

Public Law 106-553 was enacted December 21, 2000. Public Law 106-553 appropriated funds to the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. Pursuant to Public Law 106-113 the Pan-Pacific

Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program can compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. Funds appropriated to the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account do not carry fiscal year limitations. A notice published on March 16, 1999 set forth the scope of the project and eligible costs, and a description of the evaluation and selection process for applications for the PEACESAT Program. Since funds for the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account are available without limitations, the administrative requirements; scope of project and eligible costs criteria; and evaluation and selection process criteria set forth in the March 16, 1999 notice apply to the 1999 PEACESAT program and to all subsequent years. A copy of the March 16, 1999 Notice is available to potential applicants from NTIA at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section and is also available on the INTERNET at [www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/peacesat/peacesat.html](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/peacesat/peacesat.html). If, in the future, NTIA changes the administrative requirements; the scope of project and eligible costs criteria; or the evaluation and selection process criteria, a new notice will be published containing the new criteria and requirements.

**III. Project Period**

Any project awarded pursuant to this notice will be for a one-year period.

**Authority:** Pub. L. 106-553 the "Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001" and Pub. L. 106-113, "The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000."

**Bernadette McGuire-Rivera,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

**HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting**

The Joint Mission Architectures will meet in The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. on March 30, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive briefings and discuss the direction of the study. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance

with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

**Janet A. Long,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The C2 Advisory Group Meeting will meet at Langley AFB, VA on March 29-30, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive briefings and discuss the direction of the study. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Army Educational Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army War College.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Dates of Meeting:* April 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2001.

*Place:* Root Hall, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Proposed Agenda:* Receive information briefings; conduct discussions with the Commandant and staff and faculty; table and examine online College issues; assess resident and distance education programs, self-study techniques, and plans for the Process for Accreditation of Joint Education (PAJE) 2000; assemble a

working group for the concentrated review of institutional policies and a working group to address committee membership and charter issues; propose strategies and recommendations that will continue the momentum of federal accreditation success and guarantee compliance with regional accreditation standards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Lieutenant Colonel Cary A. Hilton, Box 524, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013 or telephone (717) 245-3396.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee after receiving advance approval for participation. To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Lieutenant Colonel Cary A. Hilton at the above address or phone number.

**Cary A. Hilton,**

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### [CFDA No. 84.116N]

#### Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition (Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education Among the United States, Canada and Mexico); Notice Inviting Application for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

*Purpose of Program:* To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

*Deadline for Transmittal of*

*Applications:* May 14, 2001.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental*

*Review:* July 13, 2001.

*Applications Available:* March 22, 2001.

*Available Funds:* \$300,000 for FY 2001.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$25,000–30,000 for FY 2001. \$200,000–\$215,000 for four year duration of grant.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$25,000 for FY 2001. \$200,000 for four year duration of grant.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

*Page Limit:* The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit your narrative to the equivalent of no more than ten (10) single-spaced pages.

- A “page” is 8.5” x 11” on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Single space (no more than six lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

The page limit does not apply to the title page, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification, the assurances and certifications, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application narrative that exceed the page limit if you apply these standards; or exceed the equivalent of the page limit if you apply other standards.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program is a Special Focus Competition to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education. The competition also includes an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American, Canadian and Mexican institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students and the opening of educational opportunities throughout North America. The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Canada and Mexico. Canadian and Mexican institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to Human Resources Development Canada and the Mexican Department of Public Education for additional funding under separate Canadian and Mexican competitions.