

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Portable Thermocycler**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/668,365 entitled "Portable Thermocycler," filed September 24, 2003. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US03/29749). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This invention relates to a portable thermocycler having a unique geometric configuration, which allows the device to be made durable, compact and adapted for field-use. In general, the device includes a case, a rotary plate having a plurality of constant temperature heating blocks and a plurality of sample wheels, wherein the wheels are rotatable and pivotable to allow a plurality of reaction vessels, organized in cassettes, to be moved into contact with the heating blocks for heat transfer applications.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 4, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: August 31, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* GEPA Section 427 Guidance for All Grant Applications.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 21,200.

*Burden Hours:* 31,800.

*Abstract:* In compliance with section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), as amended by Public Law 103-282, all applicants for grant awards made by the U.S. Department of

Education are required to describe in their applications the steps they propose to take to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, the proposed grant activities conducted with federal funds. The Department has developed a single document that provides common guidance for all competitive and formula grant applicants.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2568. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Office of Postsecondary Education; Notice Reopening Application Deadline Dates for the Student Support Services (SSS) Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary reopens the deadline dates listed in the sections entitled *Dates and IV. Application and Submission Information, 3. Submission Dates and Times*, as published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2004 (69 FR 41235) for the submission of applications from applicants in certain nationally declared disaster areas. The Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by potential applicants who have been affected by severe weather conditions in certain counties in Florida and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The reopening of these deadline dates is intended to help the potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under these competitions.

*Eligibility:* The new deadline date will apply to you if you are a potential

applicant from The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or from a county on the following list. The President has declared a major disaster for the following counties in Florida as a result of Hurricane Charley and Tropical Storm Bonnie.

*Counties:* Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, St. Johns, Sarasota, Seminole, and Volusia.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The new deadline date for eligible applicants to transmit applications for this program is September 14, 2004. The deadline date for Intergovernmental Review under Executive Order 12732 remains as originally published.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah I. Walsh or Dorothy Marshall, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006-8510. Telephone: (202) 502-7600 or by e-mail: [TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:TRIO@ed.gov).

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact persons listed in this section.

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC area at (202) 512-1530.

**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.htm>.

Dated: September 1, 2004.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Postsecondary Education

#### Overview Information; Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.337A.

**DATES:** *Applications Available:* September 14, 2004.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* November 17, 2004.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* January 17, 2005.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education, public or nonprofit private libraries, or consortia of such institutions or libraries may apply.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration has requested \$1,700,000 for this program for FY 2005. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$100,000-\$200,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$170,000.

*Maximum Award:* We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$200,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access (TICFIA) Program is to support projects that will develop innovative techniques or programs using new electronic technologies to collect information from foreign sources. Grants will be made to access, collect, organize, preserve, and widely disseminate information on world regions and countries other than the United States that address our Nation's teaching and research needs in international education and foreign languages.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1126.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General

Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

As there are no program-specific regulations, we encourage each potential applicant to read the authorizing statute for the TICFIA program in section 606 of title VI, part A, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1126.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

## II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration has requested \$1,700,000 for this program for FY 2005. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress awards funds for this program.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$100,000-\$200,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$170,000.

*Maximum Award:* We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$200,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

## III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education, public or nonprofit private libraries, or consortia of such institutions or libraries may apply.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* The matching requirement is described in section 606(d) of the HEA. The statute states that the Federal share of the total cost of carrying out a program supported by a grant under this program shall not exceed 66 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent. The non-Federal share of such costs may be provided either in-kind or in cash, and may include contributions from private sector corporations or foundations.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* Mrs. Susanna Easton, International Education Programs