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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies; Notice Inviting Applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.060A.

DATES:

Part I of the Formula Grant Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE) Applications Available: December 14, 2007.

Deadline for Transmittal of PART I Applications: January 31, 2008.

Part II of Formula Grant (EASIE) Applications Available: February 25, 2008.

Deadline for Transmittal of Part II Applications: April 4, 2008.

Applications not meeting the deadline for Part I will not be considered for funding in the initial allocation of awards. Applications or data submissions under Part II will be accepted only from those eligible applicants that meet the Part I deadline.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 3, 2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Program: The Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs) and other eligible entities described in this notice in their

efforts to reform and improve elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students. The Department funds programs designed to help Indian students meet the same challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards used for all students. In addition, under section 7116 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), the Secretary will, upon receipt of an acceptable plan for the integration of education and related services, authorize the entity receiving the funds under this program to consolidate, in accordance with the entity's plan, the funds for any Federal program exclusively serving Indian children, or the funds reserved under any Federal program to exclusively serve Indian children, that are awarded under a statutory or administrative formula to the entity, for the purpose of providing education and related services to Indian students. Instructions for submitting an integration of education and related services plan are included in the EASIE described elsewhere in this notice under *Application Process and Submission Information*.

Eligible Applicants: LEAs, including charter schools authorized as LEAs under State law, certain schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education of the Department of the Interior, and Indian tribes under certain conditions, as prescribed by section 7112(c) of the ESEA.

Application Process and Submission Information: The application process for the Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies program has changed to the Formula Grant EASIE, an easy-to-use, electronic application system. Formula Grant EASIE provides special features that will progressively enhance data availability and performance reporting for applicants, including the use of data from State submissions to ED Facts, the Department's data collection system which contains performance information from State educational agencies about schools and Federal education programs. To the extent that your State has provided the necessary ED Facts data files, Formula Grant EASIE will be able to interface with ED Facts and pull those LEA-specific data into the application. Additionally, this new system allows the Department to review applications and interact online with applicants during the application review and approval process.

Although you may download and print sample forms from the system, the application must be submitted

electronically through the Formula Grant EASIE unless you do not have Internet access and have made prior arrangements with the Department. For approval to submit a paper application, you must contact the ED Facts Partner Support Center (see the contact information listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) prior to the deadline for transmittal of Part I or Part II applications. If you are approved to submit a paper application, you must meet the submission deadlines included in this notice.

Registration for Formula Grant EASIE is required. For information on how to register, contact the ED Facts Partner Support Center listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The Formula Grant EASIE application is divided into two parts—Part I and Part II.

Part I, Student Count, provides the appropriate data entry screens to submit your Indian student count totals.

Part II, Program and Budget Information, provides your award amount based on the Indian student count total submitted under Part I. Part II also enables you to enter student performance data, identify your project's services and activities, and build a realistic program budget based on a known grant amount. Based on student assessment data, you will select your program objectives and services from a variety of menu options that were designed with grantee input.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$95,331,000 for this program for FY 2008. 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: \$4,000–\$2,000,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$75,660.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1,260.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice and funding levels may change based on final appropriations for the program.

Project Period: 12 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

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

Performance Measures: The Secretary has established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies program: (1) The percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades four and eight who score at or above the basic level in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); (2) the percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades four and eight who score at or above the basic level in mathematics on NAEP; (3) the percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades three through eight meeting State performance standards by scoring at the proficient or the advanced levels in reading and mathematics on State assessments; (4) the difference between the percentages of American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades three through eight at the proficient or advanced levels in reading and mathematics on State assessments and the percentage of all students scoring at those levels; (5) the percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native students who graduate from high school; and (6) the percentage of funds used by grantees prior to award close-out.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the EDFacts Partner Support Center, telephone: 877-457-3336 (877-HLP-EDEN) or by e-mail at: eden_OIE@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the EDFacts Partner Support Center, toll free, at 1-888-403-3336 (888-403-EDEN).

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7421 *et seq.*

Dated: December 14, 2007.

Kerri L. Briggs,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ08-5-000]

United States Department of Energy; Bonneville Power Administration, Transmission Service Terms and Conditions; Notice of Filing

December 12, 2007.

Take notice that on December 7, 2007, Bonneville Power Administration tendered for filing a Petition for Declaratory Order accepting proposed amendments to their Open Access Transmission Tariff and request for exemption from filing fee.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 7, 2008.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR08-9-000]

Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, L.L.C.; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

December 12, 2007.

Take notice that on December 5, 2007, Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, L.L.C. (Jefferson Island) filed a petition for rate approval pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations. Jefferson Island requests that the Commission approve market-based rates, including negotiated fuel, for its Interruptible Wheeling Service. The proposed Interruptible Wheeling Service will replace Jefferson Island's Interruptible Transportation Service. Jefferson Island also requests waiver of the triennial rate review filing required by the Commission's June 20, 2005 Letter Order in Docket Nos. PR05-9-000 and PR05-9-001.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene, or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.