

## V. Application Review Information

*Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this program are in 34 CFR 637.32.

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notice (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118 and 34 CFR 75.720.

## VII. Agency Contact

*For Further Information Contact:* Dr. Bennie Samuels, Ms. Mary Payne, or Ms. Carolyn Proctor, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th floor, Washington, DC 20006-8517. Telephone: (202) 502-7777, or by e-mail: [OPE\\_MSEIP@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_MSEIP@ed.gov)

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## VIII. Other Information

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**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Decision To Compete Management and Operating Contracts for Los Alamos National Laboratory, Ames National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**

Section 301(a) of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004, Public Law 108-137, provides that none of the funds appropriated for fiscal year 2004 or any previous fiscal year may be used for a "noncompetitive management and operating contract" unless the Secretary of Energy, within 60 days of enactment of the Act, publishes in the **Federal Register** and submits to the Appropriation Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate "a written notification, with respect to each such contract, of the Secretary's decision to use competitive procedures for the award of the contract, or to not renew the contract, once the term of the contract expires." Pursuant to section 301(a)(3), this requirement does not apply to "an extension for up to 2 years of a noncompetitive management and operating contract, if the extension is for purposes of allowing time to award competitively a new contract, to provide continuity of service between contracts, or to complete a contract that will not be renewed."

Paragraph (b)(1) of section 301 identifies the noncompetitive management and operating contracts subject to Secretarial review and decision as the contracts for the

management and operation of Ames Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. For purposes of section 301, paragraph (b)(2) of section 301 provides that the term "competitive procedures" has "the meaning provided in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403) and includes the procedures described in section 303 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253) other than a procedure that solicits a proposal from only one source."

Public Law 108-137 was enacted on December 1, 2003. Well before that time, on April 30, 2003, I announced my decision to use competitive procedures to award the Los Alamos National Laboratory management and operating contract when its term expires. In addition, I hereby announce my decision to use competitive procedures described in section 301 to award the Ames Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory management and operating contracts. Decisions concerning the precise timing and form that these competitions will take are still under consideration and will be made in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Dated: January 21, 2004.

**Spencer Abraham,**

*Secretary of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Privacy Act of 1974; Notice To Amend An Existing System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, the Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing a notice of a proposed amendment to an existing system of records. DOE proposes to amend the routine use provision for DOE-13 "Payroll and Leave Records." The proposed amendment will allow disclosure of information to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for the purpose of providing payroll services for the DOE.

**DATES:** The proposed amendment to an existing system of records will become effective without further notice, on