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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Small, Rural School Achievement Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice extending application deadline.

SUMMARY: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program, we will award grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we are extending the deadline for eligible LEAs to apply for fiscal year (FY) 2004 funding under the program.

DATES: *Application Deadline:* All applications must be received electronically by August 25, 2004, 4:30 p.m. eastern time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 30, 2004, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 39443-39444) establishing a July 30, 2004, deadline for LEAs to apply for funding under the program. We subsequently published a

notice extending that deadline until August 6, 2004 (69 FR 47127 to 47128). As discussed in the initial notice, some LEAs that are eligible for FY 2004 SRSA funding are considered already to have met the application deadline based on their previously submitted application and do not have to submit a new application to the Department to receive their FY 2004 SRSA grant awards. The Department's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/> indicates which eligible LEAs must submit an application to receive a FY 2004 SRSA grant award.

We have recently learned that some eligible LEAs were unable to meet the extended deadline of August 6, 2004, because of unavailability of district personnel and for other reasons. In order to afford as many eligible LEAs as possible an opportunity to receive funding under this program, we are extending the application deadline to August 25, 2004, 4:30 p.m. eastern time. We have already notified each State educational agency of this extension and have also posted the new application deadline on the Department's Web site.

An eligible LEA that is required to submit a new SRSA application in order to receive FY 2004 SRSA funding and that has not done so by the original application deadline may apply for funds by the deadline in this notice.

We encourage eligible LEAs to submit their applications as soon as possible to avoid any problems with filing electronic applications on the last day. The deadline for submission of applications will not be extended any further as we must make awards by September 30, 2004.

Electronic Submission of Applications: To receive its share of FY 2004 SRSA funding, an eligible LEA that is required to submit a new SRSA application and that has not done so must submit an electronic application to the Department by August 25, 2004, 4:30 p.m. eastern time. Submission of an electronic application involves the use of the Department's Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-GRANTS system.

You can access the electronic application for the SRSA Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

Once you access this site, you will receive specific instructions regarding the information to include in your application.

The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight, Saturday (Washington, DC time). Please note that

the system is unavailable on Sundays, Federal holidays, and after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for maintenance (Washington, DC time).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Hitchcock. Telephone: (202) 401-0039 or via Internet: reap@ed.gov.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Statement of Policy Regarding National Mail Voter Registration Form

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Statement of Policy.

SUMMARY: The Commission intends to exercise its discretion in administering the National Mail Voter Registration Form by interpreting the waiver of the effective date for implementing the Computerized Statewide Voter Registration List required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to extend to all of the requirements of