

could develop 76.9 acres of available expansion area under an existing Department of the Army permit which includes 1.0 acre of wetlands; No Action Alternative 2 would develop 125.8 acres which includes 3.3 acres of wetlands; and No Action Alternative 3 would include the development of one of the Federal project alternatives.

The scope of the Federal project is defined by Public Law 99-591 and House Report 99-831. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 1991. A scoping meeting was held at City Hall in Jackson, Alabama on September 16, 1991. Executive Orders requiring analyses of proposed Federal actions were followed.

Draft EIS Availability: To receive a copy of the Draft EIS, contact U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, CESAM-PD-EI, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36602-0001. A copy of the Draft EIS will also be available for public review at the Jackson public library.

Comment Period: The public comment period for the Draft EIS begins March 5, 1999 with the release of this Notice of Availability, and extends to April 19, 1999. Written comments may be submitted to the Corps of Engineers by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. To become part of the formal record, all written comments must be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed no later than April 19, 1999. Comments should be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, CESAM-PD-EI, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile AL 36602-0001. The facsimile number is: (334) 695-3815 and the e-mail address is:

Beverley.H.Stout@sam.usace.army.mil. In addition to this Notice of Availability, a press release will be prepared, announcements will be mailed to affected State and Federal agencies and special interest groups, information fliers will be distributed announcing the release of the Draft EIS and inviting the public to participate in a public meeting, and the public meeting will be advertised twice in a local newspaper. The public meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 1999 at Jackson City Hall, 400 Commerce Street, Jackson, Alabama, 36545. Written or oral comments may be presented at this time. Following the receipt of public comments, a Final EIS will be prepared and issued which will consider the comments received.

Curtis M. Flakes,

Chief, Planning and Environmental Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, 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 April 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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 Acting Leader, 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: March 1, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Community Technology Centers Program.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 800.

Burden Hours: 32,000.

Abstract: The application package includes the information needed to apply for grants under the Community Technology Centers Program.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)

[CFDA No: 84.305T]

National Research Institutes' Field-Initiated Studies (FIS) Research Grant Program; Notice of Application Review Procedures for OERI Fiscal Year 1999 FIS Grants.

SUMMARY: On December 14, 1998, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 68985) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 1999 for the FIS Research Grant Program. On January 28, 1999, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 4401) a notice extending

the deadline date for the receipt of applications and applications availability date for this program. This notice explains the procedures that will be used in reviewing applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary advises potential applicants of the following two tier review process that will be used by the FIS Program for this year's competition. This two tier process modifies the review procedures established in 34 CFR 700.21. The regulations in 34 CFR Part 700 otherwise remain in effect.

Application Review Procedure

Tier I. At the Tier I level, each application will be assigned to at least three reviewers who are selected according to the appropriateness of their expertise and experience and who specifically meet the qualifications for reviewers established in the regulations at 34 CFR 700.11. Reviewers will evaluate the assigned applications in accordance with the three equally weighted selection criteria established in the application package: (1) National Significance; (2) Project Design; and (3) Personnel. Reviewers will rate the assigned applications as either: "Excellent" (outstanding, deserves highest priority for support); "Very Good" (high quality proposal in nearly all aspects; should be supported if at all possible); "Good" (a quality proposal, worthy of support); "Fair" (proposal lacking in one or more critical aspects-key issues need to be addressed); or "Poor" (proposal has serious deficiencies). A conference call will be arranged for each review panel to discuss their assigned proposals and their rankings.

Based on the Tier I reviews, the top 60 applications will advance to the Tier II review. The top 60 will be determined by assigning a score of "2" for every "excellent" rating the application receives, a score of "1" for each "very good" rating the application receives and a score of "0" for any other rating. The application will then be ranked by total score. In the event of a tie at the 60th rank all such tied applications will advance to the Tier II review.

Tier II. Each application that advances to the Tier II level will be read by 25 Tier II reviewers, with written reviews completed by at least 3 reviewers. These reviewers will meet the qualifications for reviewers established in 34 CFR 700.11. The Tier II reviewers will apply the same selection criteria and the same rating system used in Tier I.

The Tier II reviewers will meet in Washington, DC. During this time, each application will be discussed in turn, with the three reviewers who have

completed written reviews leading the discussion. Following the discussion of each application, all reviewers will assign a final rating to the application.

When all the applications from Tier II have been discussed and reviewers have completed their evaluations, OERI staff will rank the applications to form the recommended slate to be sent forward to the Assistant Secretary. The slate will be formed as follows. An application will receive a score of 2 for each "Excellent" rating it receives and a score of 1 for each "Very Good" rating it receives. The applications will then be ranked by total score. In the event that a set of applications surrounding the funding cutoff point have an identical score, the Assistant Secretary will determine which applications from that set contribute most to the mission of OERI.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, since this notice merely establishes procedural requirements for review of applications and does not create substantive policy, proposed rulemaking is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) (A).

(The valid OMB control number for this collection of information is 1850-0601.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veda Bright, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 604, Washington, DC 20208, or by e-mail at veda_bright@ed.gov or by telephone at (202) 219-1935. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6031(c)(2)(B).

Dated: March 1, 1999.

C. Kent McGuire,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats

DATES: Monday, March 15, 1999 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: College Hill Library, (Front Range Community College), 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420-7855, fax: (303) 420-7579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

1. The Board will conduct its final discussion and finalize recommendation(s) on building rubble.
2. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements