

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Office of Postsecondary Education;
International Research and Studies
Program Notice Inviting Applications
for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY)
2002**

Purpose of Program: The International Research and Studies Program provides grants to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private agencies, organizations and institutions, and individuals.

Applications Available: September 10, 2001.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 5, 2001.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$4,500,000 for this program for FY 2002. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications at this time to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000–\$150,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$99,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 19.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 655 and 660.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: Jose L. Martinez, International Research and Studies Program, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7635, or via Internet: jose.martinez@ed.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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**Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands
Involvement Baja California Power, Inc.
and Sempra Energy Resources**

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain/wetland involvement.

SUMMARY: Baja California Power, Inc. (BCP) and Sempra Energy Resources (SER) have both applied for Presidential permits to construct, operate, maintain, and connect double-circuit electric transmission lines across the U.S. border with Mexico. The proposed action(s) have the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain/wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), floodplain or wetlands assessments will be performed for these proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within potentially affected floodplain and wetlands.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than September 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, questions about the proposed action, and requests to review the draft environmental assessment should be directed to: Ellen Russell, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE–27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350. Fax: (202) 287–5736. E-mail: Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202–586–9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–6667.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain and Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements Contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH–42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0119; Phone: 202–586–4600 or leave a message at 800–472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and 10 CFR part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain-Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/nepa/tools/regulate/nepa_reg/1022/1022.htm), notice is given that DOE is considering applications from BCP and SER for Presidential permits to construct, operate, maintain and connect double circuit 230,000 kilovolt (230–kV) transmission lines across the U.S. border with Mexico to interconnect new merchant powerplants being constructed in Mexico with the electrical system of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) at SDG&E's existing Imperial Valley Substation. Notice of filing of the BCP and SER Presidential permit applications appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2001 (66 FR 16044 and 66 FR 16045, respectively).

Before making a final decision on granting or denying a Presidential permit DOE will prepare a single environmental assessment (EA) to address the environmental impacts that would accrue from the proposed project and reasonable alternatives. The EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Because the proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands, the EA will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that may be