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Dated: February 10, 2003.

**John Foster-Bey,**

*Director, AmeriCorps\*State and National.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Logistics Agency

[Requisition No. 03-00337]

#### Second Notice of Proposed Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DOD.

**ACTION:** Proposed solicitation for cost sharing cooperative agreement applications.

**SUMMARY:** On December 13, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** announcing that the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) intends to issue a solicitation for cooperative agreement applications (SCAA) to assist State and local governments and other nonprofit eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs) pursuant to chapter 142, title 10, United States Code. Written comments, that were to be submitted by January 31, 2003, concerning this proposed SCAA were also invited. Comments from four organizations were received. The comments fell into four categories. The first category was editorial changes and corrections. DLA has incorporated most of these as they improve or correct formatting, paragraph numbering, etc. The second category was a suggestion that two thresholds be changed: (1) Increase the funding limitation of \$150,000 for less than statewide programs and (2) change the existing requirement that a statewide program service at least 50% of a state's counties and 75% of the state's labor force to 50% of a state's counties or 75% of the state's labor force. Neither of these suggestions will be implemented. The funding limitation is statutory and it is

not within DLA's discretion to increase it. The suggestion to change the regulatory definition of statewide program had previously been made and it was determined that such a change would not benefit the overall program. The third category is the suggestion that DLA adopt an award selection methodology that would implement the recently increased funding level authorized for statewide programs while at the same time minimize any disruption to the existing satisfactorily performing programs, both statewide and less than statewide. DLA agrees with this comment and has implemented changes in section II of the SCAA at paragraphs 21 and 28 and in section V, paragraph D. The fourth category was the suggestion that the option award procedures be modified to allow for increases in the amount of DoD funds for which individual programs may apply in option years, should funds be available. DLA agrees with this comment and has implemented changes in section I, paragraph K, and section VIII, paragraph F.

This revised proposed SCAA is available for review on the Internet Web site: <http://www.dla.mil/db/draftscaa.pdf>.

Printed copies are not available for distribution.

You are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposed revised SCAA to: Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 8727 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 1127, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6221. Attn: Grants Officer.

All comments must be received by March 10, 2003, in order for them to be considered. DLA intends to post the proposed SCAA, when finalized, on the Internet in late March or early April 2003. A future notice to be published in the **Federal Register** will announce this posting and the Web site address to be utilized in accessing the final SCAA and to submit applications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diana Maykowskyj at (703) 767-1656.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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#### Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools—Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students—Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

*Purpose of Program:* The Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students provides awards to develop or enhance, implement, and evaluate campus- and/or community-based strategies to prevent high-risk drinking or violent behavior among college students.

For FY 2003 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priorities we describe in the *Priorities* section of this application notice.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education (IHEs), consortia thereof, public and private nonprofit organizations, or individuals.

*Applications Available:* February 14, 2003.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 31, 2003.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 30, 2003.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Department expects to make available \$2,250,000 for this program for FY 2003. 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 before the end of the current fiscal year.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$100,000-\$150,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$125,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 18.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 24 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) the notice of final priority and selection criteria, as published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2000 (65 FR 82224-82226) and January 10, 2001 (66 FR 19623), apply to this competition.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An application under this program should address the specific needs of the

applicant and propose activities specifically designed to meet those needs. The Deputy Under Secretary strongly discourages applicants from using "form" applications or proposals that address general rather than specific local needs.

**Priorities:** This competition focuses on projects designed to meet either of the two priorities in the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2000 (65 FR 82224–82226) and January 10, 2001 (66 FR 1963).

**Absolute Priority #1—Develop or Enhance, Implement, and Evaluate Campus- and/or Community-Based Strategies To Prevent High-Risk Drinking Among College Students**

Under this priority, applicants are required to:

(1) Identify a specific student population to be served by the grant and provide a justification for its selection;

(2) Provide evidence that a needs assessment has been conducted on campus to document prevalence rates related to high-risk drinking by the population selected;

(3) Set measurable goals and objectives for the proposed project and provide a description of how progress toward achieving goals will be measured annually;

(4) Design and implement prevention strategies, using student input and participation, that research has shown to be effective in preventing high-risk drinking by the target population;

(5) Use a qualified evaluator to design and implement an evaluation of the project using outcomes-based (summative) performance indicators related to behavioral change and process (formative) measures that assess and document the strategies used; and

(6) Demonstrate the ability to start the project within 60 days after receiving Federal funding in order to maximize the time available to show impact within the grant period.

**Absolute Priority #2—Develop or Enhance, Implement, and Evaluate Campus- and/or Community-Based Strategies To Prevent Violent Behavior Among College Students**

Under this priority, applicants are required to:

(1) Identify a specific student population to be served by the grant and provide a justification for its selection;

(2) Provide evidence that a needs assessment has been conducted on campus to document prevalence rates related to violent behavior;

(3) Set measurable goals and objectives for the proposed project and

provide a description of how progress toward achieving goals will be measured annually;

(4) Design and implement prevention strategies, using student input and participation, that research has shown to be effective in preventing violent behavior among college students;

(5) Use a qualified evaluator to design and implement an evaluation of the project using outcomes-based (summative) performance indicators related to behavioral change and process (formative) measures that assess and document the strategies used; and

(6) Demonstrate the ability to start the project within 60 days after receiving Federal funding in order to maximize the time available to show impact within the grant period.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet either of the priorities.

**Selection Criteria:** The following selection criteria are used to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion or factor under that criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(1) *Need for project.* (15 points)

In determining the need for the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The magnitude or severity of the problem to be addressed by the proposed project. (10 points)

(b) The extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses. (5 points)

(2) *Significance.* (20 points)

In determining the significance of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The likelihood that the proposed project will result in system change or improvement. (5 points)

(b) The potential contribution of the proposed project to the development and advancement of theory, knowledge, and practices in the field of study. (10 points)

(c) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies. (5 points)

(3) *Quality of the project design.* (30 points)

In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved

by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable. (10 points)

(b) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs. (5 points)

(c) The extent to which the design of the proposed project reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (10 points)

(d) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies and organizations providing services to the target population. (5 points)

(4) *Quality of project personnel.* (10 points)

In determining the quality of project personnel, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. (3 points)

(b) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel. (7 points)

(5) *Quality of the project evaluation.* (25 points)

In determining the quality of the evaluation, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (10 points)

(b) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible. (10 points)

(c) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes. (5 points)

*For Applications and Further Information Contact:* Richard Lucey, Jr., U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E252, Washington, DC 20202–6123. Telephone: 202/205–5471. Fax: 202/260–7767. E-mail: [richard.lucey@ed.gov](mailto:richard.lucey@ed.gov). To download a copy of the application, visit the Web site for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSDFS>.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800/877–8339.

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Individuals with disabilities also may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

### Application Procedures

**Note:** Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

### Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students is one the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) portion of the Grants Administration and Payment System (GAPS). Users of e-Application will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. You may not e-mail a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We request your participation in e-Application. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value because you submit a grant

application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit an application in paper format. When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operation.

- You may submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award Number (an identifying number unique to your application).

- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

- (1) Print ED 424 from the e-Application system.
- (2) The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
- (3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.
- (4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at 202/260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

- *Closing Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability:* If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students and you are prevented from submitting your application on the closing date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension—

- (1) You must be a registered user of e-Application, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and

- (2)(a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (ET), on the deadline date; or

- (b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET)) on the deadline date. The Department must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension you must contact either (1) the person listed

elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 888/336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information about the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

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**Judge Eric G. Andell,**

*Deputy Under Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans

**AGENCY:** President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming teleconference meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans (Commission). The main agenda item for this teleconference is to approve the Commission's final report to the President. This notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of this meeting is