

alternatives after the draft joint EIS/EIR is released to the public in 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Notice of Members

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to list the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (National Advisory Committee) and to give the public the opportunity to nominate candidates for the positions to be vacated by those members whose terms will expire on September 30, 2006. This notice is required under Section 114(c) of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended.

What is the Role of the National Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee is established under Section 114 of the HEA, as amended, and is composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Education from among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, including representatives of all sectors and type of institutions of higher education.

The National Advisory Committee meets at least twice a year and provides recommendations to the Secretary of Education pertaining to:

- The establishment and enforcement of criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.

As the Committee deems necessary or on request, the Committee also advises the Secretary about:

- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized

accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the interim eligibility of those institutions to participate in Federally funded programs.

- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

What Are the Terms of Office for Committee Members?

The term of office of each member is 3 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed is appointed for the remainder of the term. A member may be appointed, at the Secretary's discretion, to serve more than one term.

Who Are the Current Members of the Committee?

The current members of the National Advisory Committee are:

Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/06

- Dr. Carol D'Amico, Chancellor, Ivy Tech State College, Central Indiana.
- Mr. Ronald S. Blumenthal, Senior Vice President, Administration, Kaplan University, Iowa.
- Dr. Thomas E. Dillon, President, Thomas Aquinas College, California.
- Mr. David Johnson, III, Student, Brigham Young University and University of Utah.

Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/07

- Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis, President Emeritus, University of New Haven, Connecticut.
- Dr. Geri H. Malandra, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Planning and Accountability, University of Texas System.
- Ms. Andrea Fischer-Newman, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Northwest Airlines.
- Dr. Laura Palmer Noone, President, University of Phoenix, Arizona.

Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/08

- Dr. Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Tennessee.
- Dr. Arthur Keiser, Chancellor, Keiser Collegiate System, Florida.
- Dr. George A. Pruitt, President, Thomas A. Edison State College, New Jersey.

How Do I Nominate An Individual for Appointment As a Committee Member?

If you would like to nominate an individual for appointment to the Committee, send the following information to the Committee's Executive Director:

- A copy of the nominee's resume; and
- A cover letter that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual and contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, and business phone and fax numbers).

The information must be sent by June 2, 2006 to the following address: Francesca Paris-Albertson, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education, room 7110, MS 7592, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

How Can I Get Additional Information?

If you have any specific questions about the nomination process or general questions about the National Advisory Committee, please contact Ms. Francesca Paris-Albertson, the Committee's Executive Director, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail: Francesca.Paris-Albertson@ed.gov between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition: EU-U.S. Atlantis Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

Catalog of Federal Domestic

Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.116J.

Dates: Applications Available: April 11, 2006.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 7, 2006.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 7, 2006.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education (IHEs) or combinations of IHEs and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

Estimated Available Funds: \$500,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000–\$150,000 for the first year; \$200,000–