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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Personal Information Questionnaire; NAVMC 11064; OMB Number 0703-0012.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 16,700.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 16,700.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,350.

Needs and Uses: The Personal Information Questionnaire is used to provide Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps with a standardized method in rating officer program applicants in the areas of character, leadership, ability, and suitability for service as a commissioned officer. Respondents are educators, employers, and other professional individuals to be named by the applicant.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Patrica L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison

Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

ARMS Initiative Implementation

AGENCY: Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC charters the development of new and innovative methods to optimize the asset value of the Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated ammunition industrial base for peacetime and national emergency requirements, while ensuring economical and efficient processes at minimal operating costs, matching critical skills, balancing community economic benefits, and becoming a model for defense conversion. This meeting will update the EAC and public on the status of ongoing actions, new items of interest, and suggested future direction/actions. Topics for this meeting will include—Logistics Support Facility (LST) Award using ARMS facility contract model; Office of Installations, Logistics and Environment and Pendulum Management Company LLC Team's "Leasing Comparison" presentation; tenant transition process at excessed facilities; the Industrial Operations Command Strategic Plan; procedures for competition of facilities; EAC membership nominations; criteria for tenant proposal evaluation; facility requirements due to Threatcon Level Alpha or higher security requirements; and PricewaterhouseCoopers' "Best of Breed" presentation. This meeting is open to the public.

Date of Meeting: February 8-9, 2000.

Place of Meeting: Xerox Document University (XDU), Routes 7 and 659, Leesburg, Virginia 20176.

Time of Meeting: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on February 8 and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on February 9.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Elwood H. Weber, ARMS Task Force, HQ Army Materiel Command, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria Virginia 22333; Phone (703) 617-9788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To assist in the EAC Meeting administrative support requirements, request that all attendees provide their desired overnight accommodations (2, 1 or 0 nights) to Mr. Elwood Weber (703) 617-9788/email eweber@hqamc.army.mil or Ms. Susan Alten (703) 617-4718/email susan.alten@hqda.army.mil. XDU is a multifunctional and secure campus type atmosphere, which requires all attendees to provide advance notification, even those not staying overnight. To insure your immediate accessibility and expeditious registration, we request your attendance confirmation with this office by January 19, 2000. After January 19 your requests will be accepted on a space available basis. Corporate casual is meeting attire.

Mary V. Yonts,

Army Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No: 84.031]

Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 2000

Purpose of Programs

The Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs are all authorized under Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). These programs will be referred to collectively in this notice as the Title III Part A programs. Each provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education to enable them to improve their academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability, and increase their self-sufficiency; thereby supporting the elements of the National Education Goals that are relevant to these institutions' unique missions.

Special Notes

1. A grantee under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program authorized under Title V of the HEA may not receive a grant under any part of the Title III Part A program, if any part of its HSI Program grant would overlap with the Title III Part A Program grant. Further, an HSI Program grantee may not give up that grant in order to apply for a grant under any Title III Part

A program. Therefore, a current HSI Program grantee may not apply for a grant under any Title III Part A programs under this notice.

2. An institution that does not fall within the limitation described in paragraph one may apply for a fiscal year 2000 grant under any Title III Part A program as well as the HSI Program. However, the institution may receive only one grant under any of those programs. Accordingly, if an institution applies for a grant under more than one program it must indicate that fact in each application, and further indicate which grant it wishes to receive if it is selected to receive a grant under more than one program.

3. We have changed the way we collect information for determining the value of endowment funds and total expenditures for library materials. As a result of that change, we do not now have base year data beyond 1996-1997 data. Consequently, in order to award FY 2000 grants in a timely manner, we will use 1996-1997 base year data.

Applications Available: January 10, 2000.

Deadline For Transmittal of Applications: February 18, 2000 for Title III Part A Programs development grants; March 2, 2000 for Title III Part A Programs planning grants.

Electronic Submission of Planning Grant Applications

Methods for Submission of Grant Applications

Institutions may submit applications for planning grants under the Title III Part A Programs electronically or in a paper format. Institutions must submit paper applications for development grants under each Title III Part A program.

Electronic Submission

Starting with the fiscal year 2002 competition, we hope to develop the capability to distribute, receive, and process discretionary grant applications electronically. To that end, we are conducting a limited pilot project under which applicants can submit

electronically their applications for selected discretionary grant programs. Applications for planning grants under the Title III Part A Programs (CFDA Nos.: 84.031A, N, T, and W) have been included in the pilot.

This pilot will involve the use of E-GAPS, the Electronic Grant Application System portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). If an applicant participates in an E-GAPS Pilot, it is important to note the following:

- Participation in the E-GAPS pilot is strictly voluntary.
- Applicants will be able to submit all documents electronically including the Application for Federal Education Assistance, ED 424, the ED 524 Budget form and all necessary assurances and certifications. Original signatures on required forms may be requested at a later date.
- No points will be added or subtracted from an applicant's score because the applicant chose to submit its application electronically.
- The electronic grant application for the Title III Part A Programs-Planning Grants can be accessed at: <http://gapsweb.ed.gov/>.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 18, 2000 for Title III Part A Programs development grants; May 2, 2000 for Title III Part A Programs planning grants.

Available Funds: Approximately \$16,000,000 for the Strengthening Institutions Program; \$3,000,000 for the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program; and \$2,000,000 for the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$330,000-365,000 for development grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program; \$30,000-35,000 for planning grants under the Title III Part A Programs; and \$347,000-\$395,000 for development grants under the American Indian Tribally Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$350,000 for development grants under

the Strengthening Institutions Program; \$32,500 for planning grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program; \$371,000 for development grants under the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program; and \$371,000 for development grants under the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

Estimated Number of Awards: 44 development grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program; 14 planning grants under the Title III Part A Programs; 8 development grants under the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program; and 5 development grants under the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

Project Period: 60 months for development grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program; and 12 months for planning grants under the Title III Part A Program.

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

Special Funding Considerations: In tie-breaking situations, described in 34 CFR 607.23 of the Strengthening Institutions Program regulations, we award one additional point to an applicant institution that has an endowment fund for which the 1996-1997 market value per full-time equivalent (FTE) student was less than the comparable average per FTE student at similar type institutions. We also award one additional point to an applicant institution that had 1996-1997 expenditures for library materials per FTE student that were less than the comparable average per FTE student at similar type institutions.

For the purpose of these funding considerations, an applicant must demonstrate that the market value of its endowment fund per FTE student, and library expenditures per FTE student, were less than the following national averages for years 1996-1997:

	Average market value of endowment fund, per FTE student	Average library materials expenditures per FTE student
Two-year Public Institutions	\$ 1,332	\$ 45
Two-year Nonprofit, Private Institutions	11,556	121
Four-year Public Institutions	2,829	165
Four-year Nonprofit Private Institutions	45,579	245

If a tie remains, after applying the additional point or points, we determine that an institution will receive a grant according to a combined ranking of two-year and four-year institutions. This ranking is established by combining endowment values per FTE student and library expenditures per FTE student. The institutions with the lowest combined library expenditures per FTE student and endowment values per FTE student are ranked higher in numerical order.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Department of Education General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 607. Amendments to 34 CFR part 607 relating to the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities and Alaska Native and Native-Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs are published in the final rule portion of the **Federal Register** of December 15, 1999, 64 FR 70146, 70153-70155.

For Applications or Information Contact: Darlene B. Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Telephone (202) 502-7777; E-mail: darlene_collins@ed.gov

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

Claudio R. Prieto,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA NO.: 84.031H]

Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for fiscal year (FY) 2000 for the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions and Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Programs

Purpose of These Programs: Under the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs authorized under Part A of Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for grants if they meet specific statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. Similarly, Hispanic-Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for grants under the HSI Program, now authorized under Title V of the HEA, if they meet specific statutory and regulatory requirements.

In addition, an institution that is designated as an eligible institution under those programs may also receive a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work Study (FWS), and Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs (UISFLP). These first two programs are student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the HEA; the third program is authorized under Title VI of the HEA. Qualified institutions may receive these waivers even if they are not recipients of grant funds under the Title III Part A or Title V programs.

Special Note: Two of the criteria that each eligible institution must satisfy relate to enrollment of needy students and Education and General (E&G) expenditures. However, we changed the collection processes for determining the

thresholds for these criteria, and as a result, base year data beyond 1996-1997 is currently unavailable.

In order to award FY 2000 grants in a timely manner, we will use 1996-1997 base year data to determine eligibility. Moreover, for FY 2000, we will extend the eligibility status an additional year for all institutions designated as eligible in FY 1999, with one exception—Title III and Title V institutions whose grant expired on September 30, 1999. These institutions must apply for FY 2000 eligibility using 1996-1997 base year data. Of course, institutions that were not designated as eligible institutions in fiscal year 1999 must apply under this notice for that designation for fiscal year 2000.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:

- February 4, 2000 for applicant institutions that wish to apply for fiscal year 2000 grants under the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions, and HSI Programs.

- May 26, 2000 for applicant institutions that wish to apply only for waivers under the FSEOG, FWS, or UISFLP Programs.

Thus, if an applicant institution wishes to apply for a grant and a waiver, the deadline date is February 4, 2000.

Electronic Submission of applications: For FY 2000, we are offering applicant institutions the option of submitting their Designation of Eligibility applications electronically. Moreover, institutions that are unable to meet the needy student enrollment or the E&G expenditure requirement may also submit their waiver requests electronically.

Eligibility Applications Available: January 5, 2000.

Eligibility Information: To qualify as an eligible institution under any of the programs included in this notice, an accredited institution must, among other things, have a high enrollment of needy students, and its education and general (E&G) expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be low in comparison with the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction. The complete eligibility requirements for HSI Program institutions are found in the 34 CFR 606.2-606.5, which was published in the **Federal Register** of December 15, 1999, 64 FR 70146-70153. The complete eligibility requirements for the remaining programs are found in 34 CFR 607.2-607.5, a portion of which was also amended in the **Federal**