

endangered species under their respective jurisdictional responsibilities. Coordination will be maintained with the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding prime and unique farmlands. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be consulted regarding the "Swampbuster" provisions of the Food Security Act. Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Counsel on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will be consulted regarding consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be contacted concerning potential impacts to Natural and Scenic Streams.

5. *Availability of Draft PEIS.* It is anticipated that the Draft PEIS will be available for public review during the summer of 2004. A 45-day review period will be provided so that all interested agencies, groups and individuals will have an opportunity to comment on the Draft PEIS. In addition, public meetings will be held during the review period to receive comments and address questions concerning the Draft PEIS.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Grant of Partially Exclusive Licenses

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of a prospective partially exclusive license for the manufacture, use, and sale of building elements or blocks based on U.S. Patent Number 6,264,735 entitled "Low-Lead Leaching Foamed Concrete Bullet Barrier" and U.S. Patent Number 6,620,236 entitled "Material, and Method of Producing it, for Immobilizing Heavy Metals Later Entrained Therein" having a unit weight of 100 pounds or less.

ADDRESSES: United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, ATTN: CEERD-OP-MS (Mr. Phillip Stewart), 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199.

DATES: Written objections must be filed not later than 30 days after publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Phillip Stewart, ATTN: CEERD-OP-MS; (601) 634-4113, FAX (601) 634-4110; e-mail:

phillip.stewart@erdc.usace.army.mil; U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These patents relate to a low-lead leaching foamed concrete having properties that make it a highly desirable material for use as a bullet barrier. Bullets will not ricochet upon impact, but remain embedded in the concrete. The material is non-flammable, and the calcium phosphate and aluminum hydroxide in the admixture react with the lead fragments from the bullets to produce an insoluble lead aluminum phosphate coating that keeps lead out of the environment, eliminating the high disposal costs associated with what would otherwise be a hazardous material. This concrete material is being made and sold under the trademark name of SACON® shock absorbing concrete. Patent number 6,264,735 claims the addition of phosphate to a foamed cement-based mortar and patent number 6,620,236 claims the addition of phosphate and aluminum compounds to a foamed Portland cement-based mortar. The United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, intends to grant an exclusive license for the manufacture, use, and sale of building elements or blocks having a unit weight of less than 100 pounds or less that are based on the subject patents to Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation, a non-profit corporation created in 1990 by the state of Mississippi with principal offices located in Jackson, Mississippi. Pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7(b)(1)(i), any interested party may file a written objection to this prospective exclusive license agreement.

Richard L. Frenette,
Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education

Overview Information; Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs (Training Program); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.103A.

Dates:

Applications Available: May 6, 2004.
Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 28, 2004.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 27, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations.

Estimated Available Funds:
\$6,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards:
\$300,000-\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:
\$400,000.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding the maximum amount listed for each of the five absolute priorities, listed below, for a single budget period of 12 months:

- Priority 1: \$500,000;
- Priority 2: \$500,000;
- Priority 3: \$300,000;
- Priority 4: \$400,000; and
- Priority 5: \$300,000.

The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, successful applicants must provide training to at least one trainee for each \$1,500 awarded, unless we specifically approve another amount.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10-15.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: To improve the operation of projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs, the Training Program provides grants to train staff and leadership personnel employed in, participating in, or preparing for employment in projects funded under the TRIO Programs.

Priorities: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv) and 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), these priorities are from section 402G(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA); and the

regulations for this program (34 CFR 642.34). Each successful applicant must provide at least one training session on each requisite topic listed within a specific priority that is tailored to the needs of TRIO staff with less than two years of TRIO project experience.

Each application must clearly identify the specific priority number for which a grant is requested, and must address each of the topics listed under that specific priority. An application for a grant under a specific priority must not include information concerning any other priority. For example, an application for a grant under Priority 1 must address only training to improve budget management, recordkeeping and reporting student and project performance, and evaluation of project performance. The application should not include information concerning any other topic or priority.

Absolute Priorities: For FY 2004, these priorities are absolute priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet these priorities. These priorities are:

Priority 1. Training to improve: budget management; recordkeeping and reporting student and project performance; and evaluation of project performance.

Number of expected awards: 1–3.

Maximum award amount: \$500,000.

Priority 2. Training on: the legislative and regulatory requirements for operation of the Federal TRIO Programs; personnel management; and student financial aid.

Number of expected awards: 1–3.

Maximum award amount: \$500,000.

Priority 3. Training on: counseling; and retention and graduation strategies.

Number of expected awards: 1–3.

Maximum award amount: \$300,000.

Priority 4. Training to coordinate project activities with other available resources and activities and training to design and operate a model TRIO project.

Number of expected awards: 1–3.

Maximum award amount: \$400,000.

Priority 5. Training in the use of educational technology.

Number of expected awards: 1–3.

Maximum award amount: \$300,000.

Maximum number of applications for a priority: An applicant may submit only one application for a grant under each priority. If an applicant submits more than one application under a specific priority, we will accept only the first application submitted and we will reject all other applications. Each application must clearly identify the specific priority number for which a grant is requested, and must address each of the topics listed under the

specific priority. An application for a grant under a specific priority must not include information concerning any other priority. For example, an application for a grant under Priority 1 must address only training to improve budget management; record keeping and reporting student and project performance; and evaluation of project performance.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 and 20 U.S.C. 1070a–17.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 642.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian Tribes.

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

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: \$6,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300,000–\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$400,000.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding the maximum amount listed for each of the five absolute priorities, listed below, for a single budget period of 12 months:

Priority 1: \$500,000;

Priority 2: \$500,000;

Priority 3: \$300,000;

Priority 4: \$400,000; and

Priority 5: \$300,000.

The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, successful applicants must provide training to at least one trainee for each \$1,500 awarded, unless we specifically approve another amount.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10–15.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and other public and private nonprofit institutions and organizations.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching: This competition does not involve cost sharing or matching.

3. Other: An applicant may submit only one application for a grant under each priority. Each application must clearly identify the specific priority number for which a grant is requested, and must address each of the topics listed under that specific priority. An application for a grant under a specific priority must not include information concerning any other priority.

Successful applicants will be expected to provide training to at least one trainee for each \$1,500 awarded, unless we specifically approve another amount.

Each successful applicant also must provide at least one training session on each listed topic in a specific priority that is tailored to the needs of new project directors and TRIO staff with less than two years of TRIO project experience.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: Patricia S. Lucas or Virginia A. Mason, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006–8510. Telephone: (202) 502–7600 or by e-mail: TRIO@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting one of the program contact persons listed in this section.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission: Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this competition. Page Limit: You must limit the entire application (cover to cover, including all required forms, assurances and certifications) to no more than 50 pages using the following standards:

- A “page” is 8.5” x 11”, on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. However, you may single space all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or

- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:*

Applications Available: May 6, 2004.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: June 28, 2004.

The dates and times for the transmittal of applications by mail or by hand (including a courier service or commercial carrier) are in the application package for this competition. The application package also specifies the hours of operation of the e-Application Web site.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Deadline for Intergovernmental

Review: August 27, 2004.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* We specify unallowable costs in 34 CFR 642.41. We reference additional regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:*

Instructions and requirements for the transmittal of applications by mail or by hand (including a courier service or commercial carrier) are in the application package for this competition. Application Procedures: The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998, (Pub. L. 105-277) and the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, (Pub. L. 106-107) encourage us to undertake initiatives to improve our grant processes. Enhancing the ability of individuals and entities to conduct business with us electronically is a major part of our response to these Acts. Therefore, we are taking steps to adopt the Internet as our chief means of conducting transactions in order to improve services to our customers and to simplify and expedite our business processes.

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.

We are requiring that applications for grants under the Training Program—CFDA Number 84.103A—be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-GRANTS system. The e-GRANTS system is accessible through its portal page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

If you are unable to submit an application through the e-GRANTS system, you may submit a written request for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. In your request, you should explain the reason or reasons that prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application. Address your request to: Linda Byrd-Johnson, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 7085, Washington, DC 20006-8510. Please submit your request no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

If, within two weeks of the application deadline date, you are unable to submit an application electronically, you must submit a paper application by the application deadline date in accordance with the transmittal instructions in the application package. The paper application must include a written request for a waiver documenting the reasons that prevented you from using the Internet to submit your application.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

We are continuing to expand our pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Training Program—CFDA 84.103A is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Training Program—CFDA 84.103A you must submit your application to us in electronic format or receive a waiver.

The pilot project involves the use of e-Application. If you use e-Application, you will be entering data online while completing your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us. The data you enter online will be saved into a database. We shall continue to evaluate the success of e-Application and solicit suggestions for its improvement.

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

- When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operations. We strongly

recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to initiate an e-Application package.

- You will not receive 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.

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

- Your e-Application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.

- 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 e-Application.
2. The applicant'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.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability: If you are prevented from submitting your application on the application deadline 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. We will grant this extension if—

1. You are a registered user of e-Application and you have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and
2. (a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or

- (b) The e-Application system is 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., Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the persons listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** (see VII. Agency Contacts) or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Training Program—CFDA 84.103A at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this program competition are in 34 CFR Part 642.31 and the application package.

Note: For the FY 2004 competition, the Secretary has identified need for training projects through the selection of five absolute priorities. Therefore, the Secretary will consider that an applicant has satisfied the “need” criterion listed in 34 CFR 642.31(f) by applying for a grant under one of these priorities, and applicants do not have to address this criterion. The application package contains instructions on addressing the selection criteria.

2. *Review and Selection Process:* Within the specific absolute priority for which a grant is requested, the Secretary will select an application for funding in rank-order based on the application’s total score for the selection criteria and the applicant’s prior experience, pursuant to 34 CFR 642.30–646.32. Within each absolute priority, if there are applications with the same total scores, the Secretary will select for funding the applicant that has the greatest capacity to provide training in all regions of the Nation in order to assure accessibility to prospective training participants.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The

GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must provide an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. *Performance Measures:* The success of the Training Program will be measured by its cost-effectiveness, based on the percentage of TRIO personnel receiving training each year and by the percentage of those receiving training who rate the training as highly useful. All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their success in training TRIO personnel, including the average cost per trainee and the trainees’ evaluations of the effectiveness of the training provided.

VII. Agency Contacts

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Dated: April 5, 2004.

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Record of Decision on Mode of Transportation and Nevada Rail Corridor for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: On July 23, 2002, the President signed into law (Pub. L. 107–200) a joint resolution of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate designating the Yucca Mountain site in Nye County, Nevada, for development as a geologic repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the event the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) authorizes construction of the repository and receipt and possession of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) would be responsible for transporting these materials to the Yucca Mountain Repository as part of its obligations under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA). Pursuant to the NWPA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), DOE issued the “Final Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada” (DOE/EIS–0250F, February 2002) (Final EIS). That document analyzed the environmental impacts of the proposed action of constructing, operating and monitoring, and eventually closing a geologic repository for the disposal of 70,000 metric tons of heavy metal (MTHM) of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, as well as of transporting spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste from commercial and DOE sites to the Yucca Mountain site.

In preparing the Final EIS, DOE initiated public scoping in 1995, and subsequently issued for public comment a Draft EIS in 1999 and a Supplement to the Draft EIS in 2000. During the 199–day public comment period on the Draft EIS, DOE held public hearings in 21