

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

Purpose of Program: The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education; combinations of institutions of higher education; partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education; and public and private non-profit agencies and organizations, including professional and scholarly associations.

Applications available: September 5, 2001.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 5, 2001.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: January 4, 2002.

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: \$40,000–\$130,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$76,267 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 32.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months for grants to single institutions of higher education, and up to 36 months for grants to combinations of institutions of higher education and partnerships.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 655 and 658.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Matching requirement: Under title VI, part A, section 604(a)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1124(a)(5), Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grantees must provide matching funds in either of the following ways: (a) Cash contributions

from the private sector equal to one-third of the total project costs; or (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind contributions equal to one-half of the total project costs.

The Secretary may waive or reduce the required matching share for institutions that are eligible to receive assistance under part A or part B of title III, or under title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Priorities

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in section 604(a)(5) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1124(a)(5)) (see 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv)).

Applications from institutions of higher education or combinations or partnerships that: (a) Require entering students to have successfully completed at least two years of secondary school foreign language instruction; (b) require each graduating student to earn two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language or have demonstrated equivalent competence in the foreign language; or (c) in the case of a two-year degree granting institution, offer two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional five points to an application that meets the priority.

Invitational Priority

Within the competitive priority specified in this notice, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority:

Applications from institutions of higher education that propose activities that enrich or enhance the effectiveness of educational programs abroad, including pre-departure and post-return programs, and integrate education programs abroad into the curriculum of the home institution.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER

INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Corey, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: 202–502–7629 or via Internet: chris.corey@ed.gov

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1124.

Dated: August 13, 2001.

Robert L. Belle, Jr.,

Director, Higher Education, Preparation and Support Services, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Educational Research Policy
and Priorities Board; Teleconference**

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting by teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting by teleconference of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

The public is being given less than 15 days' notice of this meeting because of the need to expedite a decision on funding a major initiative of the Board.

DATES: August 21, 2001.

Time: 1:30–2:30 p.m., EDT.

Location: Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208–7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208–7564. Tel.: (202) 219–2065; fax: (202) 219–1528; e-mail: Thelma.Leenhouts@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208–0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to attend should contact the Board office at (202) 208–0692. The Executive Committee will review and approve decisions on contract activity for the remainder of FY 2001. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208–7564.

Dated: August 14, 2001.

Rafael Valdivieso,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Golden Field Office; Notice of Issuance of Supplemental Announcement.

AGENCY: The Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of supplemental announcement.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to

solicit Applications under this Supplemental Announcement 08, titled “Enhancing Economic Viability and Long-term Sustainability of Operating Geothermal Power Plants” of the Fiscal Year 2001 Broad-based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE–PS36–01GO90000. The Financial Assistance award(s) resulting from this Supplemental Announcement will be cooperative agreement(s).

DATES: DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement in mid-August, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the Supplemental Announcement and the Broad-based Solicitation once it is issued, interested parties must access the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html> under “Solicitations”, then locate the Solicitation number and Supplemental Announcement number. DOE does not intend to issue written copies of the solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401–3393 or via Facsimile to Ruth E. Adams at 303–275–4788 or electronically to Ruth-Adams@nrel.gov. Responses to questions will be made by Amendment and posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is seeking applications from a team that includes geothermal power plant operators, owners, and assessors for plant-wide assessments that will lead to substantial improvements in energy output, conversion efficiency, parasitic power reduction, and long-term sustainability. The goal in supporting such plant assessments is to develop case studies, which illustrate the benefits of adopting a plant-wide systems approach strategy across an entire production facility.

Geothermal Power plant applicant teams that take a comprehensive, plant-wide, systems approach to increasing energy conversion efficiency, production capacity, and improving sustainability are of interest. Specifically, proposals are sought where teams are considering the adoption of best available and emerging technologies using a variety of tools, information, process engineering techniques, and support systems. We anticipate that the plant would conduct the assessment by initially profiling the entire plant's energy requirements and energy-intensive processes. This would

be conducted in the form of an energy audit using state-of-the-art process modeling tools. Further assessment would then focus on specific components or systems that would offer the largest cost savings and return on investment. Assessment methodologies and strategies that aim to discover opportunities where the plant's investment in energy conversion efficiency and capacity are maximized will be of most interest.

Applications submitted by Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's), as defined by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 35.017, will not be considered for award. All questions concerning this Supplemental Announcement must be submitted in writing to Ruth E. Adams, Contracting Officer, at the locations specified under the contact for further information above.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on August 9, 2001.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Procurement Director, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01–425–000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

August 13, 2001.

Take notice that on August 6, 2001, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056–5310, filed in Docket No. CP01–425–000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to uprate certain compression facilities at its Burrillville, Rhode Island, compressor station in order to render up to 10,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service to Colonial Gas Company (Colonial), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “RIMS” link, select “Docket#” and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

Algonquin states that each of the two existing compressor units at the Burrillville compressor station has a design capacity of 6,950 HP and each is certificated by the Commission to