

forthcoming meeting 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 major initiative of the Board.

DATE: December 21, 1999.

TIME: 3–4 p.m., EST.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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. The Executive Committee will consider the authorization of funds for a national conference on middle school research and practice. 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: December 13, 1999.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.038, 84.033, and 84.007]

Office of Student Financial Assistance; Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for institutions to file an Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs (ED Form E40–34P, OMB #1845–0012) to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs (known collectively as the campus-based programs) for the 2000–2001 award year.

SUMMARY: We invite currently ineligible institutions of higher education that filed a Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) (ED Form 646–1) in one or more of the campus-based programs for the 2000–2001 award year to submit to us an Application for Approval to Participate and all required supporting documents for an eligibility and certification determination.

The campus-based programs are the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the Federal Work-Study Program, and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program and are authorized by title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The 2000–2001 award year is July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001.

CLOSING DATE: To participate in the campus-based programs in the 2000–2001 award year, a currently eligible institution must mail or hand-deliver its Application for Approval to Participate on or before January 21, 2000. The application, along with all required supporting documents for an eligibility and certification determination, must be submitted to the Institutional Participation and Oversight Service at one of the addresses indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Applications and Required Documents Delivered by Mail. The application for approval to participate and required supporting documents delivered by mail must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Institutional Participation and Oversight Service, P.O. Box 44805, L'Enfant Plaza Station, Washington D.C. 20026–4805.

An applicant must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following: (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark; (2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing

stamped by the U.S. Postal service; (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier; or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to us.

If an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

An applicant should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

An applicant is encouraged to use certified or at least first class mail. Institutions that submit applications for approval to participate and required supporting documents after the closing date of January 21, 2000, will not be considered for funding under the campus-based programs for award year 2000–2001.

Applications and Required Documents Delivered by Hand.

An application for approval to participate and required supporting documents delivered by hand must be taken to the U.S. Department of Education, Institutional Participation and Oversight Service, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Regional Office Building 3, (GSA Building), Room 3514, Washington, D.C. 20407. We will accept hand-delivered applications between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An application for approval to participate for the 2000–2001 award year that is delivered by hand will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on January 21, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the three campus-based programs, we allocate funds to eligible institutions of higher education. We will not allocate funds under the campus-based programs for award year 2000–2001 to any currently ineligible institution unless the institution files its “Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs” and other required supporting documents by the closing date. If the institution submits its application for approval to participate or other required supporting documents after the January 21, 2000 closing date, we will use this application in determining the institution's eligibility to participate in the campus-based programs beginning with the 2001–2002 award year.

For purposes of this notice, ineligible institutions only include:

(1) An institution that has not been designated as an eligible institution by us but has previously filed a FISAP; or

(2) An additional location of an eligible institution that is currently not included in the Department's eligibility certification for that eligible institution, but has been included in the institution's 2000-2001 FISAP.

We wish to advise institutions that the institutional eligibility form, "Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs," should not be confused with the FISAP form that institutions were required to submit electronically as of October 1, 1998, in order to be considered for funds under the campus-based programs for the 2000-2001 award year.

Applicable Regulations: The following regulations apply to the campus-based programs:

(1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.

(2) General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 673.

(3) Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR Part 674.

(4) Federal Work-Study Program, 34 CFR 675.

(5) Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 676.

(6) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.

(7) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.

(8) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.

(9) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning designation of eligibility, contact the appropriate ED Institutional Participation and Oversight Service (IPOS) case management team

by telephone, fax, or over the Internet. The case management teams are listed with telephone and fax numbers and Internet addresses in the Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid Programs on pages 5, 6, and 7 of the Introduction.

For technical assistance concerning the FISAP or other operational procedures of the campus-based programs, contact: Sandra K. Donelson, Title IV Delivery, Campus-Based Operations, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781. Telephone: (202) 708-9751. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the Alternate Format Center at (202) 260-9895 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*; and 20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*)

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 99-81-NG, et al.]

Northern Utilities, Inc., et al.; Orders Granting, Amending and Vacating Authorizations To Import and Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting, amending and vacating natural gas import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 13, 1999.

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