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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; Training and Information for Parents of Children With Disabilities—Community Parent Resource Centers; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.328C.*

**DATES:** *Applications Available:* November 8, 2005.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* January 3, 2006.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* March 4, 2006.

*Eligible Applicants:* Local parent organizations, as defined in section III. Eligibility Information in this notice.

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*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of this program is to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children.

*Priorities:* This competition contains an absolute priority and a competitive preference priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv) and (v), these priorities are from allowable activities specified in the statute, or otherwise authorized in the statute (see sections 672 and 681(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2006 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

#### *Community Parent Resource Centers*

*Background:* This priority supports community parent training and information centers in targeted communities that will provide underserved parents of children with disabilities, including low-income parents, parents of limited English proficient children, and parents with disabilities in that community, with the training and information they need to enable them to participate effectively in helping their children with disabilities to—

(a) Meet developmental and functional goals, and challenging academic achievement goals that have been established for all children; and

(b) Be prepared to lead productive, independent adult lives, to the maximum extent possible.

In addition, a purpose of this priority is to ensure that children with disabilities and their parents receive training and information on their rights, responsibilities, and protections under IDEA in order to develop the skills necessary to cooperatively and effectively participate in planning and decision making relating to early intervention, educational, and transitional services.

*Text of Priority:* Each community parent resource center assisted under this priority shall—

(a) Provide training and information that meets the training and information needs of parents of children with disabilities within the proposed targeted community to be served by the center, particularly underserved parents and parents of children who may be inappropriately identified as having disabilities when they do not have them;

**Note:** For purposes of this priority, “community to be served” refers to a community whose members experience significant isolation from available sources of information and support as a result of cultural, economic, linguistic, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

(b) Carry out the activities required of parent training and information centers under section 671(b) of IDEA, which are listed as follows:

(1) Serve the parents of infants, toddlers, and children, from ages birth through 26, with the full range of disabilities described in section 602(3) of IDEA.

(2) Familiarize themselves with the provision of special education, related services, and early intervention services in the areas they serve to help ensure that children with disabilities are receiving appropriate services.

(3) Ensure that the training and information provided meets the needs of low-income parents and parents of limited English proficient children.

(4) Assist parents to—

(A) Better understand the nature of their children’s disabilities and their educational, developmental, and transitional needs;

(B) Communicate effectively and work collaboratively with personnel responsible for providing special education, early intervention services, transition services, and related services;

(C) Participate in decision making processes, including those regarding participation in State and local assessments, and the development of individualized education programs under Part B of IDEA and individualized family service plans under Part C of IDEA;

(D) Obtain appropriate information about the range, type, and quality of—

(1) options, programs, services, technologies, practices and interventions that are based on scientifically based research, to the extent practicable; and

(2) resources available to assist children with disabilities and their families in school and at home, including information available through the Office of Special Education Programs’ (OSEP) technical assistance network and Communities of Practice;

(E) Understand the provisions of IDEA for the education of, and the provision of early intervention services to, children with disabilities;

(F) Participate in activities at the school level that benefit their children; and

(G) Participate in school reform activities.

(5) In States where the State elects to contract with the parent training and information center, contract with the State educational agencies to provide, consistent with paragraphs (B) and (D) of section 615(e)(2) of IDEA, individuals to meet with parents in order to explain the mediation process.

(6) Assist parents in resolving disputes in the most expeditious and effective way possible, including encouraging the use, and explaining the benefits, of alternative methods of dispute resolution, such as the mediation process described in section 615(e) of IDEA.

(7) Assist parents and students with disabilities to understand their rights

and responsibilities under IDEA, including those under section 615(m) of IDEA upon the student’s reaching the age of majority (as appropriate under State law).

(8) Assist parents to understand the availability of, and how to effectively use, procedural safeguards under IDEA, including the resolution session described in section 615(e) of IDEA.

(9) Assist parents in understanding, preparing for, and participating in, the resolution session as described in section 615(f)(1)(B) of IDEA;

(c) Establish cooperative partnerships with the parent training and information centers and other community parent resource centers funded in the State under sections 671 and 672 of IDEA;

(d) Be designed to meet the specific needs of families who experience significant isolation from available sources of information and support;

(e) Annually report to the Department on—

(1) The number and demographics of parents to whom it provided information and training in the most recently concluded fiscal year, including additional information regarding their unique needs and levels of service provided to them; and

(2) The effectiveness of strategies used to reach and serve parents, including underserved parents of children with disabilities, by providing evidence of how those parents were served effectively;

(f) Respond to requests from the National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC) and Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) and use the technical assistance services of the NTAC and PTACs in order to serve the families of infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities as efficiently as possible. PTACs are charged with assisting parent centers with administrative and programmatic issues;

(g) Budget for a two-day Project Directors’ meeting in Washington, DC during each year of the project. In addition, a project’s budget must include funds for the center’s project director to attend a Regional Project Directors meeting to be held each year of the project; and

(h) If the community parent resource center maintains a Web site, include relevant information and documents in a format that meets a government or industry-recognized standard for accessibility;

(i) Prior to developing any new product, whether paper or electronic, submit for approval a proposal describing the content and purpose of the product to the document review board of OSEP’s Dissemination Center;

(j) In collaboration with OSEP and the NTAC, participate in an annual collection of program data for the community parent resource centers and the parent training and information centers.

**Competitive Preference Priority:** Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address the following priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award additional points to an application that meets this priority.

This priority is:

We will award five points to an application that proposes to provide services to one or more Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, or Renewal Communities that are designated within the areas served by the center. (A list of areas that have been selected as Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, or Renewal Communities can be found at [http://hud.esri.com/egis/cpd/rcezec/ezec\\_open.htm](http://hud.esri.com/egis/cpd/rcezec/ezec_open.htm)) To meet this priority, an applicant must indicate that it will—

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(2) Devote a substantial portion of program resources to providing services within, or meeting the needs of residents of these zones and communities;

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Therefore, for purposes of this competitive preference priority, applicants can be awarded up to a total of five points in addition to those awarded under the selection criteria for this competition (see *Selection Criteria* in section V of this notice). That is, an applicant meeting the competitive preference priority could earn a maximum total of 105 points.

**Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking:** Under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed priorities. However, section 681(d) of IDEA makes the public comment requirements under the APA inapplicable to the priorities in this notice.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1472.

**Applicable Regulations:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in

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(a) Has a board of directors, the majority of whom are parents of children with disabilities ages birth through 26 from the community to be served.

(b) Has as its mission serving parents of children with disabilities from that community who (1) are ages birth through 26, and (2) have the full ranges of disabilities as defined in section 602(3) of IDEA.

Section 671(a)(2) of IDEA defines a "parent organization" as a private nonprofit organization (other than an institution of higher education) that—

(a) Has a board of directors—

(1) The majority of whom are parents of children with disabilities ages birth through 26;

(2) That includes—

(i) Individuals working in the fields of special education, related services, and early intervention; and

(ii) Individuals with disabilities; and

(iii) The parent and professional members of which are broadly representative of the population to be

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

3. **Other: General Requirements—**(a) The projects funded under this competition must make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities (see section 606 of IDEA).

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#### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. **Address to Request Application Package:** Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

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

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, the references, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

We will reject your application if—

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Applications for grants under this competition may be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov), or in paper format by mail or hand delivery. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery, please refer to section IV.6. *Other Submission Requirements* in this notice.

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

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4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This program 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.

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- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

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**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE), Albany Research Center (ALRC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of an intent to grant to Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. at Moon Township, Pennsylvania, an exclusive or partially exclusive license to practice the invention described in the U.S. patent number 6,815,386 titled, "Use of Phosphates to Reduce Slag Penetration in Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Based Refractories." The invention is owned by the United States of America, as represented by the Department of Energy (DOE). The proposed license will be exclusive or partially exclusive, subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government, and other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to grant the license, upon a final determination in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c), unless within 15 days of publication of this Notice the Research Marketing Specialist, Department of Energy, Albany Research Center, 1450 Queen Avenue, SW., Albany, OR 97321-2198, receives in writing any of the following, together with the supporting documents:

(i) A statement from any person setting forth reasons why it would not be in the best interest of the United States to grant the proposed license; or

(ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention, in which applicant states that it already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously.

**DATES:** Written comments or nonexclusive license applications are to be received at the address listed below no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of this published Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Paula Turner, Research Marketing Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, Albany Research Center, 1450 Queen Avenue SW., Albany, OR 97321-2198.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Paula Turner, Research Marketing Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, Albany Research Center, 1450 Queen Avenue SW., Albany, OR 97321-2198; Telephone (541) 967-5966; E-mail: [@turnerp@alrc.doe.gov](mailto:@turnerp@alrc.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 35 U.S.C. 209(c) provides the DOE with authority to grant exclusive or partially exclusive licenses in Department-owned inventions, where a determination can be made, among other things, that the desired practical application of the invention has not been achieved, or is not likely expeditiously to be achieved, under a nonexclusive license. The statute and implementing regulations (37 CFR part 404) require that the necessary determinations be made after public notice and opportunity for filing written objections.

Harbison-Walker Refractories, a business located at Moon Township, Pennsylvania, has applied for an exclusive or partially exclusive license to practice the invention and has a plan for commercialization of the invention.

The proposed license will be exclusive or partially exclusive, subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government, and subject to a negotiated royalty. The Department will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will grant the license if, after expiration of the 15-day notice period, and after consideration of written responses to this notice, a determination is made, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c), that the license grant is in the public interest.

Dated: October 18, 2005.

**George J. Dooley,**

*Research Director, Albany Research Center.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Bonneville Power Administration**

[BPA File No.: WP-07]

**2007 Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment Proceeding; Public Hearings, and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed wholesale power rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act), 16 U.S.C. 839, provides that BPA must establish and periodically review and revise its rates so that they are adequate to recover, in accordance with sound business principles, the costs associated with the acquisition, conservation and transmission of electric power, and to recover the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) and other costs incurred by BPA.

**ADDRESSES:** 1. Persons wishing to become formal parties to the proceeding must file a petition to intervene notifying BPA in writing of their intention to do so in conformance with the requirements stated in this notice. Petitions to intervene should be directed to Jennifer Sanders, Hearing Clerk, LP-7, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232 or may be e-mailed to the following e-mail address: [jsanders@bpa.gov](mailto:jsanders@bpa.gov), and must be received no later than 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on November 17, 2005. In addition, a copy of the petition must be served concurrently on BPA's General Counsel and directed to Peter J. Burger, LP-7, Office of General Counsel, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232 or be e-mailed to the following e-mail address: <http://www.pjburger@bpa.gov>. (See Part III (A) for more information.)

2. Non-party participants may submit written comments between November 21, 2005, and February 13, 2006. Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on February 13, 2006, in order to be considered in the draft Record of Decision (ROD). Written comments may be made as follows: in person at the field hearings (see schedule and locations in Part I of this Notice), online at BPA's Web site: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), or by mail to: BPA Communications, DKP-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428. Please