

Secondary Education in the Humanities, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after November 30, 1988.

2. Date: June 22, 1988.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 316-2.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Elementary and Secondary Education in the Humanities, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after November 30, 1988.

3. Date: June 24, 1988.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: M-14.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Elementary and Secondary Education in the Humanities, submitted to the Division of Education Programs, for projects beginning after November 30, 1988.

4. Date: June 23-24, 1988.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Undergraduate Education, submitted to the Office of Challenge Grants Programs, for projects beginning after December 1, 1988.

5. Date: June 28-29, 1988.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Small Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Office of Challenge Grants Programs, for projects beginning after December 1, 1988.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The Federal Demonstration Project (Formerly the Florida Demonstration Project); Phase II Solicitation

AGENCIES: National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Office of Naval Research, Department of Energy, and Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces a solicitation to select organizations to participate in a Federal Demonstration Project (FDP) to eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens on sponsored research, thereby enhancing research productivity. The FDP constitutes Phase

II of the current Florida Demonstration Project.

DATES: Evaluation and selection of organizations will be completed about August 15, 1988. Project organization and execution of Phase II agreements will be completed about October 1, 1988.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In April 1986 NIH, NSF, DOE, ONR, and USDA joined with the Florida State University System and the University of Miami in a demonstration of a standard and simplified research support instrument.

The demonstration was developed by Federal officials with the encouragement of the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable of the National Academy of Sciences.

The demonstration is testing the efficacy of standardizing and simplifying most Federal grant financial and administrative requirements as a means of enhancing research productivity and reducing administrative burden for Federal agencies and grantees.

The standard research grant being tested differs from the grants issued by most Federal agencies by eliminating most of the current requirements for Federal prior approval of certain expenditure items (foreign travel, permanent equipment, etc.) as long as pertinent grantee administrative systems are adequate. The terms of the Florida Demonstration Project also allow grantees the authority to incur pre-award costs up to 90 days before the effective date of the grant and to extend the period of the grant, if necessary, without Federal approval. Grantees may also determine that all Federally supported research of individual PI's is scientifically related and, if so, may charge available Federal funds to accomplish the work supported by each agency in the most effective way without detailed justifications of such allocations now required by Federal regulations. The Federal agencies continue to approve changes in the scope of the research or of the Principal Investigator.

Based on extensive review of the results of the project to date, an Interagency Assessment Committee

recommended to the Office of Management and Budget that all research agencies be authorized to make routine use of most of the above features and that the Demonstration be continued with an enlarged scope and broader participation. On May 18, OMB issued a memorandum to all agencies making these authorities available for all agencies to apply to many research awardees, including contractors. The following solicitation is intended to implement the recommendation that the Demonstration be continued in an expanded form.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide a mechanism to expand the scope of the Florida Demonstration Project and to broaden participation in demonstration activities.

Phase II will have the following basic purposes:

1. To refine and test further certain features of the Florida Demonstration Project.

2. To identify and test or review new features.

3. To serve as the basis for the continued development of a model policy for the administration of all fundamental research and related awards.

4. To serve as a catalyst for awardee organizations and state government participation in reducing unnecessary or redundant internal and state systems administrative burden.

5. To examine the potential effects of administrative requirements on research productivity and/or costs.

Eligibility and Composition of Phase II

This solicitation is open to all organizations which perform or administer Federally sponsored research, or recognized representatives of such organizations. Up to 20 organizations may be selected. Those organizations that participated in Phase I that submit proposals and wish to participate under the same conditions outlined in this solicitation for Phase II will be included.

The selection of organizations is intended to be broadly representative of the research community, including primarily large and small public and private colleges and universities, and also possibly predominantly undergraduate institutions, non-profit research institutions, hospitals, and profit-making organizations. However, no commitment is made to select either a minimum number of organizations or to ensure representation by every

organization type or other characteristics.

Participation Conditions

As a condition for participation in Phase II, the selected organizations will be required to agree to the following conditions:

1. To participate fully in the development and demonstration of Phase II activities; and in subsequent review and communication of Phase II results to appropriate officials and audiences.
2. To accept the General Terms and Conditions governing the current Florida Demonstration project, as revised for Phase II.
3. To conduct an assessment of its own internal systems and to report on and undertake appropriate organizational changes (including review and approval at organization system or state/local levels) to improve administrative systems by reducing unnecessary and redundant requirements.
4. To assess or measure actual or potential impact of changes on research productivity.
5. To defray the costs of participation without special awards or funding from the participating Federal agencies.

Selection Criteria

1. Proposed approach(es) to addressing required Phase II activities, including methodologies for assessing the impact of administrative changes on research productivity.
 2. Evidence of organizational and top management commitment to full participation in Phase II.
 3. Organization's proposed approach to its own internal systems assessment, including evidence of appropriate state system or agency agreement to engage in these or corresponding assessments.
 4. Evidence of experience and leadership in improving research administration.
- In addition to the above, equally weighted criteria, consideration will be given to achieving an appropriate representation of organizations, including organization type, size, extent of research support, geographic location, etc.

Evaluation of Proposals and Selection Process

Evaluation of proposals will be carried out by a panel comprised of Federal agency officials and representatives of the research community convened by the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR). The panel will make its recommendations to

an Interagency Assessment Committee, comprised of representatives of participating Federal agencies for final selection.

Organization of Phase II

Phase II will be organized around several major core activities and issues which will be addressed by the participating organizations and agencies. The emphasis of these activities will be on examining administrative requirements and processes which directly impact research productivity. The Federal agencies, in cooperation with the selected organizations, will assess policies and operational issues in the core areas; select appropriate issues for demonstration or testing purposes; develop demonstration protocol; and be the focal point for carrying out the activity and evaluating its results. Selected organizations must be involved in all the core areas. While the focus of the Phase II activities will be on Federal requirements and processes, selected organizations will be expected to make corresponding changes in internal systems, where appropriate and consistent with prudent stewardship of Federal or institutional resources.

Phase II Activities

The following core areas will be included in Phase II:

1. Terms, Conditions, and Award Instruments

The standard terms and conditions governing the original Florida Demonstration Project will be refined and modified, with particular emphasis on the issues of project relatedness, data rights and copyrightable materials, and issues related to different types of award instruments (grants, contracts, cooperative agreements). It is intended that, prior to the commencement of Phase II, the parties will ratify standard terms and conditions which will govern both the Phase II participation and awards made during Phase II. The period of the Phase II agreements will extend for 24 months.

2. Application Process

Issues pertaining to the administrative burden associated with the application process will be explored, with particular emphasis on the time, effort and paperwork required to comply with Federal application requirements. The goals of this core area will be to simplify the process for non-competing applications and funding and to develop uniform protocol and formats for application materials and electronic submission.

3. Reporting Requirements

Issues pertaining to the administrative burden associated with technical and financial reporting requirements will be explored. The focus of this core area will include contents of reports, standardization, and frequency, and electronic submission.

4. Audit Requirements

Alternatives to existing audit and systems review processes as a means of assuring appropriate accountability and proper stewardship of Federal funds will be explored.

Other Areas

In addition to the above core areas, selected organizations and participating agencies may agree to pursue additional administrative issues, including more limited studies and demonstrations which may not involve all participants. Examples of such activities could include developing standard certifications and assurances, addressing indirect cost negotiation and reimbursement issues, reviewing payment processes, etc.

What to Submit

Proposing organizations must submit fifteen (15) copies of a brief proposal (not to exceed 5 pages) which covers the following:

1. Phase II Narrative

A narrative describing: (i) the primary areas of organizational and staff expertise which the proposer would contribute to Phase II, with particular emphasis on the core activities; (ii) suggested approaches for addressing those areas; (iii) other suggested subject areas and features; (iv) expected benefits to organization and research community of organization's participation, including suggested methods or approaches for assessing the impact of changes on research productivity.

2. Commitment/Responsibility

A section indicating the organization's top management and working level willingness and commitment to fully participate in the Phase II activities. This discussion should also identify the person who will be responsible for coordinating the organization's participation and their qualifications. In the case of organizations representing university systems, a single contact is required.

3. Internal Systems Review

A brief description of what and how the organization would review its

internal systems and make or recommend changes. In the case of state institutions, how they will also seek review and appropriate changes at the system or state levels and evidence of appropriate state agency agreement to engage in such reviews.

4. Experience

A description of the organization's and its staff's experience and contributions in the area of sponsored research management.

5. Organization Profile

A brief summary of the organization's characteristics: type of institution/organization, size, Federal R&D funding for FY 85-87, by year and funding agency, etc.

Proposal Submission and Deadlines

Fifteen (15) copies of the organization's proposal must be received by C.O.B. July 15, 1988 at: Government—University—Industry, Research Roundtable, National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20418. Attention: FDP.

Selection and Schedule

Evaluation and selection of organizations will be completed about August 15, 1988.

Project organization and execution of Phase II agreements will be completed about October 1, 1988.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Meeting Agenda

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste will hold a meeting on June 27-29, 1988. The sessions on June 27-28, 1988 will be held in Room 1046, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions on June 29, 1988 will be held in the One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. The meeting room location will be determined at a later date.

Monday, June 27, 1988—Room 1046, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, DC

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.: Comments by ACNW Chairman (Open) — The ACNW

Chairman will report briefly regarding items of current interest.

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon: LLW Form and Polyethylene High-Integrity Containers (HICs) (Open) — The Division of Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning will report on recent staff and contractor actions concerning LLW solidified by cement, and studies regarding the serviceability of polyethylene HICs.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Licensing of LLW Treatment Processes and the Dry Storage and Consolidation of Spent Fuel (Open) — The NRR Staff will report on the licensing of waste management activities at reactor sites with emphasis on the consolidation of spent fuel, LLW treatment processes, and dry storage. Tuesday, June 28, 1988 — Room 1046, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, DC

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Future Activities and Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open) — The ACNW will meet to discuss anticipated ACNW activities, future meeting agendas, program plans and organization matters and preparation of ACNW reports as appropriate.

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Alternative Site Models of the Yucca Mountain Site (Open) — The DOE Staff and contractors will report on alternative site models for the Yucca Mountain Site with the emphasis on alternative models of the hydrologic regions at the Yucca Mountain Site.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Design Basis Accident Limits for the HLW Repository (Open) — The DOE Staff will discuss their proposed request for a rulemaking defining the design basis accident limit for the HLW repository.

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: NRC's Review of DOE's Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan (Open) — The NRC Staff will discuss their response to the May 11, 1988 memo from R. Fraley to V. Stello on the NRC Staff's review of DOE's Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan (CDSCP).

4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.: Consultation Draft Site Characterization Plan (Open) — The DOE Staff will review the content of the CDSCP and describe their plans to address the NRC Staff's comments on it.

Wednesday, June 29, 1988 — Room 2F-17, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: ACNW Future Activities and Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open) — The ACNW will meet and continue to discuss anticipated ACNW activities, future meeting agendas, program plans, and organizational matters.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open) — The ACNW will meet with the NRC Commissioners to discuss ACNW future activities.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: ACNW Future Activities and Preparation of ACNW Reports (Open) — The ACNW will meet and continue to discuss anticipated ACNW activities, future meeting agendas, program plans, and organizational matters and preparation of ACNW reports, as appropriate.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: New Members (Closed) — The ACNW will discuss appointments of proposed members and the qualifications of consultants considered for nomination.

I have determined in accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463 that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting as noted above to discuss information the release of which would represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)] or involve internal personnel rules and practices of the agency [5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2)].

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings are similar to those used by ACRS and published in the Federal Register on October 2, 1987 (51 FR 32241). The procedures which will be used are as follows:

Background

Procedures to be followed with respect to meetings conducted pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) are published in this notice. These procedures are set forth and may be incorporated by reference in future individual meeting notices. The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste has been established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94-463, 86 Stat. 770-776). The Commission has determined that the establishment of this Committee is necessary and in the public interest in order to obtain input, advice and recommendations on all aspects of the management of radioactive wastes within the purview of NRC regulatory responsibilities. The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations on topics, issues, and activities related to the regulation of nuclear wastes. Such activities encompass:

- Regulation of high-level waste, including the licensing of high-level waste repositories;
- Licensing and regulation of low-level waste disposal repositories; and