

scoping meeting to discuss project goals and offer ideas essential to developing alternatives to achieve those goals. An initial public meeting for the proposed El Rio Antiguo study is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, November 13, 2001. Please gather at 6 PM in the 1st Evangelical Free Church, located at 4700 N. Swan Road, in Tucson, Arizona. Individuals, organizations, and agencies who wish to offer information or data relevant to anticipated project objectives, alternatives, impacts, mitigation, or any similar consideration may do so by attending the public scoping meeting. If that means for communication proves infeasible, then kindly mail the information to any of the three addresses noted above.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.116M]

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition: US-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program (Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education Between the United States and Brazil); Notice inviting applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002.

Purpose of Program: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

Applications Available: November 9, 2001.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: March 29, 2002.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 28, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: \$300,000.

The estimated amount of funds available for awards is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2002. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$25,000-\$30,000 for FY 2002; \$190,000-\$210,000 for 4-year duration of grant.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$30,000 for FY 2002; \$200,000 for 4-year duration of grant.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is a Special Focus Competition under the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (Title VII, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended) to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education. The competition also includes an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American and Brazilian institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students, and the opening of educational opportunities between the United States and Brazil. The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Brazil. These awards support only the participation of US institutions and students in these consortia. Brazilian institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to the Coordination of Improvement of Personnel of Superior Level (CAPES), Brazilian Ministry of Education, for additional funding under a separate but parallel Brazilian competition.

Priority

Invitational Priority

We are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority:

Projects that support consortia of institutions of higher education that promote institutional cooperation and student mobility between the United States and Brazil.

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

Methods for Applying Selection Criteria

The Secretary gives equal weight to the listed criteria. Within each of the criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the factors.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 75.210.

(1) The significance of the proposed project, as determined by—

(a) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies;

(b) The likely utility of the products (such as information, materials, processes, or techniques) that will result from the proposed project, including the potential for their being used effectively in a variety of other settings; and

(c) The importance or magnitude of the results or outcomes likely to be attained by the proposed project, especially improvements in teaching and student achievement.

(2) The quality of the design of the proposed project, as determined by—

(a) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable; and

(b) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs.

(3) The adequacy of resources, as determined by—

(a) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project;

(b) The potential for continued support of the project after Federal funding ends, including, as appropriate, the demonstrated commitment of appropriate entities to such support; and

(c) The relevance and demonstrated commitment of each partner in the proposed project to the implementation and success of the project.

(4) The quality of the project personnel, as determined by—

(a) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel; and

(b) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

For Applications Contact: 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.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.116M.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: Copies of the application materials and further program information may also be obtained from Levenia Ishmell, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7500. You may also request application guidelines by submitting the name of the competition (US-Brazil) and your name and postal address to: fipse@ed.gov

Applications are also available on the FIPSE Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/Brazil/>

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Dated: November 6, 2001.

Maureen A. McLaughlin,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Planning and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of quarterly meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the 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 public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Mary Grace Lucier at (202) 219-2253 no later than November 15. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: November 30, 2001.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Grace Lucier, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2253; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Mary.Grace.Lucier@ed.gov. Main telephone for Board office: (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 agenda for November 30 will cover a report from the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences on a study commissioned by the Board on Scientific Principles in Educational Research. The Board will also consider its recommendations for the reauthorization of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement. A final agenda will be available from the Board's office on November 23, and will be posted on the Board's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPERI/NERPPB/>. 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, 80 F St. NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: November 2, 2001.

Rafael Valdivieso,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) intends to extend an information collection package for a period of three years, pursuant to Section 3507(h)(1) with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Industrial Relations collection package, OMB Control Number 1910-0600, collects information from DOE's Facilities Management Contractors (formerly known as Management and Operating [M&O] Contractors, and Management and Operating Type [M&O Type] Contractors) concerning the management and administration of their workforce. This information is used to exercise management oversight and cost control of our contracts and the application of statutory and contractual requirements. The collection of this data is critical to the Department. It is used to ensure that the contractors satisfy their contractual obligations; contract funds are expended as intended; and to detect and eliminate fraud, waste, and