

provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the draft EIS/EIR circulation.

8. Availability

The draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in 2001.

9. Decision To Be Made and Responsible Official

The Commander, Sacramento District is the Corps NEPA official responsible for compliance with NEPA for actions within the District's boundaries. The Reclamation Board is responsible for CEQA actions for the Comprehensive Study. After completion of review, the Chief of Engineers will sign his final report and transmit the report and accompanying documents to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)). After review, ASA(CW) will transmit the report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting its views in relation to the programs of the President. After OMB provides its views, ASA(CW) will sign the record of decision (ROD) and transmit the report to Congress. The responsible officials are: COL Michael Walsh, District Engineer, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922; Ms. Barbara LaVake, President, The Reclamation Board of the State of California, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

10. Coordination With Other Agencies

While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead Federal agency and The Reclamation Board of California is the lead State agency with responsibility to prepare this EIS/EIR, 17 State and Federal Agencies and the interagency CALFED program participate on the Executive Committee for this feasibility-level investigation. The Executive Committee provides broad study direction, assists in resolving emerging policy issues, and ensures that the study effort and its results are consistent and coordinated. State agencies participating on the Executive Committee are the Department of Water Resources, Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Fish and Game, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Boating and Waterways, State Lands Commission, and Office of Emergency Services. Federal agencies participating on the Executive Committee are U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Marine Fisheries

Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Geological Survey. The Environmental Protection Agency and Fish and Wildlife Service have regulatory responsibilities that could not efficiently be considered without direct involvement; guidance regarding formal consultation responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act will be provided by a Fish and Wildlife Service specialist who will participate as a member of the interdisciplinary team. Coordination with the California Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Fish and Game is necessary because some mission responsibilities overlap or are closely aligned with the flood and ecosystem management activities of the Corps and The Reclamation Board. Each agency will continue to participate as resources and competing demands permit. Other agencies, local and county governments will also be invited to participate, as appropriate.

11. Commenting

A draft EIS/EIR is expected to be available for public review and comment in 2001; and a final EIS/EIR in 2002. The comment period on the draft EIS/EIR will be 45 days from the date of availability published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Corps will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without the name and address.

Dated: May 11, 1999.

Michael J. Walsh,

COL, EN, Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.033]

Office of Postsecondary Education; Federal Work-Study Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for institutions to submit a request for a waiver of the requirement that an institution must use at least five percent of the total amount of its Federal Work-Study (FWS) Federal funds granted for the 1999-2000 award year to compensate students employed in community service jobs.

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to submit a written request for a waiver of the statutory requirement that an institution must use at least five percent of its total FWS Federal funds granted for the 1999-2000 award year (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000) to compensate students employed in community service jobs.

DATES: *Closing Date for submitting a Waiver Request and any Supporting Information or Documents.* To request a waiver, you must mail or hand-deliver your waiver request and any supporting information or documents to the Department on or before June 18, 1999. The Department will also accept a waiver request submitted by facsimile transmission to Ms. Sandra Donelson at (202) 401-0387 or (202) 260-0522 by 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) on June 18, 1999. If you mail or hand-deliver your waiver request, you must submit the waiver request to the Institutional Financial Management Division at one of the addresses indicated below.

ADDRESSES: *Waiver Request and any Supporting Information or Documents Delivered by Mail.* You must address the waiver request and any supporting information or documents that you send by mail to Ms. Sandra Donelson, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, DC 20026-0781.

You must show proof of mailing your waiver request. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If you send a waiver request through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary

does 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. Please note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office. We encourage you to use certified or at least first-class mail. If you submit a waiver request after the closing date you will not receive a waiver.

Waiver Requests and any Supporting Information or Documents Delivered by Hand. You must take a waiver request and any supporting information or documents that you deliver by hand to Ms. Sandra Donelson, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Accounting and Financial Management Service, Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Room 4714, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC.

We will accept hand-delivered waiver requests between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. If you hand-deliver a waiver request for the 1999–2000 award year, you must submit your request by 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 443(b)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), an institution must use at least five percent of the total amount of its FWS Federal funds granted for an award year to compensate students employed in community service. However, the Secretary may waive this requirement if the Secretary determines that enforcing it would cause hardship for students at the institution.

An appropriate institutional official must sign the waiver request and include, above the signature, the following statement: "I certify that the information the institution provided in this waiver request is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information is subject to audit and program review by representatives of the Secretary of Education."

To receive a waiver, you must demonstrate that complying with the five percent requirement would cause hardship for students at your institution. To allow flexibility to consider factors that may be valid reasons for a waiver, the Secretary is not specifying the particular circumstances that would support granting a waiver. However, the Secretary does not foresee

many instances in which a waiver will be granted. The fact that it may be difficult for an institution to comply with this provision of the HEA is not a basis for granting a waiver.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to the Federal Work-Study program:

- (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 Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR part 675.
- (4) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600.
- (5) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR part 82.
- (6) Government Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR part 85.
- (7) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive information, contact Ms. Sandra Donelson, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, DC 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Application for Grants Under the Reading Excellence Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice to extend deadline for application for assistance under the Reading Excellence Act.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces the extension of the deadline for the Colorado State educational agency (SEA) to apply for a Fiscal Year 1999 new award under the Reading Excellence Act.

DATES: The new deadline for the Colorado SEA to submit its application will be May 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain further information, contact Dr. Joseph C. Conaty, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 5C141, Washington, DC 20202–6200; telephone (202) 260–8228; or email reading_excellence@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application package for the Reading Excellence Act, a competitive state grant program, was made available on April 3, 1999. The Department established the original closing date of May 7, 1999 on April 5, 1999 (64 FR 16574).

On May 6, 1999, the state of Colorado requested an extension of the deadline because the April 20, 1999, tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, prevented the SEA from working on its grant application.

In recognition of the unusual circumstances, the Secretary extends the deadline for the Colorado SEA application to May 21, 1999.

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