

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)**

AGENCY: Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

ACTION: Notice of a Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, and invites people to participate. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: Thursday, June 25, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Clark Room of the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Libby Doggett or Kim Lawrence, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-8428 or (202) 205-5507. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-9754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is established to: (1) minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical

assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC will consider and possibly take action on the following: selection of priorities for the next few years, a vision and mission statement, a set of operating policies and procedures, and a strategic plan that will guide the FICC work for the next three years, ways to resolve conflicts between Medicaid and private insurance in the provision of early intervention services, and implementation of changes in payment by Champus/Tricare for early intervention services. Reports from the FICC committees (Finance, Legislative, Integrated Services, Communication, Family Empowerment and Executive) will be heard and acted upon as necessary.

The meeting of the FICC is open to the public and will be physically accessible. Anyone requiring accommodations such as an interpreter, materials in Braille, large print, or cassette please call Kim Lawrence at (202) 205-8428 ten days in advance of the meeting.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW, Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Solicitation for Applications, Building a Sustainable Future Program Grants for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities**

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation DE-PS48-98R800658.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's (DOE's) Building a Sustainable Future grant program is designed to promote sustainable development projects in the 72 urban and 33 rural communities designated as Federal Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC's). On December 21, 1994, the Clinton Administration announced the EZ/EC program to assist distressed communities. In applying for EZ/EC

designation, communities had to address four key principles: (1) economic opportunity, (2) sustainable community development, (3) community-based partnerships, and (4) strategic vision for change. The Building a Sustainable Future grants have been set up to help EZ/EC's more effectively incorporate sustainable development into their activities.

DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy will consider proposals from interested EZ/EC's to help fund capacity building projects and sustainable community development activities. Funding can be used for activities that encourage the use of energy efficient technologies such as design charrettes, industrial ecology training, visioning exercises, energy efficient land-use planning techniques, and economic studies of the benefits of energy efficiency on jobs and the environment. This grant program will be administered by the Denver Regional Support Office and its Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the solicitation on May 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation (DE-PS48-98R800658), eligible parties may (1) see the DOE Golden Field Office website <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>, (2) write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Denver Regional Support Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, MS 1721, Golden, CO 80401 or (3) fax a request to Ken Snyder at (303) 275-4830. Telephone requests for the solicitation will not be granted.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project or activity must be conducted in one of the 105 currently designated Federal Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities. Any non-profit or non-federal public organization (501(c)(3) non-profit or State, City, County or Town office) can apply. Organizations/offices can sub-contract with non-profit or for-profit organizations for specific services. If the applicant does not represent the main authorized Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community implementing office, a letter of support from that office is needed as part of the application process. Cost-sharing is not required. Applications will be considered for projects and/or activities up to \$50,000 per project. Subject to the availability of funds, DOE anticipates that approximately \$250,000 will be made available this fiscal year to provide between 7 to 10 small grants (\$10,000 to \$50,000 in size). Additional requirements will be described in the