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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.129B]

Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training—Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling; Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for—

(1) Projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary;

(2) Projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary; and

(3) Projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Eligible Applicants: State agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian

Tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 17, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: November 16, 1999.

Applications Available: July 27, 1999.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$2,100,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$90,000 to \$100,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 21.

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

Maximum Award: In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$100,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Page Limit: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria used by reviewers in evaluating the application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages, using the following standards:

(1) A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

(2) You must double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

If you use a proportional computer font, you may not use a font smaller than a 12-point font or an average character density greater than 18 characters per inch. If you use a nonproportional font or a typewriter, you may not use more than 12 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; or the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

If, in order to meet the page limit, you use print size, spacing, or margins smaller than the standards specified in this notice, we will not consider your application for funding.

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

34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 386.

Priorities

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 386.1(b) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects that would provide training in vocational rehabilitation counseling, which the Secretary has identified as an area of personnel shortage.

Invitational Priorities: Within the absolute priority specified in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one of the following invitational priorities. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets one of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1—Master's Program

Projects that would offer training at the master's level through established graduate rehabilitation counseling programs that are accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education.

Invitational Priority 2—Doctoral Program

Projects that would offer training at the doctoral level through established graduate rehabilitation counseling programs.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

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 telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its web site (<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>) or its E-mail address (edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Service Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550.

Telephone: (202) 205-9817. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. (room 3318, Switzer Building), Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone (202) 205-9312. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 99-1]

Proposed Open Access Requirement for International Electric Transmission Facilities and Delegation to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Amendment to Presidential Permits and Export Authorizations and Delegation and Assignment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the Department of Energy's (DOE or Department) intention to amend existing Presidential permits issued for the construction, operation, maintenance, or connection of facilities at the international border for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and foreign countries to require permit holders to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission services. The open access requirement would also be attached to the permit holder's authorization(s) to export electricity. Notice is also given of the delegation and assignment by the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) of the authority to carry out functions of the Secretary related to the implementation and enforcement of this open access requirement. This delegation and assignment rescinds and supersedes a prior delegation of the Secretary to the Commission, which transferred the authority to effectuate open access over the United States portion of the international transmission lines of the El Paso Electric Company.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary has the authority under the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act) (Pub. L. 95-91) to approve or disapprove applications to transmit electricity to a foreign country pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). Moreover, the Secretary has the authority to approve or disapprove applications to construct, operate, maintain, or connect electric transmission facilities at the border between the United States and a foreign country through the issuance of a Presidential permit pursuant to

Executive Order (EO) 10485, dated September 3, 1953, as amended by EO 12038, dated February 3, 1978. Under section 202(e) of the FPA, the Secretary may issue necessary or appropriate supplemental orders to modify the terms or conditions of authorizations to export electricity. The export authorizations themselves allow for modification or termination. Under the authority of the EO, the Secretary may attach to the Presidential permit, and the rights granted thereunder, such conditions as the public interest may require.

These functions were originally vested in the Federal Power Commission (FPC). Subsection 301(b) of the DOE Act transferred to, and vested in, the Secretary all the functions of the FPC not specifically vested by the DOE Act in the Commission. The FPC's functions with respect to transmission of electricity to a foreign country and electric transmission facilities at the border were not specifically vested in the Commission by the DOE Act. Furthermore, subsection 402(f) of the DOE Act provides that no function which regulates the export or import of electricity shall be within the jurisdiction of the Commission unless the Secretary assigns such a function to the Commission.

In its Order No. 888 (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036 (1996)), the Commission required public utilities to provide comparable open access and non-discriminatory transmission service in interstate commerce in order to promote competition. In a later order in response to a request from Enron Power Marketing, Inc. (EPMI) for transmission access across the international transmission facilities of the El Paso Electric Company (EPE), the Commission expressed the opinion that cross-border electric trade ought to be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce (See Enron Power Marketing, Inc., 77 FERC ¶61,013 (1996)). However, the Commission determined that a gap existed in its authority to require open access from EPE's last substation within the United States up to the border. It further concluded that the Secretary, not the Commission, had the authority to regulate transmission access over the U.S. portion of international transmission lines under section 202(e) of the FPA and under the Executive