

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Undergraduate; International Studies and Foreign Language Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program provides grants to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages in the United States.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education; combinations of institutions of higher education; partnerships between nonprofit educational organizations and institutions of higher education; and public and private non-profit agencies and organizations, including professional and scholarly associations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 1, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 31, 1999.

Applications Available: September 7, 1999.

Available Funds: \$1,990,000. The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under this competition is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2000. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$40,000–\$130,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$71,071 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 28.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months for grants to single institutions of higher education, and up to 36 months for grants to combinations of institutions of higher education and partnerships.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations in 34 CFR parts 655 and 658.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Matching requirement: Under Title VI, Part A, section 604(a)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language grantees must provide matching funds in either of the following ways: (a) Cash contributions from the private sector equal to one-third of the total project costs; or (b) a combination of institutional and non-institutional cash or in-kind

contributions equal to one-half of the total project costs. The Secretary may waive or reduce the required matching share for institutions that are eligible to receive assistance under part A or part B of title III or under title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105 (c)(2)(i), 34 CFR 658.35, and section 604(a)(5) of title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards five points to an application that meets this competitive priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria:

Applications from institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions that: (a) Require entering students to have successfully completed at least two years of secondary school foreign language instruction; (b) require each graduating student to earn two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language or have demonstrated equivalent competence in the foreign language; or (c) in the case of a two-year degree granting institution, offer two years of postsecondary credit in a foreign language.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Idaho Operations Office; Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Awards of Financial Assistance**

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Solicitation Number DE–PS07–99ID13824.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of the domestic aluminum industry. The research is to address research priorities identified by the aluminum industry in the Aluminum Industry Technology Roadmap. This Roadmap can be found in the solicitation, which is available in its full text via the Internet at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/PSD/proc-div.html>.

Potential benefits of the research must be realized in manufacturing processes, not in end-use applications. Approximately \$6,500,000 in combined fiscal year 2000 and 2001 federal funds is expected to be available to totally fund the first year of selected research efforts. DOE anticipates making eight to twelve awards each with a duration of four years or less. Note: Additional funds of up to \$3,000,000 may be