

has yet to be tested in an operational environment.

The Department of Defense (DoD) in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration plans to conduct a six-month operational test of a PFNA system at the Ysleta/Zaragosa Border Station in Ysleta, Texas. Ysleta is next to the Rio Grande River just southeast of the city of El Paso. Ysleta was selected as the test location principally because it had space available (no additional land purchase was required) and sufficient commercial traffic.

The test facility will consist of an inspection building (approximately 220 feet by 60 feet) housing the PFNA equipment and several smaller structures for electronic equipment and operators.

Inspection Process

Vehicles will be selected for inspection from the routine stream of commerce and will be directed to the PFNA test facility. The driver will leave the vehicle and wait in a designated area. A self-powered towing machine will slowly pull the unoccupied vehicle through the facility and past the scanning device in the inspection building. Once all safety checks are verified, the vehicle is scanned with the neutrons. The pulsed beam moves up and down while the vehicle slowly passes by to ensure that all of the contents are inspected.

Many of the neutrons pass through the vehicle unaffected and are stopped by the shield walls of the inspection building. Some of the neutrons hit individual atoms, subsequently giving off a gamma ray of a specific frequency that is characteristic of a chemical element. Sensors located along the walls of the corridor detect the quantities for each of the specific frequencies of gamma rays for the short period of time of each pulse of neutrons. The system's electronics and computers compile the gamma ray information to determine the properties of individual material locations within the vehicle. For the chemical makeup of specific explosives and narcotics, the computers automatically alert operators of the presence of these substances. The PFNA system generates three-dimensional images of the target materials on computer monitors to help pinpoint the location of suspect materials for U.S. Customs inspectors.

Radiation Properties

While the neutron generator used in PFNA systems does not contain

radioactive material, the neutron production process does produce a trace amount of radioactive material. Specifically, a small amount (less than 1/100th of the levels allowed by the EPA regulations) of the radioisotope tritium (radioactive hydrogen) is a byproduct of the process, which is vented to the atmosphere.

The neutrons produce radioactive isotopes of some of the atoms within the vehicle. This may increase the level of radioactivity of scanned cargo materials. Computer modeling has shown that the level of induced radioactivity is of little consequence to human health. Residual radioactivity measurements will be made during the test to confirm the absence of significant levels of radioactivity.

For safety, personnel are shielded from radiation by staying out of the equipment area during operations. The facility's walls are designed to prevent all but minute amounts of radiation from leaving the area. X-rays and gamma rays are produced both by the fast moving neutrons themselves as they collide with atoms, and the neutron producing equipment. X-rays and gamma rays are both forms of ionizing radiation, which by virtue of their high energy, can convert molecules into charged ions, and pose an increased risk of cancer with excessive exposure. Visible light, infrared light, microwaves, and radio waves are non-ionizing forms of electromagnetic radiation because of their relatively lower energies.

It is believed that the PFNA inspection system is safe, with exposures to radioactive materials and ionizing radiation to the general public and US Customs personnel well below Federal and State standards. The facility design, including radiation shielding, will be designed to ensure that levels of exposure will be statistically indistinguishable from local area background.

Public Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508), the assessment has been conducted to determine whether the proposed action is a major federal action having significant effects on the environment, which would require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or whether the impacts of the proposed action (after mitigation) are less than significant, which would result in preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

This notice announces a 30-day period for public review of the draft EA and a 30-day period for submitting comments to CTDPO, both periods commencing on the date this document is published in the **Federal Register**.

Evaluation of Environmental Impact

Significant comments received from the public and agencies during the comment period will be addressed in, and included as an Appendix to, the final EA. Notice of issuance of the final EA will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Should CTDPO determine, based on comments received and any additional relevant information developed, that the design, construction, and/or operation of PFNA system will not have a significant impact on the environment, CTDPO will prepare a FONSI, notice of which will be published in the **Federal Register**. Should CTDPO determine that significant environmental impacts exist due to the project, CTDPO will proceed with preparation of an EIS as required under the NEPA, the CEQ Regulations (40 CFR part 1502), and the Department of Defense's environmental policies and procedures.

Public Review and Comments

The draft EA will be available for public review for a period of 30 days beginning on the date this document is published in the **Federal Register**. The draft EA can be reviewed at the following address: Ysleta Branch of the El Paso Public Library, 9321 Alameda Ave., El Paso, Texas 79907. Printed copies of the draft EA are \$50.00 each and may be obtained by telephone request through the following phone number: 410/593-9909, or freely downloaded by accessing the following Internet address: www.scainc.biz/EA.

Comments regarding the draft EA may be submitted as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

Dated: May 23, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Direct Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice reopening application deadline dates for certain direct grants.

SUMMARY: The Secretary reopens the deadline dates for the submission of applications from applicants in certain

nationally declared disaster areas for two competitions. Both of the affected competitions are among those under which the Secretary is making new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2003. The Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by potential applicants who have been affected by severe weather conditions in certain States.

The reopening of these deadline dates is intended to help the potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under these competitions.

Note: The affected competitions are under the following principal offices of the Department: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. You can find specific information related to the affected

competitions in the chart published as an Appendix to this notice.

Eligibility: The reopening of deadline dates in this notice applies to you if you are a potential applicant from an area on the following chart. The President has declared each of these locations a disaster area as a result of recent severe weather conditions. These areas are as follows:

| State | County |
|-----------------|---|
| Alabama | Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Walker. |
| Illinois | Adams, Alexander, Brown, Fulton, Hancock, Mason, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Schuyler, Tazewell, Woodford. |
| Kansas | Anderson, Cherokee, Crawford, Douglas, Labette, Leavenworth, Miami, Neosho, Osage, Woodson, Wyandette. |
| Missouri | Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Camden, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Cooper, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Pettis, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Webster. |
| Oklahoma | Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Kingfisher, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie. |
| Tennessee | Carroll, Cheatham, Chester, Crockett, Dickson, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, Montgomery, Obion, Robertson, Stewart, Weakley. |

DATES: The new deadline date for transmitting applications under each competition is listed with that competition in the chart published as an Appendix to this notice.

If the program in which you are interested is subject to Executive Order 12372, the deadline date for the transmittal of State process recommendations by State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) and comments by other interested parties remains as originally published.

ADDRESSES: The address and telephone number for obtaining applications for, or information about, an individual program are in the application notice for that program. We have listed the date and **Federal Register** citation of the application notice for each program.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number, if any, listed in the

individual application notice. If we have not listed a TDD number, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

If you want to transmit a recommendation or comment under Executive Order 12372, you can find the latest list and addresses of individual SPOCs on the Web site of the Office of Management and Budget at the following address: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>.

If you are an individual with a disability, you may obtain a copy of this notice in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the individual application notices.

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Dated: May 22, 2003.

Jack Martin,
Chief Financial Officer.

APPENDIX.—LIST OF COMPETITIONS COVERED BY THIS NOTICE

| CFDA No. and Name | Publication date and Federal Register cite | Original deadline date for applications | Revised deadline date for applications |
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| Office of Elementary and Secondary Education: 84.349A Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program. | 3/31/03 (68 FR 15644) | 5/16/03 | 5/30/03 |
| Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools: 84.215F Carol M. White Physical Education Program. | 4/1/03 (68 FR 15911) | 5/12/03 | 6/6/03 |

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.351C]

Office of Innovation and Improvement—Professional Development for Arts Educators; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003; Correction

On May 16, 2003, a notice inviting applications for new awards for Professional Development for Arts Educators was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 26951). On page 26954, second column, first line, the telephone number is corrected to read “(202) 260-1990.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynyetta Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E206 FB-6, Washington, DC 20202-6140. Telephone: (202) 260-1990 or via Internet: lynnyetta.johnson@ed.gov.

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Dated: May 23, 2003.

Nina Rees,
Deputy Under Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC) Program; Notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2003.

Purpose of the Program: The purpose of the RRTC program is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (the Act), as amended. We intend these priorities to improve the rehabilitation services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

In order to provide applicants with a 60-day application period and to ensure

that these grants are awarded before the end of FY 2003, the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) is inviting applications based on the proposed priorities. NIDRR will publish the final priorities after the comment period closes on June 9, 2003.

Depending upon the comments that NIDRR receives, the final priorities may include revisions to the proposed priorities. It is generally the policy of the Department of Education not to solicit applications before the publication of a final priority. However, in this case, it is essential to solicit applications on the basis of these proposed priorities in order to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare applications of appropriate quality to be funded. Applicants are advised to begin to develop their applications based on the proposed priorities. If changes are made in the final priorities, applicants will be given an opportunity to revise or resubmit their applications.

Eligible Applicants: Parties eligible to apply for grants under this program are States; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, and 97, and (b) The program regulations 34 CFR part 350.

Indirect Cost Rate: An applicant for an RRTC is limited to an indirect rate of 15 percent.

Letter of Intent: The due date for the Letter of Intent has been extended to June 18, 2003.

REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTERS (84.133B)

[Applications for FY 2003]

| CFDA No./program name | Application available | Deadline for transmittal of applications | Estimated available funds | Maximum award amount (per year) * | Estimated number of awards ** | Project period (months) |
|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 84.133B-1 Disability Demographics and Statistics. | May 29, 2003 | July 28, 2003 | \$750,000 | \$750,000 | 1 | 60 |
| 84.133B-5 Community Integration Outcomes. | May 29, 2003 | July 28, 2003 | 2,400,000 | 600,000 | 4 | 60 |
| 84.133B-7 Health and Function. | May 29, 2003 | July 28, 2003 | 200,000 | 600,000 | 7 | 60 |

* **Note:** We will reject without consideration any application that proposes a budget exceeding the stated maximum award amount in any year (See 34 CFR 75.104(b)).

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