

disclosing the records for the purpose of the match. The DoD is the specific recipient activity or matching agency, i.e., the agency that actually performs the computer matching.

B. Purpose of the Match

Upon the execution of this agreement, VA will provide and disclose VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) and Veterans Assistance Discharge Systems (VADS) records to DMDC to identify individuals that have not separated from military service and/or confirm elements of military service relevant to the adjudication of VA benefits. VA OIG will use this information to initiate an independent verification process to determine eligibility and entitlement to VA benefits.

C. Authority for Conducting the Match

The authority to conduct this match is 5 U.S.C. App. 3, the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act). The IG Act authorizes the VA OIG to conduct audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of VA. IG Act, § 2. In addition, § 4 of the IG Act provides that the IG will conduct activities designed to promote economy and efficiency and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in VA's programs and operations.

D. Records To Be Matched

The systems of records maintained by the respective agencies under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, from which records will be disclosed for the purpose of this computer match are as follows:

1. Agencies must publish "routine uses" pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of the Privacy Act for those systems of records from which they intend to disclose information. The systems of records described below contain an appropriate routine use provision which pertains to disclosure of information between the agencies.

2. VA will use personal data from the following Privacy Act record system for the match: Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA, 58VA21/22, first published at 41 FR 9294, March 3, 1976, and last amended at 65 FR 37605, June 15, 2000, with other amendments as cited therein.

3. DoD will use personal data from the following Privacy Act record system for the match: Defense Manpower Data Center Data Base—S322.10 DMDC, published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 29552 on May 31, 2001.

E. Description of Computer Matching Program

VA, as the source agency, will provide DMDC with two electronic files, the C&P and VADS files. The C&P file contains names of veterans, SSNs, and compensation and pension records. The VADS file contains names of veterans, SSNs, and DD214 data. Upon receipt of the electronic files, DMDC will perform a match using the SSNs in the VA C&P file, and the VADS file against the DMDC Active Duty Transaction, Reserve Transaction, and Reserve Master files. DMDC will provide VA OIG an electronic listing of VA C&P and VADS records for which there is no matching record from any of the three DMDC files, and an electronic listing of records that contain data that are inconsistent with data contained in the VA C&P or VADS files. VA OIG is responsible for verifying and determining that the data on the DMDC electronic reply file are consistent with the VA source file and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies on an individual basis.

F. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

The effective date of the matching agreement and date when matching may actually begin shall be at the expiration of the 40-day review period for OMB and Congress, or 30 days after publication of the matching notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The parties to this agreement may assume OMB and Congressional concurrence if no comments are received within 40 days of the date of the transmittal letter on an annual basis. The 40-day OMB and Congressional review period and the mandatory 30-day public comment period for the **Federal Register** publication of the notice will run concurrently. By agreement between VA OIG and DMDC, the matching program will be in effect for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

G. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920, Arlington, VA 22202-4502.
Telephone (703) 607-2943.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.356A]

Alaska Native Education Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2002.

Purpose of Program: To meet the unique educational needs of Alaska Natives and to support the development of supplemental educational programs to benefit Alaska Natives.

Permissible Activities: Activities may include the following: (1) The development and implementation of plans, methods, and strategies to improve the education of Alaska Natives; (2) the development of curricula and educational programs that address the educational needs of Alaska Native students; (3) professional development activities for prospective or current educators of Alaska Native students; (4) the development and operation of home instruction programs for Alaska Native preschool children, to ensure the active involvement of parents in their children's education from the earliest ages; (5) family literacy services; (6) the development and operation of student enrichment programs in science and mathematics; (7) research and data collection activities to determine the educational status and needs of Alaska Native children and adults; (8) other research and evaluation activities related to the purposes of this program; (9) remedial and enrichment programs to assist Alaska Native students in performing at a high level on standardized tests; (10) education and training of Alaska Native students enrolled in a degree program that will lead to certification or licensing as teachers; (11) parenting education for parents and caregivers of Alaska Native children to improve parenting and caregiving skills (including skills relating to discipline and cognitive development), including parenting education provided through in-home visitation of new mothers; (12) activities carried out through Even Start programs carried out under subpart 3 of part B of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and Head Start programs carried out under the Head Start Act, including the training of teachers; (13) other early learning and preschool programs; (14) dropout prevention programs such as the Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Partners for Success program; (15) career preparation activities to enable Alaska Native children and adults to prepare for meaningful employment, including programs providing tech-prep,

mentoring, training, and apprenticeship activities; (16) provision of operational support and purchasing of equipment to develop regional vocational schools in rural areas of Alaska, including boarding schools for Alaska Native students in grades 9 through 12, or at higher levels of education, to provide the students with necessary resources to prepare for skilled employment opportunities; and (17) other activities, consistent with the purposes of the Alaska Native Education Programs, to meet the educational needs of Alaska Native children and adults.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native organizations, educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs or programs of instruction conducted in Alaska Native languages, cultural and community-based organizations with experience in developing or operating programs to benefit Alaska Natives, and consortia of organizations and entities described in this paragraph to carry out programs that meet the purposes of the program. A State educational agency or local educational agency may apply for an award under this program only as part of a consortium involving an Alaska Native organization. The consortium may include other eligible applicants.

Applications Available: April 1, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 16, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds: \$10.2 million, including not less than \$1 million for parenting education programs and not less than \$2 million for dropout prevention programs (see **PRIORITIES** section in this notice).

Estimated Range of Awards: \$500,000—\$2,000,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 16.

Note: These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations and Statute: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 86, 97, 98, and 99. Title VII, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No. 107-110.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary will use the following selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 to evaluate applications under this competition (the specific selection criteria and factors that will be used in evaluating applications are detailed in the application package). The maximum score for all of the selection criteria is 100 points. The

maximum points for each criterion is as follows:

- (a) Need for Project—5 points.
- (b) Significance—5 points.
- (c) Quality of Project Design—25 points.
- (d) Adequacy of Project Services—25 points.
- (e) Quality of Project Personnel—15 points.
- (f) Adequacy of Resources—5 points.
- (g) Quality of Management Plan—10 points.
- (h) Quality of Project Evaluation—10 points.

Priorities

(a) **Competitive Preference.** Except for activities listed in section 7304(d)(2) of the authorizing statute, which have statutory minimum funding levels, the Secretary will award up to 5 bonus points to applications from Alaska Native regional nonprofit organizations and up to 5 bonus points to applications from consortia that include at least one Alaska Native regional nonprofit organization. These priorities are specified in the authorizing statute for this program. The bonus points are in addition to any points the applicant earns under the selection criteria listed above. The Secretary may select an application that meets a priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priority.

(b) **Absolute Preferences.** In accordance with statutory requirements, the Secretary is establishing two separate priorities for proposals to use grant funds to support (1) dropout prevention programs; and (2) parenting education programs for parents and caregivers of Alaska Native children to improve parenting and caregiving skills (including skills relating to discipline and cognitive development), including parenting education provided through in-home visitation of new mothers. To implement the priority for dropout prevention programs, the Secretary is establishing a separate competition for applications that meet this priority and reserves \$2 million solely for this competition. To implement the priority for parenting education programs, the Secretary is establishing a separate competition for applications that meet this priority and reserves \$1 million solely for this competition. The Secretary may adjust the amount reserved for these separate competitions after determining the number of high-quality applications received.

Instructions for Transmittal of Applications

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications

differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In Fiscal Year 2002, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Alaska Native Education Program, CFDA 84.356A is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Alaska Native Education Program, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement. If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:
 1. Print ED 424 from the e-APPLICATION system.
 2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
 3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.

5. Fax ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Alaska Native Education Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

For Applications and Information Contact: Mrs. Lynn Thomas, (202) 260-1541, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., FOB6, Room 3C126, Mail Stop 6140, Washington, DC 20202. The e-mail address for Mrs. Thomas is: Lynn.thomas@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.

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Dated: March 26, 2002.

Susan B. Neuman,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER02-1360-000]

DTE East China, LLC; Notice of Filing

March 26, 2002.

Take notice that on March 21, 2002, DTE East China, LLC tendered for filing under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act a proposed FERC Electric Tariff No. 2 pursuant to which it proposes to make wholesale sales of test power at negotiated rates per MWh up to, but not exceeding, the purchaser's avoided costs in such hour.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: April 5, 2002.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG02-106-000, et al.]

Vandolah Power Company, L.L.C., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

March 26, 2002.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission. Any comments should be submitted in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

1. Vandolah Power Company, L.L.C.

[Docket No. EG02-106-000]

On March 21, 2002, Vandolah Power Company, L.L.C. (Vandolah Power), a Delaware limited liability corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Vandolah Power owns a 630-MW power generation facility that is under construction in Hardee County, Florida (the "Facility"). When completed, the Facility will be interconnected to the transmission system of Florida Power Corporation. The Facility is scheduled to begin commercial operation in June 2002.

Comment Date: April 16, 2002.

2. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. EL00-62-044, ER98-3853-013]

Take notice that on March 18, 2002, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Participants Committee filed for acceptance materials (1) to permit NEPOOL to expand its membership to include Sprague Energy Corp. (Sprague); and (2) to terminate the memberships of Niagra Mohawk Energy Inc. (NIMO) and Amerada Hess Corporation (Hess). The Participants Committee requests an effective date of March 1, 2002 for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by Sprague and December 31, 2001 and February 1, 2002 for the terminations of NIMO and Hess, respectively.

The Participants Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the Participants in NEPOOL.

Comment Date: April 15, 2002.