

Navy Warfare Development Command, and Strategic Studies Group.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 29, 1999 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Christopher Agan, CNO Executive Panel, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-0268, telephone (703) 681-6205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute information that relates solely to the internal rules and practices of the agency. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552(b)(2).

Dated: March 31, 1999.

**Pamela A. Holden,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.334]

### Office of Postsecondary Education; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP); Notice Announcing a Two-Tier Review Process for Applications Received Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Competition

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the use of a two-tier review process to evaluate applications submitted for new awards under the FY 1999 GEAR UP program for Partnership grants. The Secretary takes this action to ensure a thorough review and assessment of the large number of applications expected to be received under the FY 1999 competition. This competition was announced previously in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1999 (64 FR 10190). That notice, however, did not explain that a two-tier review process is to be used in the evaluation of GEAR UP Partnership applications. Because the announcement of a two-tier review process does not affect the contents of

the applications in this competition, the date by which applications must be received remains as originally announced, April 30, 1999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will follow the procedures in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR part 75, except as indicated below.

### Application Review Procedures

The Secretary will use a two-tier process for reviewing applications for Partnership grants in this competition. At each tier of the review process, panels of experts will read the applications under consideration to determine which applications are most deserving of further consideration in light of the published selection criteria. Reviewers will forward recommended applications and applications recommended with reservations to Tier II for further consideration. The same evaluation criteria and procedures will be used in Tier II as in Tier I with the goal of funding the highest quality applications until available funds are exhausted. If all applications of comparable merit cannot be funded, the Secretary will use the competitive priority already published. If applications are still of comparable merit after the competitive priority has been applied, the Secretary will determine which application contributes most to the mission of GEAR UP.

### Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, since this notice merely establishes procedural requirements for review of applications and does not create substantive policy, proposed rulemaking is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sylvia Ross, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 6248, Portals Building, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone (202) 708-4650, e-mail Sylvia\_Ross@ed.gov, or fax (202) 260-4269. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Dated: April 6, 1999.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-11-2]

### Application To Amend Presidential Permit Fraser Papers Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.  
**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Fraser Papers Inc. (Fraser) has applied to amend Presidential Permit PP-11-1 authorizing it to construct, connect, operate and maintain electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Canada.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 10, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the international border of the United States