

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[CFDA No. 84.305F, 84.306F, 84.307F, 84.308F, and 84.309F]

**Office of Educational Research and Improvement—National Institutes' Field-Initiated Studies Grants Program (FIS)**

**ACTION:** Application notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On March 20, 1997 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 13492–13494) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1997 for this program. The purpose of this notice is to (1) correct CFDA numbers for two competitions; (2) clarify the Available Funds, Estimated Size of Awards, and Estimated Number of Awards; (3) correct an e-mail address; and (4) provide information concerning possible funding cycles for awards from the FY 1997 competition.

1. *CFDA Numbers.* Under the **SUMMARY** section (62 FR 13492, first column), the number at the end of paragraph "3" should be (84.308F) and the number at the end of paragraph "4" should be (84.307F).

2. *Clarification (62 FR 13492, third column).* The "Estimated range of awards" for FY 1997 FIS awards is \$100,000—225,000 for *EACH* year.

The "Estimated average size of awards" is \$150,000 for *EACH* year.

The "Estimated number of awards" is 7 for *EACH* Institute.

3. *E-mail address (62 FR 13494, third column).* The e-mail address should be (Delores\_Monroe@ed.gov).

4. *Funding Cycles.* While it is the Department's intention to hold a Field Initiated Studies competition in FY 1998, it establishes the following funding cycle provision in the event that sufficient funds are not available to initiate a new competition in FY 1998. The Department may fund two cycles of awards from the FY 1997 Field Initiated Studies competition. Applications funded in the first cycle will be awarded in September 1997 from FY 1997 funds. A second cycle of applications may be funded early in FY 1998, pending the availability of FY 1998 funds, if the Secretary decides that there are applications of sufficiently high quality to merit funding.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The address and telephone number for requesting an application or obtaining further information about individual institutes are listed in 62 FR 13493–13494 under the section "Institute Mission Statements." Individuals who

use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–3939 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6031(c)(2)(B).

Dated: April 28, 1997.

**Ramon C. Cortines,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board.

**ACTION:** Amendment to notice of a partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This amends the notice of a partially closed meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board published on Friday, April, 25, 1997 in Vol. 62, No. 80, page 20160. On May 8, 1997, the Achievement Levels Committee will meet in partially closed session from 4:00–5:00 p.m. The Committee will continue discussion of the results of the current 1996 science level-setting activities and review the analysis of data and the proposed exemplar items. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because reference will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. On May 9, 1997, between 1:00–1:45 p.m., the full Board will meet in closed session to hear a briefing on the 1996 science level-setting activities. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of these closed meetings because advice from consultants that bears on the subject matter of these meetings described above came too late to be considered in the preparation of the original notice.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, NAGB.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of dates of submission of state revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year 1996 and of revisions to those reports.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces dates for the submission by state educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED-Form 2447 for fiscal year (FY) 1996. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census is the data collection agent for the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 1998 appropriated funds.

**DATES:** The date on which submissions were first accepted was March 15, 1997. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** SEAs may mail ED-Form 2447 (The National Public Education Financial Survey—Fiscal Year 1996) to: Bureau of the Census, *Attention:* Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233–6800.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, Room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time).

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 2, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lawrence R. MacDonald, Chief, Governments Division, at the Maryland address specified above or by telephone: (301) 457-1574. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of section 404(a) of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9003(a)), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average state per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education.

In addition to using the SPPE data as useful information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Title I), Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In February 1997, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, mailed to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and requested that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 1997, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs were urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census are checked for

accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 2, 1997.

Having accurate information, on time, is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process, as well as the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 2, 1997, as the final date by which ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 2, the data may also be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

**Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 9003(a).

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**Ramon C. Cortines,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Program Opportunity Notice: Unrestricted Eligibility for Advanced Diagnostics Tests in Priority Basins

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

**ACTION:** Program Opportunity Notice (PON).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Solicitation and award financial assistance (cooperative agreement[s]) in support of a demonstration program for testing one or more Exploration and Production (E&P) technologies in a well of opportunity in one or more tight gas fractured reservoirs in one or more priority basins. The project effort[s] require fifty percent [50.0%] cost participation, with the Government funding *only* the costs of the technology being tested. Applications will be subjected to a technical merit review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of

applicants on the basis of the scientific merit of the application and the availability of funds.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Beth J. Pearse, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Internet e-mail to pearse@fetc.doe.gov, or FAX to (412) 892-6216. Solicitation DE-PN26-97FT34181 is expected to be released on or about May 5, 1997 with the expected closing date for submission of proposals on June 5, 1997. This solicitation will only be available via internet and will not be distributed in paper form. The solicitation will be accessible as a Word Perfect 6.1 (Windows) document or in the Portable Document Format (PDF), on the World Wide Web (WWW) at <http://www.petc.doe.gov/business.html> (select "solicitations"). Those who obtain a copy of the solicitation through the WWW should check the location frequently for any amendments. Additional information on this solicitation's requirements can be found on the PETC Home Page at <http://www.petc.doe.gov/business.html> [select "solicitations"], PON DE-PN26-97FT34181, entitled "Advanced Diagnostics Tests in Priority Basins." All inquiries regarding this solicitation should be directed to the Point-of-Contact, Mary Beth J. Pearse, as stated in this section.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Solicitation:* "Advanced Diagnostics Tests in Priority Basins".

*Objectives:* Through Program Opportunity Notice (PON) No. DE-PN26-97FT34181, the Department of Energy seeks applications that will ultimately reduce the technical risks and the economic uncertainty standing in the way of increased industry development of the low permeability (tight) gas resources of the Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent gas basins. This will be done by demonstrating increased efficiency through field tests of improved or emerging E&P technologies. The goal is to encourage development of the tight gas resources by industry through testing E&P technologies in priority tight gas basins.

*Eligibility:* Eligibility for participation in this solicitation is unrestricted. All responsible individuals, corporations, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state or local governments may submit proposals for consideration.

*Awards:* DOE anticipates issuing one [1] to three [3] financial assistance [cooperative agreement] fifty percent