

in drainages within Mendocino County. The studies consist of juvenile coho salmon distribution and abundance surveys, spawner surveys, and a fish relocation experiment. The purpose of the juvenile fish relocation experiment, to be undertaken in the Ten Mile River, is to accelerate the rehabilitation of currently unpopulated areas upstream in an effort to aid the ESA-listed species recovery. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured (by trap or electrofishing), anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. A portion of the ESA-listed fish to be handled are proposed to be relocated from Ten Mile River sites to upstream areas. ESA-listed adult fish carcasses are proposed to be collected, handled (measured and sampled for tissues and/or scales), and returned to the water at the collection site. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

DWAA (1066) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population studies in drainages within Santa Cruz County. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, and 4) the acquisition of tissue/scale samples for genetic studies. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled (weighed, measured, and fin-clipped), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed adult fish carcasses are proposed to be collected, handled (measured and sampled for tissues and/or scales), and returned to the water at the collection site. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on either of these requests for a permit should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: September 10, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, September 25, 1997, 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT: The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: September 15, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.235A]

Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Individuals With Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Program: To provide financial assistance to projects for expanding or otherwise improving vocational rehabilitation and other rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and for applying new types or patterns of services or devices for individuals with disabilities (including programs for providing individuals with disabilities, or other individuals in programs servicing individuals with disabilities, with opportunities for new careers and career advancement).

Eligible Applicants: State agencies; other public agencies and organizations,

including Indian tribes; and nonprofit, private agencies and organizations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 18, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: February 18, 1998.

Applications Available: September 29, 1997.

Available Funds: \$6,600,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$220,000-\$245,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$230,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 28-30.

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

Maximum Award: In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$245,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 369.

Priorities

Competitive Preference Priority

The competitive preference priority concerning Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities in the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 1994 (59 FR 63860), applies to this competition.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) the Secretary gives preference to applications based on the extent to which they meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards 10 bonus points to an application depending on the extent to which the application meets this competitive priority. These bonus points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

Competitive Preference Priority—Providing Program Services in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community

Under this program the Secretary gives competitive preference to applications that—

- (1) Propose the provision of substantial services in Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities; and
- (2) Propose projects that contribute to the strategic plan of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community and that are made an integral component of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community activities.

Under this program a project is considered to be providing substantial services if a minimum of 51 percent of the persons served by the project reside within the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

Invitational Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1—Projects To Enhance Employment Outcomes for Individuals on Public Assistance

Projects that provide rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities who are receiving public assistance to enhance employment outcomes that are consistent with the individual's unique strengths, capacities, abilities, interests, priorities, and resources.

Invitational Priority 2—Projects To Increase Client Choice

Projects that address and emphasize effective ways to increase client choice in the vocational rehabilitation process to enhance employment outcomes that are consistent with the individual's unique strengths, capacities, abilities, interests, priorities, and resources.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in § 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

For Information Contact: Susan Oswald or Alfreda Reeves, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2650. Telephone: (202) 260-9870 or (202) 205-9361.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

Note: The official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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Note: The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 777a(a)(1).
Dated: September 12, 1997.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Floodplain Statement of Findings for Removal Action at the St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS), St. Louis, Missouri

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Oak Ridge Operations.

SUBJECT: Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings prepared in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022. DOE

proposes to remediate soil with elevated levels of uranium-238, radium-226, and thorium-230 from areas in/near the Coldwater Creek 100-year floodplain at SLAPS. DOE prepared a Floodplain and Wetlands Assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The proposed action would not result in the destruction of any floodplain or wetland and would be consistent with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, and the President's policy of "no net loss" of wetlands in the United States. There is no practicable alternative to the proposed action, which would conform to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards. DOE would endeavor to allow 15 days of public review after publication of the statement of findings before implementation of the proposed action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION OR TO COMMENT ON THE ACTION, CONTACT: Mr. Steve McCracken, St. Louis Site Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, 9170 Latty Avenue, Berkeley, MO 63134, Phone: (314) 524-4083, FAX: (314) 524-6044.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings prepared in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain and Wetland Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1997 (62 FR 45403), and a Floodplain and Wetlands Assessment was incorporated in the engineering evaluation and cost analysis (EE/CA) prepared for SLAPS. Removal actions may include: (1) No action, or (2) removal of radioactively contaminated soil at SLAPS between McDonnell Boulevard and Banshee Road, behind the gabion wall which extends along that portion of Coldwater Creek; the ditch along the south side of McDonnell Boulevard; and, the ditch on the north side of McDonnell Boulevard, or (3) removal of radioactively contaminated soil at SLAPS between McDonnell Boulevard and Banshee Road, behind the gabion wall which extends along that portion of Coldwater Creek and the ditch along the south side of McDonnell Boulevard. The contaminated soil contains elevated levels of uranium-238, radium-226, and