

should be received by April 8, 2005, and be directed to President, Naval Postgraduate School (Attn: Jaye Panza), 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943-5000 or by fax (831) 656-3145.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Herrmann Hall, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5000, telephone number (831) 656-2514.

Dated: April 14, 2005.

**I.C. Le Moyne, Jr.,**

*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Enhanced Assessment Instruments; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.368.

*Dates:* Applications Available: April 19, 2005.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* June 3, 2005.

*Eligible Applicants:* State educational agencies; Consortia of State educational agencies.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$11,680,000 in FY 2005 funds.

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

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$1,460,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 8.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. In no case will an award be made for less than the amount specified in section 6113(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) 20 U.S.C. 7301b(b)(2)(A)(ii).

*Project period:* Up to 20 months.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* To enhance the quality of assessment instruments and systems used by States for measuring the achievement of all students.

*Priorities:* These priorities are from Appendix E to the notice of final requirements for optional State consolidated applications submitted under section 9302 of the ESEA, published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2002 (67 FR 35967, 35979).

*Competitive Preference Priorities:* For FY 2005, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we will award up to an additional 35 points to an application, depending on the extent to which the application meets these priorities.

These priorities are: Test accommodations and alternate assessments (up to 15 points), collaborative efforts (up to 10 points), and dissemination beyond the original grantee or grant collaborative (up to 10 points).

**Note:** The full text of these priorities is included in the application package.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7842 and 7301a.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

#### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grants.

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#### III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* State educational agencies; Consortia of State educational agencies.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This competition does not involve cost sharing or matching.

3. *Other:* An application from a consortium of State educational agencies must designate one State educational agency as the fiscal agent.

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* Zollie Stevenson, Jr., Student Achievement and School Accountability Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3W200, Washington, DC 20202-6132. Telephone: 202-260-1824 or by e-mail: [Zollie.Stevenson@ed.gov](mailto:Zollie.Stevenson@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package

in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

#### 2. Content and Form of Application

*Submission:* Section 6112(a) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7301a(a)) requires that all funded applications demonstrate that States (or consortia of States) will—

a. Collaborate with institutions of higher education, other research institutions, or other organizations to improve the quality, validity, and reliability of State academic assessments beyond the requirements for the assessments described in section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA;

b. Measure student academic achievement using multiple measures of student academic achievement from multiple sources;

c. Chart student progress over time;

d. Evaluate student academic achievement through the development of comprehensive academic assessment instruments, such as performance and technology-based academic assessments.

Other requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this competition. **Page Limit:** The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 40 pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Double space (no more than 3 lines per vertical inch) all text and use a font no smaller than 10 point for all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, and captions as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

- Your cover sheet, budget section (chart and narrative), assurances and certifications, response regarding research activities involving human subjects, GEPA 427 response, one-page abstract, personnel résumés, and letters of support are not included in the page limit; however, discussion of how well the application meets the competitive preference priorities and how well the application addresses each of the selection criteria must be included within the page limit.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application that—

- Exceed the page limit if you apply these standards; or

- Exceed the equivalent of the page limit if you apply other standards.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:* Applications Available: April 19, 2005. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 3, 2005.

The dates and times for the transmittal of applications by mail or by hand (including a courier service or commercial carrier) are in the application package for this competition.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:* Instructions and requirements for the transmittal of applications by mail or by hand (including a courier service or commercial carrier) are in the application package for this competition.

## V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition are in the application package and were published in Appendix E to the Notice of Final Requirements published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2002 (67 FR 35967, 35979).

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notice (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure

information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), three measures have been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the Enhanced Assessment Instruments program: The number of states that participated in pilot activities described in each proposal; the number of States that participated in Enhanced Assessment grant projects funded by the current or prior competitions; and the number of presentations at national conferences sponsored by professional education organizations and papers submitted for publication in refereed journals.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their success in addressing the performance measures.

## VII. Agency Contact

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Rigney, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C139, Washington, DC 20202-6132. Telephone: (202) 260-0931, or by e-mail [Sue.Rigney@ed.gov](mailto:Sue.Rigney@ed.gov).

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## VIII. Other Information

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Dated: April 14, 2005.

**Raymond Simon,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning information "Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements." The ombudsman appointed at each DOE National Laboratory must submit reports to DOE on the number and nature of complaints and disputes raised by outside organizations regarding the policies and actions of each laboratory with respect to technology transfer partnerships, including Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, patents, and technology licensing. The reports must also include an assessment of the ombudsman's resolution to the disputes. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 20, 2005. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.