

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

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

#### c. *Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application, by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, *Attention:* (CFDA Number 84.200A), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

**Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:** If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this grant notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

#### V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this program are in 34 CFR 648.31.

2. *Review and Selection Process:* Additional factors we consider in selecting an application for an award are in 34 CFR 648.32.

#### 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 Notification (GAN). We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we will 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 directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118 and 34 CFR 648.66. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html>. Grantees will be required to submit a supplement to the Final Performance Report two years after the expiration of their GAANN grant. The purpose of the supplement to the Final Performance Report is to identify and report the educational outcome of each GAANN Fellow.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the following measures will be used by the Department in assessing the performance of the GAANN Program:

(1) The percentage of GAANN Fellows completing the terminal degree in the designated areas of national need;

(2) The percentage of GAANN Fellows from traditionally underrepresented groups enrolled in a terminal degree program in the designated areas of national need; and

(3) The median time to completion of Master's and Doctorate degrees for GAANN students.

If funded, you will be asked to collect and report data in your project's annual performance report (EDGAR, 34 CFR 75.590) on these measures and on steps taken toward improving performance on these outcomes. Consequently, applicants are advised to include these outcomes in conceptualizing the design, implementation, and evaluation of their proposed projects. Their measurement should be a part of the project evaluation plan, along with measures of your progress on the goals and objectives specific to your project.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report

documenting their success in addressing these performance measures.

#### VII. Agency Contact

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Thomas, U.S. Department of Education, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6016, Washington, DC 20006-8524. Telephone: (202) 502-7767, or by e-mail: [gary.thomas@ed.gov](mailto:gary.thomas@ed.gov). If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

#### VIII. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in Section VII of this notice.

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You can 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.

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*Delegation of Authority:* The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzellan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: November 12, 2009.

**Daniel T. Madzellan,**

*Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing deadline for submitting an application under Phase II of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.394.*

**SUMMARY:** Under the SFSF program, authorized in Title XIV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Public Law No. 111-5, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) is awarding Education Stabilization funds in two phases. In Phase I, the Department awarded each State a portion of its SFSF Education Stabilization funds on the basis of the information included in its Application for Initial Funding. The Department is awarding the remainder of each State's allocation based on the information that the State will provide in its Phase II application.

In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of the Phase II SFSF applications.

*Application Deadline:* January 11, 2010, 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A State that is unable to meet the deadline established in this notice may request an extension of the deadline. Such an extension request must, at a minimum, explain why the State seeks an extension and indicate when the State proposes to submit its application. Requests for an extension should be submitted to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Electronic Submission of Applications:*

A Governor must submit an electronic version of the State's application in .PDF (Portable Document) format to [PhaseIIapplication@ed.gov](mailto:PhaseIIapplication@ed.gov) by January 11, 2010, 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time. A Governor also must mail the original and two copies of the application to: Dr. Joseph C. Conaty, Director, Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E314, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Butler, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E108, Washington, DC 20202. *Telephone:* (202) 260-9737 or via *e-mail:* [state.fiscal.fund@ed.gov](mailto:state.fiscal.fund@ed.gov).

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

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**Program Authority:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Division A, sections 14001-14013.

Dated: November 10, 2009.

**Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Letter From the Secretary of Energy Accepting Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2009-1

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is making available the November 3, 2009, Secretary's letter to the Board accepting the Board's recommendation 2009-1 regarding quantitative risk assessment at defense nuclear facilities.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, HS-1.1, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE is making this letter available for public information and solicits comments from the public. Comments may be sent to the address above. The text of the document is below. It may also be viewed at: <http://www.hss.energy.gov/deprep/default.asp>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 10, 2009.

**Mark B. Whitaker,**

*Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

November 3, 2009

The Honorable John E. Mansfield, Vice Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2941.

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

The Department of Energy (DOE) acknowledges receipt of the Defense Nuclear

Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2009-1, *Risk Assessment Methodologies at Defense Nuclear Facilities*, issued on July 30, 2009, and published in the Federal Register on August 12, 2009.

We appreciate the Board's insights on how DOE can better define and use quantitative risk assessment methodologies to support DOE's primary deterministic approach for ensuring nuclear safety. DOE accepts Board Recommendation 2009-1 and will implement it as described in the enclosed Implementation Plan.

I have assigned Mr. Andrew Wallo, III, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Safety, Quality Assurance and Environment, Office of Health, Safety and Security, to be the Department's Responsible Manager for developing the Implementation Plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-4996.

Sincerely,  
Steven Chu  
Enclosure.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Coal Council

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.  
**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council (NCC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Friday December 4, 2009; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** W Hotel, 515 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael J. Ducker, U.S. Department of Energy; 4G-036/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; *Telephone:* 202-586-7810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To conduct an open meeting of the NCC and to provide a presentation on the new study conducted by the Council on carbon capture and storage technologies for use on coal-based electricity generation plants.

**Agenda**

- Welcome and Call to Order by NCC Chair Michael Mueller.
- Remarks by Secretary Stephen Chu, Department of Energy.
- Presentation by David Surber of the 25th Anniversary Video
- Presentation by Fred Palmer, NCC Coal Policy Committee Chairman, on the New Council Study.