

include these two outcomes in conceptualizing the design, implementation, and evaluation of their proposed projects. Institutionalization and replication are important outcomes that ensure the ultimate success of international consortia funded through this program.

5. *Continuation Awards*: In making a continuation award, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.253, the extent to which a grantee has made "substantial progress toward meeting the objectives in its approved application." This consideration includes the review of a grantee's progress in meeting the targets and projected outcomes in its approved application, and whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Tanyelle Richardson, International and Foreign Language Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6017, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7626 or by e-mail: tanyelle.richardson@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.

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 via the

Federal Digital System at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys>.

Dated: March 29, 2011.

Eduardo M. Ochoa,
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Program.

Notice inviting applications for new awards using fiscal year (FY) 2010 funds.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.382B.

DATES:

Applications Available: April 1, 2011.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 16, 2011.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 15, 2011.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The AANAPISI program authorized under section 371 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) to enable them to improve their academic quality, increase their self sufficiency, and strengthen their capacity to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of the Nation. At the time of application, IHEs applying for funds under the AANAPISI program must have an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Asian American or Native American Pacific Islander.

Note 1: The AANAPISI program in this notice is authorized under section 371 of part F of title III of the HEA, which provides \$5,000,000 annually through fiscal year 2019 for grants under the AANAPISI program to eligible institutions for activities specified under section 311(c) of the HEA. Section 311 of the HEA applies to the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP), which is authorized under part A of title III of the HEA. Like the AANAPISI program authorized under section 371 of the HEA (section 371 AANAPISI program), the SIP provides grants to enable institutions to

improve their academic quality, increase their self sufficiency, and strengthen their capacity to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of the Nation.

Although the section 371 AANAPISI program is not part of the SIP, section 371(a)(6), (b)(2)(D)(iii), and (c)(2) of the HEA provide that the activities and eligibility provisions under SIP apply to the section 371 AANAPISI program. In light of the overlap of the statutory provisions in the section 371 AANAPISI program and the SIP, the Secretary has determined that it is appropriate to use regulatory requirements relating to the enrollment of needy students, expenditures, and tie-breaking factors that are based on the SIP regulations (see 34 CFR part 607) for use for the first grant competition in the section 371 AANAPISI program. To this end, the Secretary has decided to base the requirements for this competition on the following SIP regulations: enrollment of needy students provisions in 34 CFR 607.3 and the low education and general expenditures provisions in 34 CFR 607.4 as part of the eligibility criteria, and the tie-breaker provisions in 34 CFR 607.23(b).

Note 2: The eligibility criteria for this competition, including the enrollment of needy students and expenditure provisions, are set forth in section III. 1. *Eligible Applicants* of this notice. The tie-breaker provisions are set forth in section V. 3. *Tie-breaker for Grants* of this notice.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking: Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed program requirements. Section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), however, allows the Secretary to exempt from rulemaking requirements, regulations governing the first grant competition under a new or substantially revised program authority. The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152) (Reconciliation Act) provided new authority to implement the section 371 AANAPISI program. This is the first grant competition for the program since the enactment of the Reconciliation Act; therefore, this competition qualifies for the exemption.

Under section 437(d)(1) of GEPA, in order to ensure timely grant awards, the Secretary has decided to forego public comment on the following requirements for this competition: the enrollment of needy students provision based on 34 CFR 607.3 and the low education and general expenditures provision based on 34 CFR 607.4 as part of the eligibility criteria, and the tie-breaker provisions based on 34 CFR 607.23(b).

Priorities: This notice includes two competitive preference priorities that are from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs,

published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486) (Supplemental NFP).

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2011 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award an additional two and one-half points to an application that meets one of the priorities, or an additional five points to an application that meets both of these priorities.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1—Increasing Postsecondary Success

Projects that are designed to address the following priority area:

Increasing the number and proportion of high-need students (as defined in this notice) who persist in and complete college or other postsecondary education and training.

Competitive Preference Priority 2—Enabling More Data-Based Decision-Making

Projects that are designed to collect (or obtain), analyze, and use high-quality and timely data, including data on program participant outcomes, in accordance with privacy requirements (as defined in this notice), in the following priority area:

Improving postsecondary student outcomes relating to enrollment, persistence, and completion and leading to career success.

Definitions: The following definitions apply to this competition. These definitions are from the sources indicated in parentheses following the definition.

Asian American means a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent (including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam). (See section 371(c)(1) of the HEA; the Office of Management and Budget's Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity as published on October 30, 1997 (62 FR 58789)).

Native American Pacific Islander means any descendant of the aboriginal people of any island in the Pacific Ocean that is a territory or possession of the United States. (See section 371(c)(7) of the HEA.)

High-need children and high-need students means children and students at risk of educational failure, such as children and students who are living in

poverty, who are English learners, who are far below grade level or who are not on track to becoming college- or career-ready by graduation, who have left school or college before receiving, respectively, a regular high school diploma or a college degree or certificate, who are at risk of not graduating with a diploma on time, who are homeless, who are in foster care, who are pregnant or parenting teenagers, who have been incarcerated, who are new immigrants, or who have disabilities. (See Supplemental NFP.)

Privacy requirements means the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 99, the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as well as all applicable Federal, State, and local requirements regarding privacy. (See Supplemental NFP.)

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C 1067q(b)(2)(D)(iii); Section 2103 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-152).

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486).

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$3,922,298.

Note: Funds appropriated for this program for FY 2010 remain available for obligation in FY 2011 pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1067q(b)(1)(B).

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$200,000–\$400,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$300,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 13.

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

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/idades/index.html>.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. **Eligible Applicants:** An IHE is eligible to receive funds if it qualifies as

an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). To be an eligible AANAPISI, an IHE must—

(a) Have an enrollment of needy students, as defined in section 312(d) of the HEA (section 312(b)(1)(A) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1058(b)(1)(A));

(b) Have, except as provided in section 392(b) of the HEA, the average educational and general expenditures of which are low, per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student, in comparison with the average educational and general expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction (section 312(b)(1)(B) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1058(b)(1)(B));

Note: To demonstrate an enrollment of needy students and low average educational and general expenditures per FTE undergraduate student, an IHE must be designated as an “eligible institution” in accordance with 34 CFR 607.3 through 607.5 and the notice inviting applications for designation as an eligible institution for the fiscal year for which the grant competition is being conducted.

(c)(1) Be legally authorized to provide, and provides within the State, an educational program for which such institution awards a bachelor's degree;

(2) Be a junior or community college; or

(3) Be the College of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia/Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau Community College (section 312(b)(1)(C) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1058(b)(1)(C));

(d) Be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary to be reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or be, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation (section 312(b)(1)(D) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1058(b)(1)(D));

(e) Meet such other requirements as the Secretary may prescribe (section 312(b)(1)(E) of the HEA; 20 U.S.C. 1058(b)(1)(E));

(f) At the time of application, has an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students (as those terms are defined in this notice).

Note: To satisfy paragraph (f) of the eligibility criteria, an applicant, at the time it applies, must certify its total undergraduate enrollment and must certify that 10 percent of its undergraduate enrollment is Asian American or Native American Pacific Islander. To make this certification, the applicant must submit a completed assurance form, signed by an authorized official, along

with the application. (This assurance form is included in the application materials for this competition.)

Note: For purposes of establishing eligibility for this competition, the Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for FY 2010 was published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2009 (74 FR 64059), and the deadline for application was January 6, 2010. The Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for FY 2010 was reopened on August 13, 2010 (75 FR 49484), and the deadline for applications was September 13, 2010. Only institutions that submitted the required application and received designation through one of these processes are eligible to submit applications for this competition.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* There are no cost sharing or matching requirements for this program.

3. *Other: Limit on Number of Grants.* A grantee under the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI), Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI), Hispanic Serving Institutions—STEM and Articulation (HSI—STEM), and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) programs authorized by section 371 of the HEA may apply for a grant using FY 2010 funds under any of these programs for which it is eligible. However, a successful applicant may receive only one grant under section 371.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address To Request Application Package:* You can obtain an application package via the Internet using the following address: <http://Grants.gov>. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Pearson Owens or Darlene Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6043, Washington, DC 20006–8513. You may contact these individuals at the following e-mail addresses or telephone numbers:

Pearson.Owens@ed.gov (202) 502–7804;

Darlene.Collins@ed.gov (202) 502–7576.

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

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) by contacting either of the program contacts listed in this section.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content of an application, together

with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

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 the application narrative (Part III) to no more than 50 pages, using the following standards. For purposes of determining compliance with the page limit, each page on which there are words will be counted as one full page.

- A “page” is 8.5” x 11”, on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides. Page numbers and an identifier may be outside of the 1” margin.

- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, except titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. Text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs in the application narrative may be single spaced and will count toward the page limit.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However, you may use a 10-point font in charts, tables, figures, graphs, footnotes, and endnotes.

- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424—cover sheet); the Supplemental Information for SF 424 Form required by the Department of Education; Part II, the budget section, Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the one-page program abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section (Part III). If you include any attachments or appendices not specifically requested in the program narrative (Part III of the application), these items will be counted as part of the program narrative for purposes of the page limit requirement. You must include your complete response to the selection criteria in the program narrative.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:*
Applications Available: April 1, 2011.
Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 16, 2011.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV. 7. *Other Submission Requirements* of this notice.

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

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual’s application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 15, 2011.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program.

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

6. *Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and Central Contractor Registry:* To do business with the Department of Education, you must—

- Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);

- Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), the Government’s primary registrant database;

- Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your application; and

- Maintain an active CCR registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet. A DUNS number can be created within one business day.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you

can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2–5 weeks for your TIN to become active.

The CCR registration process may take five or more business days to complete. If you are currently registered with the CCR, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your CCR registration on an annual basis. This may take three or more business days to complete.

In addition, if you are submitting your application via Grants.gov, you must (1) be designated by your organization as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (2) register yourself with Grants.gov as an AOR. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (*see <http://www.grants.gov/section910/Grants.govRegistrationBrochure.pdf>*).

7. Other Submission Requirements: Applications for grants under the AANAPISI program must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. Electronic Submission of Applications.

Applications for grants under the AANAPISI program, CFDA number 84.382B must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at <http://www.Grants.gov>. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under *Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement*.

You may access the electronic grant application for the AANAPISI program at <http://www.Grants.gov>. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA

number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.382, not 84.382B).

Please note the following:

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.

- Applications received by Grants.gov are date and time stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not accept your application if it is received—that is, date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system—after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.

- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this program to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov under News and Events on the Department's G5 system home page at <http://www.G5.gov>.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- You must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a PDF (Portable Document) format only. If you upload a file type other than a PDF or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second notification to you by e-mail. This second notification indicates that the Department has received your application and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System: If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk, toll free, at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a

determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

Note: The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Grants.gov system;
- and
- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Pearson Owens or Darlene Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6043, Washington, DC 20006–8513. Fax: (202) 502–7861.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, 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 84.382B), LBJ Basement Level 1, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202–4260.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (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 of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do 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.

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 84.382B), 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 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 from 34 CFR 75.210 in EDGAR. The total weight of the selection criteria is 100 points; the

weight of each criterion is noted in parentheses.

a. *Need for project.* (Maximum 20 points) The Secretary considers the need for the proposed project. In determining the need for the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

1. The magnitude of the need for the services to be provided or the activities to be carried out by the proposed project. (10 points)

2. The extent to which the proposed project will focus on serving or otherwise addressing the needs of disadvantaged individuals. (5 points)

3. The extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses. (5 points)

b. *Quality of the project design.* (Maximum 15 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

1. The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable. (10 points)

2. The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs. (5 points)

c. *Quality of project services.* (Maximum 15 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project. In determining the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project, the Secretary considers the quality and sufficiency of strategies for ensuring equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. In addition, the Secretary considers:

1. The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project are appropriate to the needs of the intended recipients or beneficiaries of those services. (10 points)

2. The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project reflect up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (5 points)

d. *Quality of project personnel.* (Maximum 10 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project. In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers the extent to which the applicant

encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

In addition, the Secretary considers:

1. The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director or principal investigator. (5 points)

2. The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel. (5 points)

e. *Adequacy of resources.* (Maximum 5 points) The Secretary considers the adequacy of resources for the proposed project. In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

1. The extent to which the budget is adequate to support the proposed project. (3 points)

2. The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project. (2 points)

f. *Quality of the management plan.* (Maximum 20 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

1. The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks. (10 points)

2. The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project. (5 points)

3. The adequacy of mechanisms for ensuring high-quality products and services from the proposed project. (5 points)

g. *Quality of the project evaluation.* (Maximum 15 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers:

1. The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (5 points)

2. The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible. (5 points)

3. The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance

feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes. (5 points)

2. *Review and Selection Process:* For five-year grants, awards will be made in rank order according to the average score received from a panel of three readers.

We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary also requires various assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

3. *Tie-breaker for Grants.* To resolve ties in the reader scores of applications for grants, the Department will award one additional point to an application from an IHE that has an endowment fund for which the current market value, per FTE enrolled student, is less than the average current market value of the endowment funds, per FTE enrolled student at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction. In addition, to resolve ties in the reader scores of applications for grants, the Department will award one additional point to an application from an IHE that has expenditures for library materials per FTE enrolled student that are less than the average expenditures for library materials per FTE enrolled student at comparable institutions that offer similar instruction. We also will add one additional point to an application from an IHE that proposes to carry out one or more of the following activities—

1. Faculty development;
2. Funds and administrative management;
3. Development and improvement of academic programs;
4. Acquisition of equipment for use in strengthening management and academic programs;
5. Joint use of facilities; and
6. Student services.

For the purpose of these funding considerations, we will use the most recent complete data available (e.g., for FY 2010, we will use 2008–2009 data).

If a tie remains after applying the tie-breaker mechanism above, priority will be given to applicants that have the lowest endowment values per FTE enrolled student.

4. *Special Conditions:* Under 34 CFR 74.14 and 80.12, the Secretary may impose special conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 34 CFR parts 74 or 80, as applicable; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

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 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:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) 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 in 34 CFR 75.118 and 34 CFR 607.31. 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/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

4. *Performance Measures:* The Secretary has established the following key performance measures for assessing

the effectiveness of the AANAPISI program:

a. The percentage change, over a five-year period, of the number of full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates enrolling at AANAPISIs. Note that this is a long-term measure, which will be used to periodically gauge performance;

b. The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students at four-year AANAPISIs who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same AANAPISI;

c. The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students at two-year AANAPISIs who were in their first year of postsecondary enrollment in the previous year and are enrolled in the current year at the same AANAPISI;

d. The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at four-year AANAPISIs who graduate within six years of enrollment; and

e. The percentage of first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at two-year AANAPISIs who graduate within three years of enrollment.

In addition, the Department has developed the following efficiency measure for the AANAPISI program.

Efficiency measure: Federal cost per undergraduate degree at AANAPISIs.

5. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.253, the extent to which a grantee has made "substantial progress toward meeting the objectives in its approved application." This consideration includes the review of a grantee's progress in meeting the targets and projected outcomes in its approved application, and whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Agency Contacts

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pearson Owens or Darlene Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6043, Washington, DC 20006-8513. You may contact these individuals at the following e-mail addresses or telephone numbers:

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Darlene.Collins@ed.gov (202) 502-7576.

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 persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of open meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB). SEAB was reestablished pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). This notice is provided in accordance with the Act.

DATES: Monday, April 11, 2011 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, California 94025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Bodette, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-0383 or facsimile

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Board was reestablished to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the Department's basic and applied research, economic and national security policy, educational issues, operational issues and other activities as directed by the Secretary.

Purpose of the Meeting: The meeting will provide a briefing to the Board and an opportunity for the subcommittees to report to the full Board on their progress.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting will start at 8 a.m. on April 11th and will serve as an update meeting for the Board. The tentative meeting agenda includes a welcome, opening remarks from the Secretary, reports on planned activities from subcommittees and an opportunity for public comment. The meeting will conclude at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who would like to attend must RSVP to Amy Bodette no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011 by e-mail at seab@hq.doe.gov. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship and contact information. Entry to the SLAC National Accelerator Lab will be restricted to those who have confirmed their attendance in advance. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government issued identification. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so at the end of the meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011. Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed 5 minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should register to do so beginning at 8 a.m. on April 11, 2011.

Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Amy Bodette, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585 or by e-mail to seab@hq.doe.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues and a location change that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.