

Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use.

### 13. Technical Standards

This proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

### 14. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This proposed rule involves establishing a safety zone. This rule may be categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2-1 of the Commandant Instruction. A preliminary environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

#### PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapters 701, 3306, 3703; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T01-0600 to read as follows:

#### § 165.T01-0600 Safety Zone; East End Maritime Foundation Fireworks Display, Greenport Harbor, Greenport, NY.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of Greenport Harbor within a 600-foot radius of the fireworks barge located in approximate position 41°05'55.00" N, 072°21'18.00" W (NAD 83).

(b) *Effective Period.* This section will be effective from 8 p.m. on September 21, 2013, until 10 p.m. on September 22, 2013.

(c) *Enforcement Period.* This section will be enforced from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. on September 21, 2013. If the event is postponed due to inclement weather, then this rule will be enforced from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. on September 22, 2013.

(d) *Definitions.* The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) Designated Representative. A "designated representative" is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard who has been designated by the COTP, Sector Long Island Sound, to act on his or her behalf. The designated representative may be on an official patrol vessel or may be on shore and will communicate with vessels via VHF-FM radio or loudhailer. In addition, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary may be present to inform vessel operators of this regulation.

(2) Official Patrol Vessels. Official patrol vessels may consist of any Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, state, or local law enforcement vessels assigned or approved by the COTP Sector Long Island Sound.

(3) Spectators. All persons and vessels not registered with the event sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels.

(e) *Regulations.* The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 apply. During the enforcement period, entering into, transiting through, remaining, mooring or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP) or the designated representatives.

(1) Spectators desiring to enter or operate within the regulated area should contact the COTP Sector Long Island Sound at 203-468-4401 (Sector LIS command center) or the designated representative via VHF channel 16 to obtain permission to do so. Spectators given permission to enter or operate in the regulated area must comply with all directions given to them by the COTP Sector Long Island Sound or the designated on-scene representative.

(2) Upon being hailed by an official patrol vessel or the designated representative, by siren, radio, flashing light or other means, the operator of the vessel shall proceed as directed. Failure to comply with a lawful direction may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

(3) Fireworks barges used in this location will have a sign on their port and starboard side labeled "FIREWORKS—STAY AWAY". This

sign will consist of 10 inch high by 1.5 inch wide red lettering on a white background.

Dated: July 22, 2013.

**H.L. Morrison,**

*Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Captain of the Port, Sector Long Island Sound.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### 34 CFR Chapter III

#### Proposed Waiver and Extension of the Project Period for the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Partnership Project

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed waiver and extension of the project period.

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.326A.]

**SUMMARY:** For the currently funded IDEA Partnership Project (Partnership Project) grantee, the Secretary proposes to waive the requirements that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary also proposes to extend current project period for one year. The proposed waiver and extension of the project period would enable the currently funded Partnership Project grantee to receive funding from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before September 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments about this proposed waiver and extension of the project period to Renee Bradley, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 4103, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2600.

If you prefer to send your comments by email, use the following address: [renee.bradley@ed.gov](mailto:renee.bradley@ed.gov). You must include the phrase "Proposed waiver and extension of the project period" in the subject line of your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Renee Bradley. Telephone: (202) 245-7277, or by email: [renee.bradley@ed.gov](mailto:renee.bradley@ed.gov).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Invitation to Comment:* We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed waiver and extension. During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this proposed waiver and extension of the project period in room 4103, PCP, 550 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week, except Federal holidays.

*Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record:* On request, we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Background**

On July 15, 2008, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 40548) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2008 for the Partnership Project funded under the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (TA&D) program, authorized under section 663 of IDEA. The Partnership Project is intended to provide opportunities for national associations to collaborate with each other and with their collective State and local affiliates to improve the implementation of education policies and practices in States. The goal of the Partnership Project is also intended to bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice in both special education and general education so that the needs of all students can be meaningfully addressed. The Partnership Project has worked to unite multiple national associations, and their State and local affiliates, representing policymakers, service providers, local-level administrators, and families to improve the implementation of IDEA and outcomes for students with disabilities. These associations and their State and local affiliates need continued support to engage in meaningful dialogue, continual learning, and problem solving that will improve the implementation of IDEA and outcomes for students with disabilities.

The Department made one award for a period of 60 months to the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) to establish the

Partnership Project. The current project period is scheduled to end on September 30, 2013.

The Partnership Project links the expertise and resources available through the OSEP Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network with stakeholder organizations to build innovative dissemination strategies. The Partnership Project has developed and enhanced tools and strategies to improve the collaboration and engagement of stakeholder organizations linked with State improvement efforts to implement evidence-based practices, improve the implementation of IDEA, and improve outcomes for children with disabilities within general education reform efforts. Engagement tools and strategies include: (1) Various Dialogue Guides, focused on education reform efforts such as standards-based assessment, college- and career-readiness, and the school-to-prison pipeline; (2) communities of practice development and implementation; and (3) stakeholder engagement protocols.

At this time, we do not believe that it would be in the public interest to run a competition for a new Partnership Project because the Department is planning to change the organization of its technical assistance (TA) activities to better meet the needs of States and local affiliates and families. We also have concluded that it would be contrary to the public interest to have a lapse in the provision of the TA services currently provided by the Partnership Project pending the changes to the organization of the Department's TA activities.

For these reasons, the Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250, which prohibit project periods exceeding five years, and waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which allow the extension of a project period only if the extension does not involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary further proposes to issue a continuation award in the amount of \$1,699,000 to NASDSE for an additional 12-month period. This continuation award should ensure that the Partnership Project's TA, coordinated training, outreach, and dissemination of information to the partners' State and local affiliates and families will not be interrupted.

Any activities to be carried out during the year of the continuation award would have to be consistent with, or be a logical extension of, the scope, goals, and objectives of the grantee's application as approved in the 2008 Partnership Project competition.

If the proposed waiver and extension of the project period are announced in a final notice in the **Federal Register**,

the requirements applicable to continuation awards for this competition set forth in the July 15, 2008, notice inviting applications and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253 would apply to any continuation awards sought by the current IDEA Partnership grantee. If we announce the waiver and extension as final, we will base our decisions regarding a continuation award on the program narrative, budget, budget narrative, and program performance report submitted by the current grantee, as well as the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification**

The Department certifies that the proposed waiver and extension of the project period would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entity that would be affected by the proposed waiver and extension of the project period is the current grantee.

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension would not have a significant economic impact on this entity because the proposed waiver and extension of the project period imposes minimal compliance costs, and the activities required to support the additional year of funding would not impose additional regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision.

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

This notice of proposed waiver and extension of the project period does not contain any information collection requirements.

*Intergovernmental Review:* This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance. This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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Dated: July 29, 2013.

**Michael K. Yudin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### 34 CFR Chapter III

#### **Proposed Waiver and Extension of the Project Period for the Technical Assistance Coordination Center**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed waiver and extension of the project period.

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.326Z.]

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in our regulations of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations that, respectively, generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The proposed waiver and extension of the project period would enable the currently funded Technical Assistance Coordination Center to receive funding from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before September 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments about this proposed waiver and extension of the project period to David Guardino, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4106, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2600.

If you prefer to send your comments by email, use the following address: [david.guardino@ed.gov](mailto:david.guardino@ed.gov). You must

include the phrase "Proposed waiver and extension of the project period" in the subject line of your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Guardino. Telephone: (202) 245-6209, or by email: [david.guardino@ed.gov](mailto:david.guardino@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf or a text telephone, call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Invitation to Comment:* We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed waiver and extension. During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this proposed waiver and extension of the project period in Room 4106, PCP, 550 12th Street SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week, except Federal holidays.

*Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record:* On request, we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### **Background**

On June 5, 2008, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 32016) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2008 for a Technical Assistance Coordination Center (Center). The Center was funded under the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (TA&D) program, authorized under section 663 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Its purpose is to support ongoing communication, collaboration, and coordination among the centers in the OSEP-funded TA&D Network, and between these centers and other relevant federally funded TA&D centers, national professional organizations, and a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Approximately 30 OSEP-funded centers comprise the TA&D Network and provide technical assistance (TA) covering a variety of areas to State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), Part C State lead agencies, early intervention service (EIS) programs and providers,

families of children with disabilities, and others to improve services and outcomes for children served under Part B and Part C of IDEA.

Based on the selection criteria published in the 2008 notice inviting applications, the Department made one award for a period of 60 months to the Academy for Educational Development, Inc. (now FHI 360) to establish the Center, which is currently known as the Technical Assistance Coordination Center.

The Center has two broad goals:

(1) Create a resource center where the various TA&D centers funded by OSEP and other Federal agencies that provide assistance and support to States, LEAs, EIS programs and providers, and stakeholders in the field can store and share information and resources developed by TA providers.

(2) Support OSEP in developing a comprehensive network integrating a variety of relevant federally funded centers, professional organizations, and other stakeholders to collaborate, solve problems together, and exchange knowledge and expertise.

The Center accomplishes this work by: (a) Creating ongoing opportunities to promote coordination, communication, and collaboration among OSEP-funded TA centers and other federally funded TA centers through various workgroups, meetings, listservs, and TA communities of practice; (b) maintaining a Web site that houses tools that TA&D Network projects have developed or can use in their TA delivery (e.g., product database, discretionary database, and TA&D Network Web site search); and (c) sharing knowledge of best practices in collaboration with the TA&D Network and other federally funded TA centers.

The Center's current project period is scheduled to end on September 30, 2013. We do not believe that it would be in the public interest to run a competition for a new Center this year because the Department is planning to change the organization of its TA activities to better coordinate Federal TA activities to meet the needs of children with disabilities. We also have concluded that it would be contrary to the public interest to have a lapse in the provision of TA services currently provided by the Center pending the changes to the organization of the Department's TA activities. For these reasons, the Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250, which prohibit project periods exceeding five years, and waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which allow the extension of a project period only if the extension does