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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

**Hydrographic Services Review Panel  
Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service,  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration (NOAA), Department of  
Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrographic Services  
Review Panel (HSRP) will hold a  
meeting that will be open to the public  
and public comments are requested in  
advance or during the meeting.  
Information about the HSRP meeting,  
agenda, presentations, webinar and  
background documents will be posted  
online at: [http://  
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/  
meetings\\_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

**DATES:** The meeting is April 18–20,  
2017. The agenda and times are subject  
to change. For updates, please check  
online at: [http://  
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/  
meetings\\_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

**Location:** Downtown Seattle,  
Washington, with venue to be  
announced online at: [http://  
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/  
meetings\\_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
meeting is open to the public, seating  
will be available on a first-come, first-  
served basis, and public comment is  
encouraged. There are public comment  
periods scheduled each day and noted  
in the agenda. Each individual or group  
making verbal comments will be limited  
to a total time of five (5) minutes and  
will be recorded. For those not onsite,  
comments can be submitted via the  
webinar or via email in writing.  
Individuals who would like to submit  
written statements in advance, during or  
after the meeting should email their  
comments to [Lynne.Mersfelder@](mailto:Lynne.Mersfelder@)

[noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov). The HSRP will provide  
webinar capability for the public  
sessions. Pre-registration is required to  
access the webinar. Additional  
information on the webinar will be  
posted and is available from  
[Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov) or online at:  
[http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/  
ocs/hsrp/meetings\\_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

The Hydrographic Services Review  
Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory  
Committee established to advise the  
Under Secretary of Commerce for  
Oceans and Atmosphere, the NOAA  
Administrator, on matters related to the  
responsibilities and authorities set forth  
in section 303 of the Hydrographic  
Services Improvement Act of 1998, as  
amended, and such other appropriate  
matters that the Under Secretary refers  
to the Panel for review and advice. The  
charter and other information are  
located online at: [http://  
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/  
CharterBylawsHSIAStatute.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/CharterBylawsHSIAStatute.htm). Past  
HSRP public meeting summary reports,  
agendas, presentations, transcripts,  
webinars, and other information is  
available online at: [https://  
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/  
meetings.htm](https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings.htm).

**Matters To Be Considered:** The panel  
is convening to hear federal, state,  
regional and local partners and  
stakeholders on issues relevant to  
NOAA's navigation services, focusing  
on the Pacific Northwest including the  
states of Washington and Oregon as well  
as national issues. Navigation services  
include the data, products, and services  
provided by the NOAA programs and  
activities that undertake geodetic  
observations, gravity modeling,  
shoreline mapping, bathymetric  
mapping, hydrographic surveying,  
nautical charting, tide and water level  
observations, current observations, and  
marine modeling. This suite of NOAA  
products and services support safe and  
efficient navigation, resilient coasts and  
communities, and the nationwide  
positioning information infrastructure to  
support America's commerce. The Panel  
will hear from state and federal  
agencies, non-federal organizations and  
partners about their missions and their  
use of NOAA's navigation services;  
what value these services bring; and  
what improvements could be made.  
Other administrative matters may be  
considered. The agenda is subject to  
change.

**Special Accommodations:** This  
meeting is physically accessible to  
people with disabilities. Please direct  
requests for sign language interpretation  
or other auxiliary aids to  
[Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov) by April 3,  
2017.

Dated: February 10, 2017.

**Shepard Smith,**

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Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Final Environmental Impact Statement  
for the East Campus Integration  
Program, Fort Meade, Maryland**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense  
(DoD) announces the availability of the  
Final Environmental Impact Statement  
(EIS) as part of the environmental  
planning process for the East Campus  
Integration Program at Fort George G.  
Meade, Maryland (hereafter referred to  
as Fort Meade). The DoD proposes to  
continue to develop operational  
complex and headquarters space at the  
National Security Agency's (NSA) East  
Campus on Fort Meade for use by NSA  
and the Intelligence Community.

**DATES:** The Final EIS is available for a  
30-day period following publication of  
the Notice of Availability.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final EIS are  
available at the Medal of Honor  
Memorial Library, 4418 Llewellyn  
Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755; Glen  
Burnie Regional Library, 1010 Eastway,  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Odenton  
Regional Library, 1325 Annapolis Road,  
Odenton, MD 21113; and Severn  
Community Library, 2624 Annapolis  
Road, Severn, Maryland 21144.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request copies of the Final EIS, please  
send an email to [ECIPEIS@hdrinc.com](mailto:ECIPEIS@hdrinc.com).  
For further information, please call 301-  
688-2970.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
purpose of the Proposed Action is to  
provide facilities that are fully  
supportive of the Intelligence  
Community's function and to continue  
to integrate the East Campus with the  
NSA Main Campus. The need for the  
action is to meet mission requirements,  
both internally at the NSA and within  
the Intelligence Community. The EIS  
considered four options for emergency  
power generation; two options for  
building heating systems; four options  
for locations of parking facilities;  
acquisition of additional space at two  
existing, offsite leased locations; and the  
No Action Alternative.

Dated: February 24, 2017.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Strengthening Institutions Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary  
Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information:

Strengthening Institutions Program.  
Notice inviting applications for new  
awards for fiscal year (FY) 2017.

Catalog of Federal Domestic  
Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.031A.

#### DATES:

*Applications Available:* March 1,  
2017.

*Deadline for Transmittal of  
Applications:* April 17, 2017.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental  
Review:* June 16, 2017.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The  
Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)  
provides grants to eligible institutions of  
higher education (IHEs) to help them  
become self-sufficient and expand their  
capacity to serve low-income students  
by providing funds to improve and  
strengthen the institution's academic  
quality, institutional management, and  
fiscal stability.

**Note:** The Department of Education  
(Department) is conducting two separate  
competitions for SIP grants in 2017. This  
competition (CFDA number 84.031A) does  
not include any priorities. The Department is  
conducting a separate competition under the  
84.031F CFDA number. In that competition  
applicants must address an absolute priority  
and may address a competitive priority. The  
84.031F competition will be announced in a  
separate **Federal Register** notice. Applicants  
may apply for grants in both the 84.031A and  
84.031F competitions, but can only receive  
one grant.

*Definitions:* These definitions apply to  
the selection criteria for this  
competition and are from 34 CFR 77.1.

*Logic model* (also referred to as theory  
of action) means a well-specified  
conceptual framework that identifies  
key components of the proposed  
process, product, strategy, or practice  
(i.e., the active "ingredients" that are  
hypothesized to be critical to achieving  
the relevant outcomes) and describes  
the relationships among the key

components and outcomes, theoretically  
and operationally.

**Note:** In developing logic models,  
applicants may want to use resources such as  
the Pacific Education Laboratory's Education  
Logic Model Application ([http://  
relpacific.mcrel.org/resources/elm-app/](http://relpacific.mcrel.org/resources/elm-app/) or  
<http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED544779.pdf>)  
to help design their logic models.

*Relevant outcome* means the student  
outcome(s) (or the ultimate outcome if  
not related to students) the proposed  
process, product, strategy, or practice is  
designed to improve; consistent with  
the specific goals of a program.

*Strong theory* means a rationale for  
the proposed process, product, strategy,  
or practice that includes a logic model.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1057–  
1059d (title III, part A, of the Higher  
Education Act of 1965, as amended  
(HEA)).

**Note:** In 2008, the HEA was amended by  
the Higher Education Opportunity Act of  
2008 (HEOA), Public Law 110-315. The  
HEOA made a number of technical and  
substantive revisions to SIP. Please note that  
the regulations for SIP in 34 CFR part 607  
have not been updated to reflect these  
statutory changes.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The  
Education Department General  
Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in  
34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 84, 86,  
97, 98, and 99. (b) The Education  
Department suspension and debarment  
regulations in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The  
Uniform Administrative Requirements,  
Cost Principles, and Audit  
Requirements for Federal Awards in 2  
CFR part 200, as adopted and amended  
as regulations of the Department in 2  
CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations for  
this program in 34 CFR part 607.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86  
apply to IHEs only.

##### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grant.  
Five-year Individual Development  
Grants will be awarded in FY 2017.  
Cooperative Arrangement Development  
Grants will not be made in FY 2017.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The  
Administration has requested  
\$86,534,000 for awards for the SIP  
program for FY 2017, of which we  
intend to use an estimated \$3,699,000  
for this competition. The actual level of  
funding, if any, depends on final  
congressional action. However, we are  
inviting applications to allow enough  
time to complete the grant process if  
Congress appropriates funds for this  
program.

Contingent upon the availability of  
funds and the quality of applications,  
we may make additional awards in FY

2018 from the list of unfunded  
applications from this competition.

*Estimated Range of Awards:*  
\$400,000–\$450,000 per year.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:*  
\$415,000 per year.

*Maximum Award:* We will reject any  
application that proposes a budget  
exceeding \$450,000 for a single budget  
period of 12 months.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 8–9.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

##### III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* This program is  
authorized by title III, part A, of the  
HEA. To qualify as an eligible  
institution under any title III, part A  
program, an institution must—

(a) Be accredited or preaccredited by  
a nationally recognized accrediting  
agency or association that the Secretary  
has determined to be a reliable authority  
as to the quality of education or training  
offered;

(b) Be legally authorized by the State  
in which it is located to be a junior or  
community college or to provide an  
educational program for which it  
awards a bachelor's degree;

(c) Be designated as an "eligible  
institution" by demonstrating that it: (1)  
Has an enrollment of needy students as  
described in 34 CFR 607.3; and (2) has  
low average educational and general  
expenditures per full-time equivalent  
(FTE) undergraduate student as  
described in 34 CFR 607.4.

**Note:** The notice announcing the FY 2017  
process for designation of eligible  
institutions, and inviting applications for  
waiver of eligibility requirements, was  
published in the **Federal Register** on  
November 25, 2016 (81 FR 85210). Only  
institutions that the Department determines  
are eligible, or which are granted a waiver  
under the process described in that notice,  
may apply for a grant in this program.

##### *Relationship Between the Title III, Part A Programs and the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program*

A grantee under the HSI program,  
which is authorized under title V of the  
HEA, may not receive a grant under any  
HEA, title III, part A program. The title  
III, part A programs are: SIP; the  
Tribally Controlled Colleges and  
Universities program; the Alaska Native  
and Native Hawaiian-Serving  
Institutions program; the Asian  
American and Native American Pacific  
Islander-Serving Institutions program;  
and the Native American-Serving  
Nontribal Institutions program.