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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA NO: 84.031A]

### Strengthening Institutions Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1995

*Purpose of Program:* Provide grants to eligible institutions of higher education to improve their academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability so they can become self-sufficient.

This grant program should be seen as an opportunity for applicants to support those elements of the National Education Goals that are relevant to their unique missions.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 1, 1995.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 30, 1995.

*Applications Available:* Applications will be mailed by March 13, 1995 to the office of the president of all institutions that were mailed applications to be designated as eligible to apply for a grant under the Strengthening Institutions Program.

*Available Funds:* \$12,000,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year for development grants only.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$325,000 per year for five-year development grants only.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 36 development grants only.

*Project Period:* 60 months for development grants.

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

*Special Funding Considerations:* In tie-breaking situations described in 34 CFR 607.23 of the Strengthening Institutions program regulations, 34 CFR 607.23, the Secretary awards additional points under § 607.22 to an application from an institution which has an endowment fund for which the current market value, per full-time equivalent (FTE) student, is less than the average, per FTE student, at similar type institutions; and has expenditures for library materials, per FTE student, which are less than the average, per FTE student, at similar type institutions.

For the purposes of these funding considerations, an applicant must be able to demonstrate that the current market value of its endowment fund,

per FTE student, or expenditures for library materials, per FTE student, is less than the following national average for base year 1992-93.

	Average market value of endowment fund, per FTE	Average library expenditures for materials, per FTE
Two-year public institutions .....	\$1,222	\$41
Two-year nonprofit, private institutions .....	12,600	104
Four-year public institutions .....	1,862	141
Four-year nonprofit .....	32,164	239

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Department of Education General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 607.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 15, 1994, the Secretary published a notice of final rulemaking for this program in the Federal Register (59 FR 41914).

For Fiscal Years 1995 and 1996, the Department will conduct biennial grant award competitions under the Strengthening Institutions Program. Under a biennial grant award competition, an institution submits a grant application that may be considered for funding under two successive fiscal year grant award competitions. Applications are evaluated and ranked by field readers for the first competition. If the institution's application is not selected for funding under the first fiscal year's award competition, it will be considered for funding under the second fiscal year's award competition for new awards, based upon the score it received in the first competition. As part of the plan, the Secretary will not invite applications for new awards for the second fiscal year. Accordingly, if an institution wishes to apply for a new grant award under the Strengthening Institutions Program for Fiscal Year 1995 or Fiscal Year 1996, it must submit an application by the closing date of May 1, 1995. An applicant should identify the fiscal year (1995 and/or 1996) from which it seeks funding.

No planning grants will be awarded under this competition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Louis J. Venuto, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Portals Building, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20202-5335. Telephone: (202) 708-8839. Individuals who use a telecommunications device

for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board; Savannah River Site

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Monday, March 27, 1995: 6:00 p.m.-7 p.m. (public comment session).

Tuesday, March 28, 1995: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public comment session and board meeting will be held at: Hyatt Regency Savannah, Two West Bay Street, Savannah, GA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Heenan, Manager, Environmental Restoration and Solid Waste, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802 (803) 725-8074.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.