

environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference docket No. CP95-191-000;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Mr. Mark Jensen, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street., N.E., Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before April 17, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Jensen at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a Motion to Intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Mark Jensen, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208—0828.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RM95-6-000]

Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines; Notice of Extension of Time

March 10, 1995.

On March 3, 1995, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, the America Gas Association, the Associated Gas Distributors, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, and the Natural Gas Supply Association (Indicated Petitioners) filed a motion for an extension of time within which to file comments and responses to questions raised in the Commission's Request for Comments issued February 8, 1995 (60 FR 8356, February 14, 1995), in the above-docketed proceeding. In its motion, Indicated Petitioners states that due to the complex nature of the subject matter and the numerous questions raised by the Request for Comments and the Staff Paper dealing with market-based rates, additional time is needed to analyze, prepare, and file comments. The motion also states that a modest extension is in the public interest and will not unnecessarily delay the proceeding.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time within which to file comments in this proceeding is granted to and including April 25, 1995.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5173-2]

Office of Environmental Justice and the Office of Civil Rights Solicitation Notice for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995; Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible candidates under the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Grants Program Overview

The grants program was established to help community groups to efficiently address local environmental justice issues through active partnerships with institutions of higher education, such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving

Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges (TC) and institutions of higher education serving Asian-American (AA) and other minority or low-income communities. Executive Orders 12876 (HBCUs) and Executive Order 12900 (Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans) are designed to further opportunities for HBCU participation in Federal programs and for Hispanic American participation in Federal education programs. This grants program will further the Agency's commitment, as expressed in its March 14, 1994 reaffirmation of EPA's 1984 Indian Policy, to develop a stronger partnership with Tribal governments in protecting the environment.

Under this program, EPA will emphasize meaningful, fully interactive two-way cooperation between communities and HBCUs, HSIs, TCs, and institutions of higher education serving Asian-Americans and other minority or low-income communities, to address environmental justice issues (e.g., waste sites that are polluting water bodies, or pesticide contamination of farm workers), and to identify pollution sources, train residents on their rights and responsibilities, and help to resolve environmental problems. Partnerships must be established with formal agreements (ie. Memorandum of Understanding) between a University or College and at least one socio-economically disadvantaged community which is adversely impacted by an environmental hazard. Participation by these institutions and communities in government programs is advanced by expanding community outreach, and providing training, and education. These initiatives become the catalyst for increasing environmental awareness and involvement in resolving environmental problems such as exposure to environmental pollutants in minority and low-income populations.

The main objective of the program is to link members of a community, who are directly affected by adverse environmental conditions with an academic institution's staff. This effort is designed to ensure that both:

- are aware of basic environmental regulations, laws, concepts, issues, and resources;
 - understand their role in identifying and defining problems, and monitoring contaminants related to environmental exposures;
 - are included in the dialogue that results in shaping future policies, guidances, and approaches to problem solving; and
 - are encouraged to be active partners in developing responses and setting priorities for intervention and legal recourse.

Through these partnerships, communities will be encouraged to become involved in accessing information from environmental databases, in cleaning-up and restoring communities that have environmental insults, and in surveying and monitoring environmental quality.

Number of Grants Proposed: A minimum of four grants will be awarded for the fiscal year 1995.

Grant Award Amount: \$300,000 to each award recipient contingent upon the availability of funds. Work funded by this program is expected to begin upon award of the grant. All grants under this notice are expected to be awarded by September 1995.

Grant Term: The term of the grant is one year. However, the EPA reserves the right to offer the grantee a renewal not to exceed one additional year, provided that conditions within the Agency remain the same and funds are available.

Eligibility

Participation is limited to institutions of higher education, including Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), institutions of higher education serving Asian-American (AA's) and other minority or low-income communities, and Tribal Colleges (TCs) which have formal partnerships (i.e., a signed agreement or Memorandum of Understanding) with any affected community group which is eligible under applicable statutory authorities (for example, community-based / grassroots organizations, churches, schools or other non-profit community organizations) and Tribal governments.

The Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program may be either a single institution or consortium. If a consortium is proposed, the lead institution must be identified and be one of the eligible applicants. This lead institution is recognized as the grantee and as such is responsible for all activities under the agreement.

Statutory Authority(ies): the granting authority is multi-media and the grant proposal must address two or more of the statutory requirements.

Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3)
Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a)

Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3)
Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203
Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a)
Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(b)(3)

Application Instructions—
Applications will serve as the sole basis for evaluation and recommendation for funding. This notice contains all information and forms necessary to submit an application.

Application deadline: Applications must be received or postmarked no later than midnight, May 17, 1995.

Applications must be mailed to:
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Grants Administration Division, Mail Code 3903F, Environmental Justice Community/University, Partnership Grants, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.
All Applications must be sent to the headquarters address.

Background

In its 1992 report, *Environmental Equity: Reducing Risk for All Communities*, EPA found that people of color and low-income communities experience higher than average exposure to toxic pollutants than the general population. The Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) was established in 1992 to help these communities identify and assess pollution sources, implement environmental awareness and training programs for affected residents and work with local stakeholders (community-based organizations, academia, industry, local governments) to devise strategies for environmental improvements.

In June of 1993, OEJ was delegated granting authority to solicit projects, select suitable projects from among those proposed, supervise such projects, evaluate the results of projects, and disseminate information on the effectiveness of the projects, and feasibility of the practices, methods, techniques and processes in environmental justice areas.

General

The following questions and answers are designed to respond to frequent concerns of applicants.

A. What Is the Purpose of the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program?

The purpose of this grants program is to provide financial assistance to institutions of higher education, including HBCU's, HSI's, AA's and TC's, to establish or enhance environmental justice outreach programs with community groups. The University/Colleges shall support affected environmental justice community groups (community-based/grassroots organizations, churches, schools, or other non-profit community

organizations) and tribal governments who engage in or plan to carry out projects that address environmental justice issues. The Universities/Colleges that focus on the design, methods, and techniques to evaluate and solve environmental justice issues of concern to affected communities will be given priority.

B. What Specific Requirements Exist for the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program?

The Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Design and demonstration of field methods, practices, and techniques, including assessment and analysis of environmental justice conditions and problems which may have a wide applicability and/or addresses a high priority environmental justice issue (e.g., socioeconomic impact studies, natural resource clean-up efforts);

2. Research projects to understand, assess or address, regional and local trends in environmental justice issues or problems (e.g., monitoring of socioeconomic changes in a community as a result of an environmental abuse);

3. Demonstration or dissemination of environmental justice information, including development of educational tools and materials (e.g. establish an Environmental Justice Clearinghouse of successful environmental justice projects and activities or teach about risk reduction, pollution prevention, or ecosystem protection as potential strategies for addressing environmental justice problems or issues);

4. Determine the necessary improvements in communication and coordination among local, state and tribal environmental programs and facilitate communication, information exchange, and community partnerships among all stakeholders to enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making;

5. Provide technical expert consultation for accessing, analyzing, and interpreting public environmental data (e.g., TRI, GIS, etc.);

6. Provide for a minimal "hard science" analysis capability (e.g. analyze water and soil samples to test for basic pollutants, provide radon testing kits); In addition, the following items must be addressed:

7. Projects should involve new and innovative approaches and/or significant new combinations of resources, both of which should be identified in the partnership agreements;

8. An applicant is required to include in the application a signed agreement which describes the role of the prospective partner(s) in the project and its implementation, and which includes a commitment or intent to commit resources from the prospective partner(s) contingent only upon receipt of funds. Where appropriate the University may identify community residents as part of the partnership team and the residents may be compensated for this effort; and

9. Applications should include partnerships between universities, colleges, or tribal colleges which are providers of training and programs for these communities. One of the goals of the partnerships should be a developing shift of focus within these organizations from maintenance to that of self-sufficiency;

C. What does Environmental Justice Involve Under the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grant?

Environmental justice involves the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It seeks to ensure that the communities, private industry, local governments, states, tribes, federal government, grassroots organizations, and individuals act responsibly and environmental protection to all communities.

Environmental justice efforts may include, but are not necessarily limited to enhancing the gathering, observing, measuring, classifying, experimenting and other data gathering techniques that assist individuals in discussing, inferring, predicting, and interpreting information about environmental justice issues and concerns. Environmental justice projects or activities should enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and effective decision-making skills.

D. Who May Submit An Application?

Any institution of higher education, including Historically Black College or University (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Tribal Colleges (TC), and institutions of higher education serving Asian-American (AA) and other minority or low-income communities, may submit an application upon publication of this solicitation. University consortiums are eligible to apply.

Given the limited funding available for this grant program, priority will be given to applicants with a demonstrated capacity to develop partnerships with

socioeconomically disadvantaged communities.

E. May An Individual Apply?

No. Only institutions of higher education may apply. The professional qualifications or community-based experience of those individuals participating in the proposed project will be an important factor in the selection process.

Funding Priorities

F. What Types of Proposed Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships Will Have the Best Chance of Being Funded?

The Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships must meet the objectives and criteria spelled out in section B.

G. Are Matching Funds Required?

Yes. Federal funds for the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships shall not exceed 95% of the total cost of the project. EPA encourages non-Federal matching shares of greater than 5%. The non-Federal share of costs may be provided in cash or by in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. In-kind contributions often include salaries or other verifiable costs. In the case of salaries, applicants may use either minimum wage or fair market value. The proposed match, including the value of in-kind contributions, is subject to negotiation with EPA. All grants are subject to audit, so the value of in-kind contributions *must be carefully documented*.

The matching (non-Federal) share is a percentage of the entire cost of the project. For example, if the total project cost is approximately \$315,000 then the Federal portion can be no more than \$300,000, which is 95% of the total project cost. For this example, the grant recipient would be required to provide \$15,000 for the project. The amount of non-Federal funds, including in-kind contributions, must be briefly itemized in Block 15 of the application form (SF 424) included at the end of this notice. Among other things, *EPA funds cannot be used as matching funds for other Federal grant match requirements, for construction, or buying furniture.*

Application Procedure

An "Application for Federal Assistance" form (Standard Form 424 or SF 424), a "Budget Information: Non-Construction Programs" form (SF 424a), and a Work Plan (described below) must be submitted. These documents contain all the information EPA needs to

evaluate the merits of your proposed grant proposal.

Each instrument approved under the environmental justice delegation must be consistent with the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977, Public Law 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. Section 6301; Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 30, 31, 33, 40, 45 and 47, as appropriate; and existing media-specific regulations pertinent to the statement of work.

H. How Must the Application Be Submitted and Specifically What Must the Standard Form (SF) 424, Standard Form (SF) 424, and Work Plan Include?

The applicant must submit one original, signed by a person authorized to receive funds for the applicant, and two copies of the application (double-sided copies encouraged). Applications must be reproducible (for example; stapled once in the upper left hand corner, on white paper, and with page numbers).

As described above, an application contains an SF 424 and a work plan. The following describes what an SF 424 and a work plan are and what they must contain.

1. APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (SF 424). An SF 424 is an official form required for all Federal grants. A completed SF 424 must be submitted as part of your preapplication. This form, along with instructions are included at the end of this notice.

2. BUDGET INFORMATION: NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS (SF 424A). An SF- 424A is an official form required for all Federal grants. A completed SF 424A must be submitted as part of your application. This form, along with instructions are included at the end of this notice.

3. QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN. It is not necessary to prepare such a plan in response to this solicitation.

4. NECESSARY SIGNED FORMS. Procurement Systems Certification, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Certification Regarding Lobbying. These forms are provided in the grant package.

5. WORK PLAN. A work plan describes the applicant's proposed project. Work plans must be no more than 15 pages total. One page is one side of a single spaced typed page. The pages must be letter size (8 1/2 x 11), with normal type size (19 or 12 cpi) and at least 1" margins. The only appendices and letters of support that EPA will accept are a budget, resumes of key personnel, and commitment letters, and an agreement signed between one or

more community organizations and the applicant university.

Work plans must be submitted in the format described below. The percentages next to the items are the weights EPA will use to evaluate the applicant's work plan. Please note that certain sections are given greater weight than others.

(a.) A concise introduction of no more than 3 pages that states the nature of the college or university, how the college or university has been successful in the past, proposed uses, objectives, methods, plans, target audiences, and expected results of the proposed project. (10%)

(b.) Clear and concise description of the project which describes the following:

(1.) A section describing the field methods, practices, and techniques, including assessment and analysis, which the partnership expects to implement. (10%)

(2.) A section discussing how the partnerships will assess or address national, regional and local environmental justice issues. (10%)

(3.) A section describing how the partnerships will disseminate environmental justice information, including educational tools and materials. (10%)

(4.) A section describing how the partnerships will improve communications and coordination among local, state, tribal and federal environmental programs and how the partnership will enhance critical thinking, problem solving and decision making among all stakeholders. Specify effective and realistic methods for involving members of the targeted population. (10%)

(5.) A section describing who or how the partnership will obtain expert consultation to access, analyze and interpret public environmental data. (10%)

(6.) A section describing the "hard science" analysis capability of the University, college or organization. (10%)

(c.) A conclusion discussing how the applicant will evaluate the success of the partnership, in terms of the anticipated strengths and challenges in developing and administering the partnership. (10%)

(d.) An appendix with a budget describing how funds will be used in terms of personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contract costs, and other. Funds can not be used for construction. The budget must list proposed milestones with deadlines and estimated cost and completion dates. All costs must be consistent with the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cost principles, such as A-87 and A-122. (10%)

(e.) An appendix with one or two page resumes of up to five key personnel. (5%)

(f.) An appendix with one page letters of commitment from community-based organizations with a significant role in the developing and administration of the partnership. Letters of endorsement will not be considered. (5%)

I. When and Where Must Application Be Submitted?

An original plus two copies of the application must be mailed to EPA postmarked no later than Monday, May 17, 1995. Applications must be submitted to: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Grants Administration Division, Mail Code 3903F, Environmental Justice Community/University, Partnership Grants, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Review and Selection Process

J. How Will Applications be Reviewed?

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice will form a selections committee comprised of EPA Headquarters and Regional environmental justice personnel to evaluate proposals and make selections. Applications will be screened to ensure they meet all eligible activities described in Sections A through I. Reviewers will specifically evaluate the degree to which the applications meet EPA's objectives and criteria as discussed in section H.5(a-f). Applications will be disqualified if they are incomplete or do not meet EPA's basic criteria.

K. How Will the Final Selections Be Made?

After the applications are reviewed and ranked as described in section J, EPA officials will compare the best applications and make final selections. Factors EPA will take into account include: geographic and socioeconomic balance, diversity, cost and if the partnerships benefits can be sustained after the grant is completed.

L. How Will Applicants Be Notified?

After all applications are received, EPA will mail acknowledgements to each applicant. Once applications have been recommended for funding, EPA will notify those applicants selected and request any additional information necessary to complete the award process. The EPA Office of Environmental Justice will notify those applicants whose grant applications were not selected for funding.

Post-Award

M. When Should the Proposed Partnership Begin Functioning?

Partnerships cannot operate or begin development on this specific project before funds are awarded. Start dates are currently targeted for September 1, 1995. It is EPA's intent to fund each center for one year. Future funding will be dependent upon appropriations.

N. How Much Time Does Grant Recipient Have To Complete the Work Proposed?

Activities must be completed within the time frame specified in the grant award, usually one year from award date.

O. Who Will Develop and Manage the Partnerships?

EPA requires that partnerships be developed and managed by the applicant or by persons satisfactory to the applicant and EPA. All applications must identify any person other than the applicant for approval by EPA.

P. What Reports Must Grant Recipients Complete?

Recipients of grants will be expected to report on quarterly progress, as well as final project completion. All recipients must submit final reports for EPA approval prior to the expiration of the project period. Specific report requirements will be detailed in the award agreement. EPA plans to collect, evaluate, and disseminate grantees' final reports to serve as model programs. Since networking is crucial to the success of the program, grantees may be asked to transmit an extra copy to a central collect on point.

Q. What Is the Expected Time Frame for the Review and Awarding of the Grants?

March 17, 1995—Request for Applications Notice (RFA) is published in the **Federal Register**.

March 17, 1995–May 16, 1995—Eligible grant recipients develop their proposals.

May 17, 1995—Proposals must be postmarked for or received by EPA Office of Environmental Justice by this date.

May 17, 1995–July 15, 1995—EPA officials review and select grants.

July 15, 1995–September 1, 1995—EPA grants division processes grants and makes awards. Applicants will be contacted by the grants office if their proposal were selected for funding. Additional information may be required from the selectees, as described in Section N above.

September 1, 1995—EPA anticipates the beginning of the Partnership development on or around this date.

Fiscal Year 1996 and Future Year Grants

To Receive Information on the Fiscal Year 1996 Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program and Future Year Grants, You must mail your request along with your name, organization, address and phone number to: Office of Environmental Justice (3103), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants 1996, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460, FAX: (202) 260-0852.

Available Translations

A Spanish translation of this announcement is available upon request. Please call the Office of Environmental Justice at 1-800-962-6215 for a copy.

Hay traducciones disponibles en español. Si usted esta interesado en obtener una traducción de este anuncio en español, por favor llame a la Oficina de Justicia Ambiental conocida como "Office of Environmental Justice", linea de emergencia (1-800-962-6215).

Dated: March 10, 1995.

Clarice E. Gaylord,

Director, Office of Environmental Justice.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of information collection submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for OMB review of the information collection system described below.

Type of review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Country Exposure Report.

Form number: FFIEC 009, 009a.

OMB number: 3064-0017.

Expiration date of OMB clearance: April 30, 1995.

Respondents: Insured state nonmember banks with country exposures over \$30 million that are large relative to capital (as determined by the FDIC).

Frequency of response: Quarterly.

Number of respondents: 38.

Number of responses per respondent: 4.

Total annual responses: 152.

Average number of hours per response: 26.

Total annual burden hours: 3,952.

OMB reviewer: Milo Sunderhauf, (202) 395-7340, Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 3064-0017, Washington, DC 20503.

FDIC contact: Steven F. Hanft, (202) 898-3907, Office of the Executive Secretary Room F-400, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429.

Comments: Comments on this collection of information are welcome and should be submitted before March 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed above. Comments regarding the submission should be addressed to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Country Exposure Report provides information on the amounts and composition of international assets held by U.S. banks. The reporting requirement is pursuant to section 907(a) of the International Lending Supervision Act, which requires state nonmember banks to submit their reports to the FDIC. Individual bank data are used for supervisory and statistical purposes. Aggregate data are published for use by the general public, banks, government agencies, and international organizations. The revisions proposed in this request to OMB would simplify the form and reduce the reporting burden.

Dated: March 10, 1995.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute; Collective Bargaining; Comment Solicitation for Policy Statement

AGENCY: Federal Labor Relations Authority.

ACTION: Notice relating to the issuance of a policy statement.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits written comments on questions to assist the Authority in determining whether to issue a ruling on a major policy issue regarding the scope of collective bargaining under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute, 5 U.S.C. 7101-7135 (1988) (the "Statute") and, if the Authority issues such ruling, what it should be.

DATES: Written comments received in the Authority's Case Control Office by the close of business on April 17, 1995, will be considered. Extensions of time will not be granted.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 607 14th Street, NW., Room 415, Washington, DC 20424.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alicia N. Columna, Director, Case Control Office, 607 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20424. Telephone: (202) 482-6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Joseph Swerdzewski, FLRA General Counsel, has requested the Authority to issue a general ruling, under § 2429.4 of the Authority's regulations, on an issue regarding the relationship between subsections (a) and (b) of section 7106 of the Statute. Interested persons are invited to express their views in writing as to whether the Authority should issue the general ruling and, if it does, what the ruling should be.

Notice

To Heads of Agencies, Presidents of Labor Organizations and Other Interested Persons:

The General Counsel of the FLRA has requested under § 2429.4 of the Authority's regulations (5 CFR 2429.4) that the Authority issue a general ruling on the following question, as stated by the General Counsel:

Are matters and proposals which are within the bargaining subjects set forth in section 7106(b)(1) of the Statute negotiable at the election of agency management at the level of exclusive recognition even though those matters and proposals also may be within the subjects set forth in section 7106(a) of the Statute?