

applications should be mailed to the same address. The application form has been approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0915-0140.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further program information and technical assistance, please contact the Branch Chief at the above address, phone or FAX number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 846 of the PHS Act provides that the Secretary will repay a portion of an individual's educational loans incurred for nursing education costs if that individual enters into an agreement with the Secretary to serve as a registered nurse for 2 or 3 years in a variety of eligible health facilities or in a health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses. For an individual who is selected to participate in this program, repayment shall be on the following basis:

(1) By the completion of the first year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance on each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service;

(2) By the completion of the second year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid another 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service; and

(3) By the completion of a third year of agreed service, if any, the Secretary will have paid another 25 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service.

No more than 85 percent of the principal balance of any qualified loan which was unpaid as of the beginning date of service will be paid under this program.

Prior to entering an agreement for repayment of loans, other than Nursing Student Loans, the Secretary will require that satisfactory evidence be provided of the existence and reasonableness of the educational loans.

These loan repayment amounts are unrelated to any salary paid to the nursing education loan repayment recipient by the health facility by which he or she has been employed.

To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must:

(1) Have received, prior to the start of service, a baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing, a diploma in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing;

(2) Have outstanding educational loans for the costs of his/her nursing education;

(3) Agree to be employed full-time for not less than 2 years in any of the following types of eligible health facilities: an Indian Health Service health center; a Native Hawaiian health center; a public hospital (operated by a State, county, or local government); a community or migrant health center [Sections 330(a) and 329(a)(1) of the PHS Act]; a Federally Qualified Health Center receiving Sections 330 or 329 funding; a rural health clinic (Section 1861 (aa)(2) of the Social Security Act); or a public or nonprofit private health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses; and

(4) Plan to begin employment as a registered nurse no later than September 30, 1995.

#### Funding Preferences

As required under section 846, the Secretary will give preference to qualified applicants:

(1) Who have the greatest financial need; and

(2) Who agree to serve in the types of health facilities described in paragraph (3) above, that are located in geographic areas determined by the Secretary to have a shortage of and need for nurses.

#### Breach of Agreement

Participants in this program who fail to provide health services for the period specified in their agreements with the Secretary, shall be liable to the Federal Government for payments made by the Secretary during the service period pursuant to such agreement, plus interest on this amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, payable within 3 years from the date the agreement with the Secretary is breached.

#### Waiver or Suspension of Liability

A waiver or suspension of liability may be granted by the Secretary if compliance with the agreement with the Secretary by the individual participant is impossible, or would involve extreme hardship to the individual, and if enforcement of the agreement with respect to the individual would be unconscionable.

#### Other Award Information

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, since payments to individuals are not covered. In addition, this program is not subject to the submission of a Public Health System Impact Statement.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.908.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

**Ciro V. Sumaya,**  
Administrator.

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### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* June 13, 1995.

*Time:* 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

*Place:* 6120 Executive Boulevard, Room 400C, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Marilyn Semmes, Ph.D., Acting Chief, Scientific Review Branch, DEA, NIDCD, NIH, EPS Room 400C, 6120 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7180, Bethesda, MD 20892-7180, 301/496-8683.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant application.

The meeting, which will be conducted as a telephone conference call, will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review cycle.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.173 Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders)

Dated: May 25, 1995.

**Susan K. Feldman,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of