

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the relocation of the U.S. Army Defense Ammunition School and Center (USADACS) from Savanna Army Depot Activity (SVAD), Illinois to McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP), Oklahoma.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the environmental impacts associated with the transfer of 228 civilian jobs from SVAD to MCAAP. It also involves the construction of MCAAP of a new headquarters/administration building, a new applied instruction facility, a new transportability text complex, and renovation of two existing structures for classroom and training aids space to support the USADACS.

The EA, which is incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI), examines potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on 13 resource areas and areas of environmental concern: Land use, air quality, noise, water resources, geology, infrastructure, training areas, hazardous and toxic materials, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, the sociological environment, economic development, and quality of life.

Based on the analysis found in the EA, which is hereby incorporated in this FNSI, it has been determined that the implementation of these realignments at MCAAP would have no significant or cumulatively significant impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment. Because no significant environmental impacts would result from implementation of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

DATES: Inquiries will be accepted until January 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA and FNSI can be obtained by contacting Mr. Glen Coffee at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, ATTN: CESAM-PD-E, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by telephone at (334) 690-2729.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.163A]

Library Services to Indian Tribes and Hawaiian Natives Program—Basic Grants (Library Services and Construction Act, Title IV); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: Provides noncompetitive basic grants to eligible Indian tribes and to eligible Hawaiian native organizations to establish or improve public library services for Indian tribes and Hawaiian natives.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: The Secretary makes grant awards to eligible applicants that have submitted approved applications for authorized activities under Title IV of the Library Services and Construction Act. Eligible applicants are—

(a) Indian tribes recognized by the Secretary of the Interior to be eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians;

(b) Alaska Native villages or regional or village corporations as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; however, two or more Alaska Native villages, regional corporations, or village corporations may not receive basic grant allocations to serve the same population; and

(c) Organizations primarily serving and representing Hawaiian natives and recognized by the Governor of Hawaii.

DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS: February 24, 1997.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: January 6, 1997.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$966,518 for Indian Tribes; \$644,345 for Hawaiian Natives.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: \$4,602 for Indian Tribes; \$644,345 for Hawaiian Natives.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: 210 for Indian Tribes; 1 for Hawaiian Natives.

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

PROJECT PERIOD: 12 months.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74 and 82 (for grants to Hawaiian native organizations); 80 (for grants to Indian tribes); 75, 77, 81 and 85 (for grants to both Hawaiian natives and Indian tribes).

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Price, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Room 300, Washington, DC 20208-5571. Telephone: (202) 219-

1670. Internet Address: (kathy_price@ed.gov).

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; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at http://gcs.ed.gov).

However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 351c(c)(2), 361(d), 364.

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Sharon P. Robinson,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Draft Request for Proposals for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for comments on a draft request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) is responsible under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, for accepting and transporting spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from commercial nuclear reactor sites to a Federal facility for storage or disposal. The Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Fuel and/or High Level Waste (10 CFR Part 961) details the arrangements between the Department (DOE) and the owners and generators of SNF (Purchasers) for the Department to accept the SNF at the Purchasers' sites for transport to a Federal facility. Section 137(a)2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, requires the utilization of private industry to the "fullest extent possible" in the transportation of SNF.

OCRWM anticipates seeking competitive proposals for commercial SNF acceptance, transportation and delivery services, including the provision of storage equipment, in accordance with the final version of this