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**Library Research and Demonstration—
Demonstration of a Non-Profit
Regional Social Tolerance Resource
Center Operating Tolerance Tools and
Prejudice Reduction Programs and
Multimedia Tolerance and Genocide
Exhibits; Notice Inviting Applications
for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY)
1997**

Purpose of Program: The Library Research and Demonstration Program provides grants to institutions of higher education and other public or private agencies, institutions, and organizations for research and demonstration programs related to the improvement of libraries, education in library and information science, the enhancement of library services through effective and efficient use of new technologies, and dissemination of information derived from such projects. For fiscal year (FY) 1997 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the absolute priority specified in this notice.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education that meet the definition of eligibility under the terms of 20 U.S.C. 1141(a) and other public or private agencies, institutions, and organizations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 30, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 30, 1997.

Applications Available: March 12, 1997.

Available Funds: \$1 million.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$1 million.

Estimated Number of Awards: One.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations in 34 CFR part 700.

Absolute Priority: For fiscal year (FY) 1997 the Appropriations Act (P.L. 104-208) specifies that \$1,000,000 shall be

competitively awarded to a non-profit regional social tolerance resource center operating tolerance tools and prejudice reduction programs and multimedia tolerance and genocide exhibits.

Note: The Secretary funds only applications that meet all elements of this priority.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary selects from the criteria in 34 CFR 700.30(e) to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. Under 34 CFR 700.30(a), the Secretary announces in the application package the evaluation criteria selected for this competition and the maximum weight assigned to each criterion.

For Applications or Information Contact: Chris Dunn, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 300, Washington, DC 20208-5571. Telephone (202) 219-2299. 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://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.

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Closed Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Nominating Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of the meeting.

DATE: March 14, 1997.

TIME: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma_Leenhouts@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting of the Nominating Committee is closed to the public under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409; 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)). In preparing a slate of candidates for the position of chair, vice-chair, and members of the Executive Committee, the Committee will discuss matters that relate solely to the internal rules and practices of the Board and personal qualifications and experience of potential candidates for these positions, which would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: February 20, 1997.

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Executive Director.

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