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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meeting of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed meeting is for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Date: June 23, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Challenge Grants for History Museums, Historical Societies, and Historical Sites, submitted to the

Office of Challenge Grants for projects at the May 1, 1997 deadline.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

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NIFL Regional Technology HUB Project; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1997

AGENCY: The National Institute for Literacy (NIFL).

ACTION: Notice.

Purpose

The purpose of these grants is to establish a second generation of regional hubs to extend the Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) infrastructure throughout the literacy community in each region. Each hub will form a consortium with all states in the region—"member states"—and, in cooperation with member states, a network of targeted local literacy programs. Each regional hub will be expected to build on the achievements of the region's previous hub and to build strong partnerships with other technology efforts in the region. In the process of enhancing the technological capacity of states and local programs, regional hubs will—

- Increase the literacy field's electronic knowledge base by collecting and exchanging new literacy information resources, especially locally developed materials, and creating in-depth collections on important literacy topics.
- Encourage the widespread use of the NIFL's systematic procedures and uniform standards for information collection and exchange.
- Provide innovative delivery of high quality, easy-to-access information resources to the adult education and literacy community through the use of a variety of tools, including multi-media.
- Enable member states and local programs to be self-sufficient in their efforts to enhance the LINCS database and communication tools.
- Enhance communication and community-building by connecting increasingly larger numbers of literacy stakeholders of all kinds—researchers, practitioners, administrators, students, and policymakers—and closing the gap between information "haves" and "have nots."

• Integrate the use of technology into every aspect of learning and teaching in the adult education and literacy field.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 17, 1997.

Eligible Applicants: State, regional, and national organizations, or consortia of such organizations, in OVAE Regions II, III, and IV.

Available Funds: This announcement envisions a three-year cooperative agreement. In the first year up to a total of \$450,000 is available for all grants. Year 2 and 3 funding is subject to program authorization and availability of appropriations, and contingent upon satisfactory completion of the first year plan of action.

Estimated Number of Awards: Three awards (one award in each of the OVAE regions II, III, and IV).

Estimated Award Amount: \$150,000.

Project Period: Three years.

Applicable Regulations: The National Institute for Literacy has adopted the following regulations included in the Education Department Administrative Regulations (EDGAR): 34 CFR part 74; 34 CFR part 75, §§ 75.50, 75.51, 75.102-75, 75.109, 75.117, 75.109-75.192, 75.200, 75.201, 75.215; 34 CFR parts 77, 80, 82, 85.

Note: The selection criteria used for this competition are set out in this Notice. While the criteria are patterned on those used generally by the U.S. Department of Education, they have been adapted by the NIFL to meet the needs of this program. While the NIFL is associated with the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, the policies and procedures regarding rulemaking and administration of grants are not adopted by the NIFL except as expressly stated in this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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jaleh@literacy.nifl.gov. Information about NIFL's funding opportunities, including the Application Notices, Newsletters, Policy Updates, etc., can be viewed on the LINCS WWW server (under Current Events, under grants). LINCS URL: <http://novel.nifl.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Definitions

For purposes of this announcement the following definitions apply:

Literacy An individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals and develop one's knowledge and