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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Assistance to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of a Program for Providing Financial Assistance to LEAs.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 386 of Public Law 102-484, as amended by Section 373 of Public Law 103-160, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994," and Section 1074 of Public Law 104-106, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996," and pursuant to Section 372 of Public Law 104-201, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997," September 23, 1996, notice is hereby given of a program to provide financial assistance to eligible LEAs that are impacted by the presence of military dependent children or by the base closure process.

DATES: July 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel Support, Families & Education), room 3A280, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Linda L. Renz or Mr. Norman R. Heitzman, Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635; telephone (703) 696-4354 or 4361; facsimile number (703) 696-8920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Announcement

During fiscal year (FY) 1997, the Department of Defense (DoD) is authorized 35 million dollars to assist eligible Local Education Agencies (LEAs) affected by the impact of military dependent students or by reductions in the size of the Armed Forces. DoD shall rely on data from the Department of Education for the purpose of determining eligibility of an LEA.

Pursuant to subsection 386(c) of Public Law 102-484, as amended, and subsection 372(a)(1) of Public Law 104-484, 30 million dollars will be provided to eligible LEAs for educational agency assistance if without such assistance, that LEA would be unable to provide its students with a level of education

equivalent to the minimum available in other LEAs in the same state, and

(1) At least 20 percent (as rounded to the nearest whole percent) of the students in average daily attendance in the schools of that LEA in that fiscal year are military dependent students counted under subsection 8003(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(1));

(2) there has been a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in the number of military dependent students in average daily attendance in the LEA's schools as a result of relocation of Armed Forces personnel or civilian employees of the Department of Defense or as a result of a realignment of one or more military installations; or

(3) an LEA is a successor of one or more LEAs that was eligible for payments in Fiscal Year 1992 under DoD Directive 1342.18, and satisfies one of the two previously listed criteria.

Pursuant to subsection 386(d) of Public Law 102-484, as amended, and subsection 372(a)(2) of Public Law 104-201, 5 million dollars is authorized for the Secretary to make educational agency payments to LEAs that are impacted by reductions in the size of the Armed Forces. Eligible LEAs are those that during the period between the end of the school year preceding the fiscal year for which the payments are authorized and the beginning of the school year immediately preceding that school year, had an overall reduction of not less than 20 percent of military dependent students, as a result of closure or realignment of military installations.

Any funds provided under this notice shall be available only for eligible LEAs who (1) Exercise our diligence in obtaining State and other financial assistance; (2) are treated the same as other LEAs under State law for the purpose of receiving State aid for public education; and (3) file with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for (Force Management Policy), a letter of application (see Sample Letter at the end of this notice) and a copy of an independently audited financial report on the LEA for the preceding fiscal year.

Applications for financial assistance in response to this notice must be received no later than August 13, 1997.

Definition

For the purposes of this program, the following definitions are applicable: (a) Applicant. Any LEA requesting assistance under this notice. (b) Local Education Agency (LEA). A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a

State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or such combination of school districts or counties as are recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary or secondary schools. Such term includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school. (c) Military Dependent Student. A student that is a dependent child of a member of the Armed Forces or a dependent child of a civilian employee of the Department of Defense.

Amount of Assistance

An applicant requesting assistance under this notice shall submit a letter of application (see sample letter at end of this notice) and a copy of an independently audited financial report of the applicant LEA for the second preceding FY, requesting a DoD contribution and assuring the ASD(FMP) that the LEA has applied for, has received or shall receive all financial assistance from other sources for which it is qualified. Letters of application must be addressed as follows: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), Attn: DoD Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington VA 22203-1635.

The applicant shall also file a copy of the letter of application for financial assistance and required supportive information with the State educational agency (SEA). The SEA may submit comments on the LEA's application to the Department of Defense (at the above address) by August 13, 1997. Such comments shall be considered when applications are reviewed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The LEA's application and all required supporting information must reach the ASD(FMP) no later than August 13, 1997. No assurances of confidentiality are being made, other than the assurance that the audits will not be released.

This information collection has been approved as OMB Control Number 0704-0389, with an expiration date of June 30, 2000. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments

regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operation and Reports (0704-0389), 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Sample Letter of Application for Financial Assistance

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), Attn: DoD Domestic Dependent Elementary, and Secondary Schools (DDESS), 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635.

Dear Mr. Assistant Secretary: Pursuant to this "Notice of a Program for Providing Financial Assistance to LEAs," Federal Register Vol. _____, No. _____, dated _____, 1997, the (name of the local educational agency (LEA)) requests financial assistance for the LEA for school year 1996-1997. We certify that the LEA has applied for financial assistance from all sources, including the State/Commonwealth of (name). We understand that funds available for that purpose shall be paid on a per-pupil basis for military dependent students, as in the "Notice of a Program for Providing Financial Assistance to LEAs." Enclosed find a copy of our independent audit "(Title)" prepared by (name of firm or agency). We have submitted a complete and timely application for Section 3 impact aid assistance to the Secretary of Education and have submitted applications for all other assistance for which the LEA may be entitled. This LEA is treated the same as other LEAs under state law for the purpose of state aid for public education. A copy of this letter, with the above supporting information, is being submitted to the State educational agency.

Sincerely,
(Authorized LEA Official)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Membership of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the U.S. Mission to NATO, the Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Defense Commissary Agency, the Defense Investigative Service, the Defense Security Assistance Agency, the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, the Defense Field Activities, and the U.S. Court of Military Appeals. The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The PRB provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Secretary of Defense.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher S. Koehle, Assistant Director for Executive Personnel, Directorate for Personnel and Security, Washington Headquarters Services, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, The Pentagon, (703) 697-8304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the Office of the Secretary of Defense PRB; specific PRB panel assignments will be made from this group. Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective July 1, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent to Exclusively License U.S. Army Invention

AGENCY: U.S. Army.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the intent to exclusively or partially exclusively license a U.S. Army invention. The invention intended to be licensed has been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army, as represented by the Army Research Laboratory, intends to exclusively or partially exclusively license this invention to Kim Technologies International, Inc., a minority owned small business which is interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes involved in this invention.

CECOM 5257—Fabrication of Electrodes in Batteries and Electrochemical Capacitors.

CECOM 5262—Pulsed Laser Deposition of Amorphous Metal Oxides.

CECOM 5276—Novel Nonaqueous Electrolyte Systems for Elect.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information or to make a written objection, please contact Mr. Michael Zelenka, Esq. Chief, Intellectual Property Division, Attention: AMSEL-LG-L, U.S. Army Communication-Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth, NJ 07703-5000, phone (908) 532-4112, or fax (908) 389-3396.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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