

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1–2 per eligible State.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for the program in 34 CFR parts 364 and 366.

*For Further Information Contact:* Merri Pearson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3316, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2741. Telephone: (202) 205–8484 (voice) and (202) 205–8243 (TDD).

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*For Applications Contact:* The Grants and Contracts Services Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 205–8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205–8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 721(c) and (e) and 796(f).

Dated: December 16, 1997.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians with Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

*Purpose of Program:* To provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

*Eligible Applicants:* Applications may be submitted only by the governing bodies of Indian Tribes and consortia of those governing bodies located on Federal or State reservations.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 19, 1998.

*Applications Available:* December 22, 1997.

*Available Funds:* \$6,200,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$250,000–\$350,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$300,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 20.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 80, 81, and 82; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 371.

### Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards 10 points to an application that meets this competitive

priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

### *Competitive Preference Priority—Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs*

Section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides that in making new awards under this program the Secretary gives priority consideration to applications for the continuation of tribal programs that have been funded under this program. For this competition in fiscal year 1998, the Secretary implements this priority by giving a competitive preference of 10 bonus points, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), to applications that meet this priority.

*Selection Criteria:* In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in § 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

*For Applications Contact:* The Grants and Contracts Services Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 205–8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205–8717.

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*For Further Information Contact:* Pamela Martin, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C., 20202–2650. Telephone: (202) 205–8494.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Fernald

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Fernald.

**DATES:** Saturday, January 17, 1998 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (public comment session: 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.).

**ADDRESS:** Alpha Building, 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John S. Applegate, Chair of the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio 45061, or call the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board office (513) 648-6478.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the Fernald site.

#### Tentative Agenda:

8:30 a.m. Call to Order  
 8:30–8:45 Opening Remarks  
 8:45–9:00 Recommendations on  
     Copper Recycling  
     —Waste Retrieval  
     —Off-Site Disposal  
     —Critical Analysis Team  
 10:30–10:45 Break  
 10:45–11:00 Committee Reports  
 11:00–11:45 1998 Citizens' Advisory  
     Board Planning  
 11:45–12:00 Public Comment  
 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting, Saturday, January 17, 1998.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Board chair at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer, Gary Stegner, Public Affairs Officer, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to John S. Applegate, Chair, the Fernald Citizens' Advisory Board, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio 45061 or by calling the Advisory Board at (513) 648-6478.

Issued at Washington, DC on December 16, 1997.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 7, 1998—6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Ramada Inn, 420 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marianne Heiskell, Ex-Officio Officer, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-0314.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:* Provided the announcement of a new management and integration contract has been made by the January meeting, a presentation will be made by the manager of that selected contractor. If the announced winner of the management and integration contract has not been made, a business meeting will be conducted with no technical presentation provided.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Marianne Heiskell at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments near the beginning of the meeting.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and