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Abstract: The information collection is necessary to provide guidance to schools, local educational agencies, and state educational agencies, on submission of requests for waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Reopening of Closing Date for Receipt of Applications for Designation as an Eligible Institution for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998, Eligibility for the Part A Strengthening Institutions and Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program

SUMMARY: On November 13, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 60988-60989) that established a closing date for transmittal of applications for the FY 1998 designation of eligible institutions for the Part A Strengthening Institutions and Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the closing date for the transmittal of applications and to allow applicants additional time to establish eligibility for purposes of receiving a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirement under the Federal Work Study (FWS) or Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

Some institutions were unable to meet the established deadline date for submitting eligibility applications to obtain FWS or FSEOG program waivers. Under the reopened eligibility process, these institutions may apply for designation as an eligible institution under Title III, Part A of the HEA.

Eligibility designation will only be for the purpose of qualifying for a waiver of the non-Federal share requirements of FWS and FSEOG programs.

Institutions will be notified of the outcome of the reopening of the closing date by *November 30, 1998.*

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 16, 1998.

Applications Available: August 14, 1998.

For Applications or Information Contact: Strengthening Institutions Program, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 600

Independence Avenue, S.W., (Suite CY-80, Portals Building), Washington, DC 20202-5335. Telephones: (202) 708-8816, 708-8839 or 708-8866.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Chicago Operations Office; Office of Utility Technologies (OUT); Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications for Financial Assistance for Joint Implementation, and Other Supporting Mechanisms and Measures for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigation**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: This Department of Energy (DOE) solicitation is for financial assistance applications to provide technical expertise and assistance in areas related to the development of institutional and human capacity for implementing provisions in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), regarding Joint Implementation (JI), and complementary policies and measures for reducing greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions or enhancing the uptake of such emissions. This financial assistance effort will support the U.S. Initiative on Joint Implementation (USII). This activity will provide technical assistance to key, Annex I and non-Annex I countries. Its purpose is to (a) advance joint implementation projects and (b) complete sector specific analyses to enable developing countries to take steps towards meaningful participation for greenhouse gas reduction.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about August 17, 1998, on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Operations Office Acquisition and Assistance Group Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE10949. Applications are due on or about August 31, 1998. Awards are anticipated by September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE10949 must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Roberta D. Schroeder, Bldg. 201, Room 3E-15, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberta Schroeder at (630) 252-2708, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899; by facsimile at (630) 252-5045; or by electronic mail at roberta.schroeder@ch.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result of this solicitation, DOE anticipates