

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Delete record system notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy proposes to delete a system of records notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** The deletion will be effective on April 28, 1999, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Doris Lama at (202) 685-6545 or DSN 325-6545.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Navy's record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The Department of the Navy proposes to delete a system of records notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The deletion is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of new or altered system report.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

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**SYSTEM NAME:** Navy Debt Management and Collection System (NMCS) (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10809).

Reason: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service established a DoD-wide system of records notice to cover individuals who are indebted to a DoD agency (T7332. Defense Debt Management System established April 8, 1997, at 62 FR 16793). Therefore, the Department of the Navy is deleting their notice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[CFDA No. 84.342]

**Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of requirements and invitation for applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1999.

**Purpose of Program:** The Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology program provides grants to consortia that are helping future teachers become proficient in the use of modern learning technologies. This program addresses looming teacher shortages by developing well-qualified, technology-proficient teachers, who are prepared to teach in 21st century schools, particularly schools in low-income communities or rural areas. This program provides support for three types of grants: capacity building grants, implementation grants, and catalyst grants.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 29, 1999.

**Eligible Applicants:** Only consortia may receive grants under this program. A consortium must include at least two members. Consortium members may include institutions of higher education (IHEs), Schools of Education, State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), private schools, professional associations, foundations, museums, libraries, for profit agencies and organizations, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and others.

**Note:** In each consortium a participating nonprofit member must be designated as the "applicant" for purposes of 34 CFR 75.128 and must act as the fiscal agent.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** June 4, 1999.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** August 3, 1999.

**Applications Available:** March 29, 1999.

**Available Funds:** \$75,000,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$50,000-\$175,000 for capacity building grants, \$200,000-\$500,000 for implementation grants, and \$500,000-\$700,000 for catalyst grants.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$120,000 for capacity building grants, \$400,000 for implementation grants, and \$600,000 for catalyst grants.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 200 capacity building grants, 75 implementation grants, and 35 catalyst grants.

**Project Period:** 12 months for capacity building grants, 36 months for implementation grants, and 36 months for catalyst grants.

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

**Applicable Regulations:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in

34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

**Selection Criteria:** The Secretary has selected criteria from 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR to evaluate applications for this competition. The selection criteria and factors to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package.

**Intergovernmental Review**

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for this program.

**Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rulemaking documents. However, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act, the Secretary has determined that, because it is not possible to offer the public an opportunity to comment on proposed rulemaking under the Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology grant program and still make awards by September 30, 1999, as required by law, it is desirable to waive public comment for the first-year competition of this new discretionary grant program.

This waiver applies only to the selection criteria, procedures, and requirements included in this notice for awarding FY 1999 grants. Any selection criteria and procedures that the Department establishes for the award of grants under this program in future years will be based on experiences with this FY 1999 award process and will be published in proposed form in the **Federal Register** with an opportunity for interested parties to comment.

**General Requirements**

In order to best effectuate the goals and objectives of these grants and to administer the program fairly, the Secretary defines an eligible applicant as a consortium composed of SEAs, LEAs, IHEs, or other public and private nonprofit or for profit agencies and organizations.