

Alternatives

The no-action alternative must be evaluated. Additionally, several levee alignments around the Lake Beudreaux area will be evaluated, including the STTMCD plan. Non-structural solutions for protecting existing development also will be evaluated.

On May 12, 1993, the COE held a formal NEPA scoping meeting at Houma, Louisiana, for the previously-announced regulatory EIS. Fifty-two individuals registered at the meeting. Questions and issues of concern were solicited at the meeting, and a summary of the results was made available to participants on April 12, 1994. One of the main areas of concern brought out during the 1993 scoping meeting was potential impacts to Lake Boudreaux, its surrounding marshes, and the associated marine organisms.

Additional meetings will be held, with local interests from the various bayou areas, and with the various affected Federal and state agencies.

The COE does not plan to hold additional formal NEPA scoping meetings, but meetings will continue to be held throughout the planning process, as discussed above.

A draft PEIS is scheduled to be available for public review during March 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Open Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Commercial Science and Technology will meet to review and assess European intermediate to long-term commercial Science and Technology investment strategy in areas related to Department of the Navy dependence upon commercial off-the-shelf products, in an effort to identify mutually beneficial opportunities for Department of the Navy Science and Technology collaboration with commercial industrial sectors. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and on Tuesday,

November 16, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Jorge Scientific Corporation, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Crystal Gateway Two, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number: (703) 696-6769.

Dated: October 13, 1999.

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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) 2000.

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

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: April 21, 2000.

Applications Available: October 22, 1999.

Available Funds: \$9,242,660.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$250,000-\$325,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$290,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 27-28.

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 75, 77, 80, 81, and 82; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 371.

Priority

Under section 121(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. Under 34 CFR 74.105(c)(2)(i) 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:

Competitive Preference Priority—Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs

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.

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 34 CFR 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: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. Telephone (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its Web site (<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>) or its E-mail address (edpubs@inet.ed.gov). If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.250A.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Martin or Alfreda Reeves, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2650. Telephone (202) 205-8494 or (202) 205-9361. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call