

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General function of the board: The Scientific Advisory Board provides scientific and professional advice and guidance on programs, policies and procedures of the AFIP.

Agenda: The Board will hear status reports from the AFIP Deputy Director, Center for Advanced Pathology Director, the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and each of the pathology departments which the Board members will visit during the meeting.

Open board discussions: Reports will be given on all visited departments. The reports will consist of findings, recommended areas of further research, and suggested solutions. New trends and/or technologies will be discussed and goals established. The meeting is open to the public.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Cost Sharing Cooperative Agreement Applications

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for cost sharing cooperative agreement applications.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) issued a solicitation for cooperative agreement applications (SCAA) to assist state and local governments and other nonprofit eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs). These centers help business firms market their goods and services to the Department of Defense (DoD), other federal agencies, and state and/or local government agencies. Notice of the issuance of this SCAA was published in the March 17, 1999 **Federal Register** (Volume 64, Number 51, page 13176). This solicitation governs the submission of applications for calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 and applies to all applications from all eligible entities, including Indian Economic Enterprises and Indian Tribal Organizations.

Pursuant to Section "I" paragraph "J" of the SCAA, notice is hereby given that limited additional funds are anticipated to be available in order to accept applications for additional new programs. However, applications will only be accepted from eligible entities

that propose programs that will provide service to areas that are not currently receiving service from an existing program. This provision prohibiting applications from new programs proposing to service areas currently receiving service from an existing program is absolute, and the provisions of Section V, paragraph D. of the SCAA do not apply should a new applicant propose to service an area currently receiving service from an existing program. In addition, Section II of the SCAA is amended by changing the definition of a statewide program so as to prohibit more than one statewide program per state. Section V of the SCAA is amended to include situations where more than one applicant applies as a statewide program for an individual state, as an unacceptable duplicate coverage situation. Section VIII of the SCAA is amended by adding a new paragraph F. "LIMITATIONS" which limits the amount of DoD's funding for any option year to no more than that which was obligated for the base year award and the DoD percentage of total net program cost for any option year shall not be greater than DoD's percentage of total net program cost for the base year award. The March 15, 1999 SCAA is amended as follows; all applications submitted after March 10, 2000 and all PTAC awards made and options exercised after April 1, 2000 shall be governed by this amended version of the SCAA:

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Section II

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30. Statewide program. A PTA program that provides statewide coverage. There can be only one statewide program per state. In the event more than one applicant applies as a statewide program, the procedure in Section V, paragraph D. will be followed. For the purpose of the funding limitations appearing in Section I, paragraph F.3., PTA programs providing services to all the reservations within one of the twelve Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Area Offices (which are Aberdeen, Albuquerque, Anadarko, Billings, Eastern, Juneau, Minneapolis, Muskogee, Navajo, Phoenix, Portland and Sacramento) and at least 50 per cent of the reservations of another BIA Area Office will be considered a statewide program.

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Section V

D. Duplicate Coverage

Applications whose proposals produce a duplicate coverage situation

will be reviewed by the GO to determine if the extent of duplicate coverage is acceptable or unacceptable. A duplicate coverage situation shall be deemed unacceptable if any of the following occur:

1. An applicant proposes to provide PTA services to more than 25 percent of the total number of counties that another applicant is proposing to service.

2. Two or more applicants **cumulatively** propose to provide PTA service to more than 25 percent of the total number of counties that another individual applicant proposes to service.

3. Two or more applicants apply as statewide programs servicing the same state.

Applicants that propose to provide service primarily to reservations (at least 75% of their total program cost will be dedicated to providing service to reservations) will not be considered to duplicate applicants that do not propose to provide service primarily to reservations, notwithstanding the areas either propose to service.

When the GO determines that an unacceptable duplicate coverage situation exists, only the applicant(s) determined to be most meritorious among those proposing the duplicate coverage situation using the selection procedures listed in Section VI will be considered for award.

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Section VIII

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F. Limitations

The total amount of DoD funding for any program in any option year shall not exceed the total amount *obligated* by DoD for the base year award. The percentage of DoD's share of total net program cost for any option year shall not be greater than the percentage of DoD's share of total net program cost for the base year award. (end of SCAA revisions)

DATES: On line submissions of applications for new programs will be available on or about March 20, 2000. The closing date for the submission of applications is May 5, 2000.

The SCAA is currently available for review on the Internet Website: <http://www.dla.mil/scaa>

Printed copies are not available for distribution.

Eligible entities may only submit an application as outlined in Section IV of the SCAA. In order to comply with the electronic portion of the submission, applicants must obtain a log in account and password from DLA. To obtain

these, applicants must furnish the Grants Officer written evidence that they meet the criteria of an eligible entity as set forth in paragraph 14 of Section II of the SCAA.

This information should be mailed or otherwise delivered to: HQ, Defense Logistics Agency, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (DDAS Room 1127), 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Ms. Diana Maykowskyj at (703) 767-1656.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 22, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5)

respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

William Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Comprehensive Program Annual Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 140; Burden Hours: 2,800.

Abstract: The Comprehensive Program is a discretionary grant program that makes competitive awards to support reform and innovations through projects that improve educational practice at the postsecondary level. Grantees annually submit a performance report to demonstrate that substantial progress is being made toward meeting the objectives of their projects. Reporting requirements are currently based on broad criteria from the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). This request is to use a reporting format that elicits needed information on program-specific outcomes within the annual report without posing additional burden to the grantee.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@ed.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

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