

DoD Directive 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas," dated July 2, 1982, is published at 32 CFR part 71 and copies are available, at cost, from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) web site: [www.odedodea.edu](http://www.odedodea.edu). Questions can be addressed to the Department of Defense Education Activity, Attention: Ms. Gail Terres, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC), Operations Section, announces the proposed renewal of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to AFROTC/DOJ, 551 East Maxwell Blvd, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6106.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this

proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call AFROTC/DOJO at (334) 953-5116.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Application for Establishment of Air Force Junior ROTC Unit, AFOATS Form 59, OMB Number 0701-0114.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information about schools which would like to host an Air Force Junior ROTC unit.

*Affected Public:* Schools which desire to establish an Air Force Junior ROTC unit.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

*Number of Respondents:* 40.

*Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 Minutes.

*Frequency:* One time.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### *Summary of Information Collection:*

Respondents are high school officials who provide information about their school which is interested in hosting an Air Force JROTC unit. The completed form is used to determine the eligibility of the school to host an Air Force JROTC unit. If the form is not included in the file, a school cannot be offered the opportunity to host an AFJROTC unit.

**Janet A. Long,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE-PS03-01SF22221 and Program Announcement LAB NE-2001-1 Under the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI)

**AGENCY:** Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Oakland Operations Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office intends to issue a Solicitation and a Program Announcement on or about October 17, 2000, seeking applications/proposals for innovative scientific and engineering research and development in the field of nuclear energy as part of the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI). NERI is designed to support innovative research that can address the principal technical and scientific obstacles to future use of nuclear power in the U.S. NERI is also intended to reinvigorate the vital nuclear scientific

and engineering infrastructure within U.S. universities, industry and DOE national laboratories.

The Solicitation will invite financial assistance applications from universities or other institutions of higher learning, industry, non-profit and R&D organizations and collaborations among organizations, including those in which DOE national laboratories are participating, but not as the lead organization. The Program Announcement will be issued simultaneously for applications in which a DOE national laboratory is the sole or lead performing organization.

The fields of research include: (1) Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems; (2) Proliferation Resistant Reactors and Fuel Technology; (3) Advanced Nuclear Fuels and; (4) Fundamental Science.

Up to \$6 million of Government Fiscal Year 2001 Federal funds are expected to be available for awards under the Solicitation and the complementary Program Announcement. Typical funding of individual awards is expected to be in the range of \$200,000 to \$400,000 per year. Collaborative research projects involving two or more organizations may receive larger awards, where merited. The period of performance for individual projects is expected to be one to three years.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Funds are not presently available for these financial assistance awards. Any financial assistance awarded as a result of the Solicitation shall be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. No legal liability on the part of the Government for the payment of any money shall arise unless and until appropriated funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these awards. We anticipate the receipt of funding for the Solicitation and Program Announcement under the authority of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2001.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.121.

The Solicitation text and Program Announcement is expected to be posted on the Oakland Operations Web Site: [http://www.oak.doe.gov/financial/sol\\_page.html](http://www.oak.doe.gov/financial/sol_page.html) on or about October 17, 2000.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Denise Berry, Contract Specialist; Financial Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, California 94612-5208; telephone (510) 637-1873.