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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.116M]

### **Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition (Invitational Priority: Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education Between the United States and Brazil); Notice Inviting Application for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001.**

*Purpose of Program:* To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 30, 2001.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 29, 2001.

*Applications Available:* November 17, 2000.

*Available Funds:* \$300,000 for FY 2001. The estimated amount of funds available for awards is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent upon final congressional action.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$25,000–\$30,000 for FY 2001; \$190,000–\$210,000 for four-year duration of grant.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$30,000 for FY 2001; \$200,000 for four-year duration of grant.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program is a Special Focus Competition to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education. The competition also includes an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the

formation of educational consortia of American and Brazilian institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students and the opening of educational opportunities between the United States and Brazil. The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Brazil. Brazilian institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to the Coordination of Improvement of Personnel of Superior Level (CAPES), Brazilian Ministry of Education for additional funding under a separate but parallel Brazilian competition.

#### **Priority**

##### *Invitational Priority*

We are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive a competitive or absolute preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

*Invitational Priority:* Projects that support consortia of institutions of higher education that promote institutional cooperation and student mobility between the United States and Brazil.

#### **Methods for Applying Selection Criteria**

The Secretary gives equal weight to the listed criteria. Within each of the criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the factors.

*Selection Criteria:* In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 75.210.

(1) The significance of the proposed project, as determined by—

(a) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies;

(b) The likely utility of the products (such as information, materials, processes, or techniques) that will result from the proposed project, including the potential for their being used in a variety of other settings; and

(c) The importance or magnitude of the results or outcomes likely to be attained by the proposed project, especially improvements in teaching and student achievement.

(2) The quality of the design of the proposed project, as determined by—

(a) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable; and

(b) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs.

(3) The adequacy of resources, as determined by—

(a) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project;

(b) The potential for continued support of the project after FIPSE/CAPES funding ends, including, as appropriate, the demonstrated commitment of appropriate entities to such support; and

(c) The relevance and demonstrated commitment of each partner in the proposed project to the implementation and success of the project.

(4) The quality of the project personnel, as determined by—

(a) The qualifications, including training and experience, of key project personnel; and

(b) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

*For Applications Contact:* U.S. Department of Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827, fax 301-470-1244, e-mail: edpubs@inet.ed.gov

You may also contact EDPubs at its website: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>.

If you request an application from EDPubs, be sure to identify the US-Brazil Competition as CFDA number 84.116M.

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

Copies of the application materials may also be obtained from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20006-8544, telephone 202-502-7500. For additional program information call Cindy Fisher at the FIPSE office (202-502-7500) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. You may also request application guidelines by submitting the name of the competition (US-Brazil) and your name and postal address to [fipse@ed.gov](mailto:fipse@ed.gov) (e-mail). Applications are also available on the FIPSE website at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/Brazil/>

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**CONTACT.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Fossil Energy**

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**Fina Natural Gas Company, et al.; Orders Granting and Amending Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during October 2000, it issued Orders granting and amending authority to import and export natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE website at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 7, 2000.

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**Appendix—Orders Granting and Transferring Import/Export Authorizations**

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
563-A ....	10/02/00	Fina Natural Gas Company, 91-51-NG .....	.....	.....	Amendment to blanket import and export authority to include the import of LNG from any international source.
1627 .....	10/02/00	Pioneer Natural Resources Canada Inc., 00-65-NG.	76.8 Bcf	.....	Import from Canada, beginning on October 30, 2000, and extending through October 29, 2002.
1628 .....	10/05/00	Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, 00-68-NG	300 Bcf		Import and export combined total, including LNG, from and to Canada, beginning on November 1, 2000, and extending through October 31, 2002.
1629 .....	10/05/00	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 00-64-NG.	10 Bcf	.....	Import from Canada, beginning on December 1, 2000, and extending through November 30, 2002.
1630 .....	10/16/00	Numac Energy (U.S.) Inc., 00-73-NG .....	50 Bcf	.....	Import from Canada, beginning on October 15, 2000, and extending through October 14, 2002.
1631 .....	10/18/00	WPS Energy Services, Inc., 00-63-NG .....	25 Bcf	5 Bcf	Import and export from and to Canada beginning on November 1, 2000, and extending through October 31, 2002.
1632 .....	10/18/00	Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, 00-66-NG.	30 Bcf	.....	Import from Canada beginning on December 1, 2000, and extending through November 30, 2002.
1540-A ..	10/19/00	BP Energy Company (Formerly Amoco Energy Trading Corp.), 99-89-NG.	.....	.....	Name change.
1542-A ..	10/19/00	BP Energy Company (Formerly Amoco Energy Trading Corp.), 99-96-LNG.	.....	.....	Name change.
1633 .....	10/19/00	Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C., 00-69-LNG.	200 Bcf		Import and export an aggregate from and to Canada and Mexico, including LNG, and import LNG from other countries beginning on October 31, 2000, and extending through October 30, 2002.
1474-B ..	10/24/00	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, 99-22-NG.	.....	.....	Amendment extending long-term authority for one year.