

**Authority:** Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, Public Law 107-77.

### Funding Availability

On November 20, 2001, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the Notice of Closing Date and Solicitation of Applications for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) (66 FR 58302). At the time the *Notice of Closing Date and Solicitation of Applications* appeared in the **Federal Register**, PTFP had not been appropriated funds through the fiscal year. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce announces that approximately \$25 million is available for award to applicants submitting applications in response to the Notice of Closing Date published November 20, 2001. Pursuant to P.L. 107-77, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, the Congress appropriated \$41.1 million for Public Telecommunications Facilities Program grants. NTIA has allocated approximately \$16 million from the \$41.1 million for funding additional phases of multi-year projects initially funded in FY 2000 and FY 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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### Technology Opportunities Program

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** On December 6, 2001, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the Solicitation of Grant Applications for the Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). At the time the Notice of Solicitation of Grant Applications appeared in the **Federal Register**, TOP had not been appropriated funds through the fiscal

year. TOP is publishing this Notice of Availability of Funds to announce the fiscal year 2002 appropriation amount for TOP grants.

**DATES:** Complete applications for the Fiscal Year 2002 TOP grant program must be mailed or hand-carried to the address indicated below and received by NTIA no later than 8 P.M. EST, March 21, 2002. NTIA anticipates the processing and selection of applications for funding will require 6 months. NTIA expects to announce FY 2002 awards prior to September 30, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed applications must be mailed, shipped, or sent overnight express to: Technology Opportunities Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., HCHB, Room 4092, Washington, DC 20230.

or hand-delivered to: Technology Opportunities Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, HCHB, Room 1874, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Room 1874 is located at entrance #10 on 15th Street NW., between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Stephen J. Downs, Director of the Technology Opportunities Program. Telephone: 202-482-2048; fax: 202-501-5136; e-mail: [top@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:top@ntia.doc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Authority

Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, Public Law 107-77.

#### Funding Availability

On December 6, 2001, NTIA announced in the **Federal Register**, 66 FR 235, that TOP was soliciting grant applications. The Notice of Solicitation of Grant Applications did not announce the amount of available funds because, at the time the Notice was drafted, a final appropriation for TOP was enacted into law. On November 28, 2001, by enactment of Public Law 107-77, TOP was appropriated approximately \$12.4 million for grants in FY 2002.

Except to note that funding for TOP is approximately \$12.4 million for grants in FY 2002, all other information announced in the Notice of Solicitation of Grant Applications remains in effect. In addition, the Guidelines for Preparing Applications—Fiscal Year 2002 were unchanged by the appropriations

legislation and should now be considered final.

### Other Information

For further information on the TOP, please refer to the program's Notice of Solicitation of Grant Applications, 66 FR 235 (December 6, 2001). Materials needed to complete an application can be obtained electronically via TOP's web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top> or by contacting the TOP office at 202-482-2048.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0259]

### Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Types of Contracts

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through September 30, 2002. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2005.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by April 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative,

respondents may e-mail comments to: [dfars@acq.osd.mil](mailto:dfars@acq.osd.mil). Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0259 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0259.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan L. Schneider, (703) 602-0326. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 216, Types of Contracts, and related clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, Economic Price Adjustment—Basic Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, or Copper Mill Products; DFARS 252.216-7001, Economic Price Adjustment—Nonstandard Steel Items, and DFARS 252.216-7003, Economic Price Adjustment—Wage Rates or Material Prices Controlled by a Foreign Government; OMB Control Number 0704-0259.

*Needs and Uses:* The clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, 252.216-7001, and 252.216-7003 require contractors with fixed-price economic price adjustment contracts to submit information to the contracting officer regarding changes in established material prices or wage rates. The contracting officer uses this information to make appropriate adjustments to contract prices.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 552.

*Number of Responses:* 69.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.97.

*Annual Responses:* 136.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4.06 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**Summary of Information Collection**

Each clause requires the contractor to submit certain information that the

contracting officer uses to adjust contract prices:

a. Paragraph (c) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7000 requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer of the amount and effective date of each decrease in any established price. Paragraph (d) of the clause permits the contractor to submit a written request to the contracting officer for an increase in contract price.

b. Paragraph (f)(2) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7001 requires the contractor to furnish a statement identifying the correctness of the established prices and employee hourly earnings that are relevant to the computation of various indices. Paragraph (f)(3) of the clause requires the contractor to make available all records used in the computation of labor indices upon the request of the contracting officer.

c. Paragraph (b)(1) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7003 permits the contractor to provide a written request for contract adjustment based on increases in wage rates or material prices that are controlled by a foreign government. Paragraph (c) of the clause requires the contractor to make available its books and records that support a requested change in contract price.

**Michele P. Peterson,**

*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, Department of Education.

**What Is the Purpose of This Notice?**

The purpose of this notice is to announce the upcoming meeting of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. Parts of this meeting will be open to the public, and the public is invited to attend those portions.

**When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?**

We will hold the public meeting on March 1, 2002 beginning at 10 a.m. in Plaza C at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202. You may call the hotel at (703) 415-5000 or fax the hotel at (703) 415-5061 to inquire about room accommodations.

**What Assistance Will Be Provided to Individuals With Disabilities?**

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

**Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?**

Please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, the Executive Director of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, room 7007, MS 7563, 1990 K St. NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail:

*Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov.*

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

**What Are the Functions of the National Committee?**

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation was established by the Secretary of Education under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The Committee's responsibilities are to:

- Evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to applicant foreign medical schools; and
- Determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

**What Items Will Be on the Agenda for Discussion at the Meeting?**

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation will review the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by several foreign countries to determine whether those standards are comparable to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions that focus on specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the