

only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

### Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The International Research and Studies Program—CFDA 84.017A is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the International Research and Studies Program, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in the pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You can submit all documents, except transcripts, electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:
  1. Print ED 424 from the e-APPLICATION system.
  2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
  3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).
  4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.
  5. Fax ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

• We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

**Note:** Please note that due to the Department's end of the fiscal year close out activities, the e-APPLICATION system will be unavailable on October 1. It will become available for users again on Wednesday, October 2.

You may access the electronic grant application for the International Research and Studies Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

**FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The application for this program is available at: [www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/iegps/irs.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/iegps/irs.html). Jose L. Martinez, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street NW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7635, or via Internet: [jose.martinez@ed.gov](mailto:jose.martinez@ed.gov).

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Dated: September 23, 2002.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.015A and B]

### Office of Postsecondary Education; National Resource Centers (NRC) Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

*Purpose of Programs:* The NRC Program makes awards to institutions of higher education for establishing or strengthening nationally recognized foreign language and area or international studies centers or programs. NRC awards are used to support undergraduate centers or comprehensive centers, which include undergraduate, graduate, and professional school components.

The FLAS Program awards allocations of fellowships to institutions of higher education to assist meritorious students undergoing graduate training in modern foreign languages and related areas or international studies. FLAS allocations may be used for academic year and summer fellowships.

For fiscal year (FY) 2003 the competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priorities we describe in the *Priorities* section of this notice.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education and consortia of institutions of higher education.

*Applications Available:* September 25, 2002.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* November 12, 2002.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* January 11, 2003.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration has requested \$28,715,000 for the NRC Program and \$26,435,000 for the FLAS Program for FY 2003. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for these programs.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$202,000—\$318,000 per year for the NRC Program and \$31,000—\$372,000 per year for the FLAS Program.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$231,573 per year for the NRC Program and \$204,922 per year for the FLAS Program.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 124 NRC awards and 129 FLAS awards. We anticipate the 129 FLAS awards to yield 923 academic year fellowships and 560 summer fellowships.

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

*Project Period:* 36 months, beginning August 15, 2003.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **FLAS Program Subsistence Allowance**

The subsistence allowance for a fellowship for academic year 2003–2004 will be \$14,000 and the allowance for a summer 2004 fellowship will be \$2,400.

##### **FLAS Program Institutional Payment**

The institutional payment in lieu of tuition for a fellowship for academic year 2003–2004 will be \$11,000 and the payment for a summer 2004 fellowship will be \$3,600.

##### **FLAS Program Travel Award**

A travel award for \$1,000 or the actual cost of travel, whichever is less, may be requested in conjunction with summer fellowships that are to be used at language program sites other than the student's home institution.

An applicant's FLAS Program budget should reflect \$25,000 for each academic year fellowship requested, \$6,000 for each summer fellowship requested, and \$1,000 for each summer travel award requested.

**Note:** FLAS Program awards do not include allowances for dependents.

##### **Page Limit**

The application narrative (Section C of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages for a single institution application or the equivalent of no more than 45 pages for a consortium application, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" × 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations,

references, and captions. However, you may single space all text in charts, tables, figures and graphs.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However you may use a 10-point font in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract or the appendices. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Section C.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for the NRC Program in 34 CFR part 656. (c) The regulations for the FLAS Program in 34 CFR part 657. (d) The regulations in 34 CFR part 655.

##### **Priorities**

###### *Absolute Priority*

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet a priority in the regulations for the NRC Program (34 CFR 656.23(a)(4)).

*Teacher training activities:* An NRC project funded under this priority must focus on teacher training activities on the language, languages, area studies, or general topic of the center.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet the priority.

###### *Invitational Priorities*

Within the absolute priority listed in this application notice, we are particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities.

###### **NRC Program Invitational Priority 1**

Activities designed to increase the number of international experts, including those entering government service and various professional disciplines, with in-depth knowledge of Islamic societies and high-level language proficiency in the languages of those societies.

###### **NRC Program Invitational Priority 2**

Activities designed to strengthen the quality of the center's language program so that students can attain advanced language proficiency in the less and least commonly taught languages.

###### **NRC Program Invitational Priority 3**

Linkages with schools of education designed to improve teacher training in foreign languages, area, or international studies with an emphasis on the less commonly taught languages and areas of the world where those languages are spoken.

###### **NRC Program Invitational Priority 4**

Activities that engage the language resources of local heritage communities where appropriate.

###### **NRC Program Invitational Priority 5**

Collaboration with Title VI language resource centers, the centers for international business education, and the American overseas research centers with a focus on the less and least commonly taught languages and underrepresented professional disciplines.

###### **FLAS Program Invitational Priority 1**

Fellowships to students in the least commonly taught languages who are pursuing advanced level language proficiency.

###### **FLAS Program Invitational Priority 2**

Fellowships to talented students pursuing master's degrees who may be more likely to pursue government service.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets one or more of the invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

##### **FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl E. Gibbs, Ed McDermott, Karla Ver Bryck Block, or Amy Wilson, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7700 or via Internet: [OPE\\_NRC-FLAS@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_NRC-FLAS@ed.gov).

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**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP02-546-000]

**Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

September 19, 2002.

Take notice that on September 13, 2002, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective on October 1, 2002:

Nineteenth Revised Sheet No. 36  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 36A  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 690

Algonquin proposes to revise Section 34.2, "Rate Schedules Subject to ACA Surcharge", of the General Terms and Conditions of Algonquin's FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No.1, and its AFT-CL Rate tariff sheets to state that the Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) Unit Surcharge will only be assessed once on the same volume of gas transported on Algonquin's pipeline system. An AFT-CL Customer

transporting gas volumes under an AFT-CL Rate Schedule will only be assessed an ACA Surcharge when the AFT-CL Customer does not pay an ACA Surcharge for the same volumes of gas transported under another Algonquin rate schedule.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were served on all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202)502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. GT02-41-000]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Material Deviation Filing**

September 19, 2002.

Take notice that on September 10, 2002, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised No. 1, the following tariff sheet, with an effective date October 10, 2002:

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 190

ANR states that the tariff sheet is being filed to list two agreements as non-conforming agreements.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 26, 2002. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202)502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. GT02-42-000]

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Tenth Revised Sheet No. 190

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