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Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.

Dated: December 18, 2002.

R.E. Vincent II,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory 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 February 28, 2003.

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, Regulatory 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: December 23, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Federal Perkins Loan Program Master Promissory Note.

Frequency: On Occasion; Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 690,000. Burden Hours: 345,000.

Abstract: The promissory note is the means by which a Federal Perkins Loan borrower promises to repay his or her loan.

Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be 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 his e-mail 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

Direct Grant and Fellowship Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Notice reopening application deadline dates for certain direct grant and fellowship programs.

SUMMARY: The Secretary reopens the deadline dates for the submission of applications by certain applicants (see **ELIGIBILITY**) under certain direct grant and fellowship programs. All of the affected competitions are among those under which the Secretary is making new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2003. The Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by potential applicants adversely affected by severe weather conditions resulting from the typhoon in Guam and the severe ice

storm in North Carolina. The reopenings are intended to help these potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under these programs.

Note: One of the affected programs or competitions is administered by the Department's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and two are administered by the Office of Postsecondary Education. You can find information related to each of these competitions under the "List of Programs Affected" in this notice.

ELIGIBILITY: The reopening of deadline dates in this notice applies to you if you are a potential applicant from Guam which was severely affected by the recent typhoon or if you are a potential applicant in an area of North Carolina that the President has declared a disaster area as a result of the severe ice storm. In the case of the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program, the reopening of the deadline date applies to you if you live in or attend an institution of higher education in one of these areas. These areas include the following:

| State/territory | County |
|-----------------|--|
| North Carolina | Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Union, Vance, and Wake. |
| Guam | |

DATES: The new deadline date for transmitting applications under each competition is listed with that competition.

If the program in which you are interested is subject to Executive Order 12372, the deadline date for the transmittal of State process recommendations by State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) and comments by other interested parties remains as originally posted.

ADDRESSES: The address and telephone number for obtaining applications for, or information about, an individual program are in the application notice for that program. We have listed the date and **Federal Register** citation of the application notice for each program.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number, if any, listed in the individual application notice. If we have not listed a TDD number, you may

call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

If you are an individual with a disability, you may obtain a copy of this notice in an alternative format (*e.g.*, Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the

contact person listed in the individual application notices.

If you want to transmit a recommendation or comment under Executive Order 12372, you can find the latest list and addresses of individual SPOCs on the Web site of the Office of Management and Budget at the

following address: *http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is specific information about each of the programs or competitions covered by this notice:

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LIST OF PROGRAMS AFFECTED

| CFDA No. and Name | Publication Date and Federal Register Cite | Original Deadline Date for Applications | Revised Deadline Date for Applications |
|---|---|---|--|
| <u>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</u> 84.256A Territories and Freely Associated States Educational Grant Program | 10/9/2002 (67 FR 62961) | 12/9/02 | 1/10/03 |
| <u>Office of Postsecondary Education</u> 84.170A Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program 84.047A Upward Bound Program | 10/11/02 (66 FR 63395) 9/20/02 (66 FR 59275) | 12/11/02 12/13/02 | 1/10/03 1/10/03 |

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Dated: December 24, 2002.

Jack Martin,

Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of English Language Acquisition

[CFDA No.: 84.365C]

Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program; Notice inviting applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Note to Applicants: This notice is a complete application package. Together with the statute authorizing the program and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), this notice contains all of the information, application forms, and instructions needed to apply for a grant under this program.

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the program is to provide grants that support language instruction educational programs for limited English proficient children from Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Native American Pacific Islander backgrounds. Projects that are designed for children who are learning and studying Native American languages shall have, as a project outcome, increases in English proficiency and a second language.

Eligible Applicants: The following entities, which operate elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools primarily for Native American children (including Alaska Native children), are eligible applicants under this program: Indian tribes; tribally sanctioned

educational authorities; Native Hawaiian or Native American Pacific Islander native language educational organizations; elementary schools or secondary schools that are operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or a consortium of such schools; elementary schools or secondary schools operated under a contract with or grant from the BIA in consortium with another such school or a tribal or community organization; and elementary schools or secondary schools operated by the BIA and an institution of higher education, in consortium with elementary schools or secondary schools operated under a contract with or a grant from the BIA or a tribal or community organization.

Note. Any eligible entity that receives Federal financial assistance under this program is not eligible to receive a subgrant under section 3114 of Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110).

(Eligible applicants seeking to apply for funds as a consortium should read and follow the regulations in 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, which apply to group applications.)

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 14, 2003.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: March 14, 2003.

Estimated Available Funds: \$4.1 million.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$175,000-\$300,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

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

Project Period: 48 months.

Mandatory Page Limit for the Application Narrative: The narrative is the section of the application where you address the selection criteria used by reviewers in evaluating your application. You must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages, using the following standards:

(1) A page is 8.5' x 11', on one side only with 1' margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

(2) Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as 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).

The page limit does not apply to the Application for Federal Education

Assistance Form (ED 424); the Budget Information Form (ED 524) and attached itemization of costs; the other application forms and attachments to those forms; the assurances and certifications; the text of the selection criteria; or the one-page abstract and table of contents described below. The page limit applies only to item 14 in the Checklist for Applicants provided below.

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 (Part 79, does not apply to assistance to Federally recognized Indian tribes), 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Description of Program: The statutory authority for this program, and the application requirements that apply to this competition, are set out in Subpart 1 of Part A of Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110).

Grants awarded under this program are to be used to develop high levels of academic attainment in English among limited English proficient children, and to promote parental and community participation in language instruction educational programs. Grants are intended for language instruction educational projects that are carefully designed, well-implemented and rigorously evaluated.

Projects may include teacher training, curriculum development, and evaluation and assessment to support the core program of student instruction and parental/community participation. Student instruction may comprise preschool, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels, or combinations of these.

Selection Criteria: We use the following selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 and sections 3115 and 3128 of the Act to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition:

The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points.

The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(a) *Project activities.* (22 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine how well the applicant proposes to carry out activities that will:

(i) Increase the English proficiency of limited English proficient children by providing high-quality language instruction educational programs that are based on scientifically based