

Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: July 17, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Technology Administration

#### National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Notice of Determination for Closure of Meeting

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for August 25, 2003.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have twelve members.

**Time and Place:** The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on August 25, 2003. The meeting will be held in Room 4813 at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. For further information contact: Mildred S. Porter, Director National Medal of Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, Phone: 202-482-5572.

If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the committee's affairs at any time before and after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the Director of the National Medal of Technology as indicated above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal.

Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the August 25, 2003, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency Action.

Due to closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available, however a copy of the Notice of determination will be available for public inspection and copying in the office of Mildred Porter, Director, National Medal of Technology, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, Phone: 202-482-1424.

Dated: July 17, 2003.

**Phillip J. Bond,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**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 Information 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.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

#### Office of Postsecondary Education

**Type of Review:** Revision.

**Title:** Application for Grants Under the Strengthening Institutions Program, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 415.

Burden Hours: 19,250.

**Abstract:** The information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, the American Indian Tribally Controlled College and Universities Program, and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, authorized under Title III, part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the peer review and in making funding recommendations.

This collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001).

Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2289. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. 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 [Vivan.Reese@ed.gov](mailto:Vivan.Reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or 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](mailto: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

[CFDA No.: 84.299A]

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Indian Education Demonstration Grants for Indian Children, Notice Inviting Applications for New Discretionary Program Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of the Demonstration Grants program is to provide financial assistance to projects to develop, test, and demonstrate the effectiveness of services and programs to improve the educational opportunities and achievement of preschool, elementary, and secondary students. For FY 2003 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priorities we describe in the Priorities section of this application notice.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants for this program are: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); Indian tribes; Indian organizations; federally supported elementary or secondary schools for Indian students; Indian institutions, including Indian

institutions of higher education; or a consortium of such institutions that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129. An application from a consortium of eligible entities must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129. The consortium agreement, signed by all parties, must be submitted with the application in order to be considered as a consortium application.

**Note:** Letters of support do not meet the consortium requirements. The Secretary rejects any application that does not meet these requirements.

**Applications Available:** July 24, 2003.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** August 25, 2003.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** September 9, 2003.

**Estimated Available Funds:** \$2,484,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$150,000 to \$400,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$310,500.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 8.

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

**Project Period:** Up to 36 months.

**Budget Requirement:** Projects funded under this competition must budget for a one and one-half day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, DC during each year of the project.

**Maximum Annual Award Amount:** In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$400,000 during any single budget period in the award period. The Secretary rejects any application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

**Page Limit:** The application narrative is where an applicant addresses the selection criteria that are used by reviewers in evaluating the application. An applicant must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 50 double-spaced pages, using the following standards:

(1) A "page" is 8½" x 11" (one side only) with one-inch margins (top, bottom and sides).

(2) 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, must be double-spaced (no more than three lines per vertical inch).

(3) For all text (including charts, tables, 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 cover sheet; the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, appendices, resumes, bibliography, and

letters of support. However, all of the application narrative addressing the selection criteria must be included in the narrative section.

Reviewers will not read any pages of applications that—

- Exceed the page limit if you apply these standards; or
- Exceed the equivalent of the page limit if you apply other standards.

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) 34 CFR part 263.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

### Priorities

#### Absolute Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the priority selected. The program regulations at 34 CFR 263.21(c) identify the absolute priorities for the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program that may be selected by the Secretary. For the FY 2003 grant competition, the Secretary reserves all of the funds available for new awards under the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program to fund only those applications that meet one or more of the following absolute priorities found at 34 CFR 263.21(c)(1) and (3):

(1) School readiness projects that provide age appropriate educational programs and language skills to three- and four-year old Indian students to prepare them for successful entry into school at the kindergarten school level.

(3) College preparatory programs for secondary school students designed to increase competency and skills in challenging subject matters, including math and science, to enable Indian students to successfully transition to postsecondary education.

#### Competitive Preference

(1) In making multiyear grants under this program, the Secretary will award five (5) additional points to an application that presents a plan for combining two or more of the activities described in section 7121(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, over a period of more than one year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7441(d)(1)(B).)

(2) In making grants under this program, the Secretary will award five (5) additional points to an application submitted by an Indian tribe, Indian