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This program is administered by the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research (PD&R), Office of University Partnerships. This Office also administers PD&R's other grant programs for academics.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.516.

On May 14, 2004, HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2004 for the DDRG Program (69 FR 27111). The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded the applicants identified below, and in accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards. More information about the winners can be found at <http://www.oup.org>.

List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the FY 2004 Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program Funding Competition, by Institution, Address, Grant Amount and Name of Student Funded

1. University of Southern California, University Park Campus, RGL Building, Los Angeles, CA 90089. Grant: \$25,000 to Duan Zhuang.

2. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 460 Turner Street, Suite 306, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Grant: \$24,976 to James Armstrong.

3. The Regents of the University of California, 10920 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1200, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Grant: \$24,988 to Yan Lee.

4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 9-523, Cambridge, MA 02139. Grant: \$25,000 to Criseida Navarro-Diaz.

5. University of Texas at Austin, North Office Building-Suite 4300, 101 East 27th Street, Austin, TX 78713. Grant: \$25,000 to Pamela Rogers.

6. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 3 Rutgers Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Grant: \$25,000 to Kristen Crassney.

7. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 3 Rutgers Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Grant: \$23,480 to Mathew Cuddy.

8. Regents of the University of Michigan, 303 South State Street, Room 1044, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1274. Grant: \$25,000 to George Carter.

9. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of Sponsored Research, CB#1350, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Grant: \$24,992 to Lisa Bates.

10. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, 809 South Marshfield (M/C 551), Chicago, IL 60612. Grant: \$25,000 to Michael Wenz.

11. Regents University of Michigan, 427 Thompson Street, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Grant: \$25,000 to Sapna Swaroop.

12. University of Massachusetts, Office of Grant & Contract Administration, Goodell Building, Room 408, Amherst, MA 01003. Grant: \$25,000 to Mark Tigan.

13. University of Pittsburgh, 350 Thackeray Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Grant: \$24,800 to Andrew Aurand.

14. Research Foundation for Graduate School & University Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Grant: \$24,925 to Arielle Goldberg.

15. New York University, 15 Washington Place, #1H, New York, NY 10003. Grant: \$25,000 to Michael McQuarrie.

16. Florida State University, 97 South Woodward Avenue, 3rd Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32306. Grant: \$20,000 to Gregory Burge.

Dated: December 1, 2004.

Dennis C. Shea,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Pilot Referral Program for Interior Board of Land Appeals

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), Department of the Interior (DOI), in collaboration with DOI's Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution (CADR) and the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, has developed an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) pilot referral program for the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). The IBLA pilot program is one component of a Department-wide effort to expand the appropriate use of

ADR processes to address environmental, public lands, and natural resources disputes involving DOI's bureaus and offices. OHA is making available for public review and comment a number of documents that describe and will be used to implement the IBLA pilot program.

DATES: To be considered, written or electronic comments on the IBLA pilot program must be received on or before January 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the IBLA pilot program. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203.

- **Fax:** Send comments by facsimile to the Interior Board of Land Appeals at (703) 235-8349.

- **Direct Internet Response:** Submit electronic comments by following the instructions for submitting comments provided at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/news/regulatory/index.htm>.

Received comments will be available for public review. Comments may be inspected between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the address provided above. Comments may also be viewed electronically at the Web site listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Greenberg, Dispute Resolution Specialist, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-235-3750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IBLA pilot program has two main components:

- During the initial case docketing process, IBLA will alert parties to the availability of voluntary ADR processes to achieve settlement of their appeals.

- Following a preliminary review of the appeal, IBLA will select, through use of ADR suitability criteria, appeals that may be appropriate for direct negotiation, assisted negotiation/mediation, or other ADR processes (for example, joint fact-finding).

The IBLA pilot program is intended to educate parties about the potential for ADR and offer them an opportunity to develop creative solutions to their disputes, thereby reducing the expense and time involved in the appeals process and potentially limiting further litigation.

The documents for public review and comment include the following:

- A description of the IBLA pilot program;
- A one-page "ADR Referral Data Sheet," containing general information about ADR, which would be included with the docketing notice sent to the parties in each case;
- An "IBLA Pilot ADR Referral Program Information Sheet," which includes more detailed information about the pilot referral program and which would be sent to parties whose appeals are identified as suitable for ADR or who request further information; and
- Responses to Frequently Asked Questions.

Electronic copies of the documents for public review can be viewed at the Bureau of Land Management Regulatory Actions Web site, <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/news/regulatory/index.htm>. To view the documents, go to the Web site and click on "Web based automated regulations comment system"; select "Interior Board of Land Appeals" and "View/Create Comments for Open Regulations"; click on the link for IBLA; click on "Pilot Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Referral Program"; and then click on the available documents.

Electronic versions of the documents are also available on the CADR Web site at <http://www.doi.gov/cadr/>. Click on the link for the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Hard copies of the documents can be obtained from the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-235-3750.

The development and implementation of the IBLA pilot program is authorized by the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996, 5 U.S.C. 571-584.

Dated: December 6, 2004.

Robert S. More,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-070-1430-ES; NMMN-1010121]

Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands in San Juan County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The following described public lands in New Mexico, San Juan County, New Mexico have been examined and found suitable for sale to the City of Bloomfield for an industrial park, utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value of \$500,000.00 as approved by the Bureau of Land Management Appraisal staff. Authority for the sale is Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and 43 CFR 2711.3.3(a)(1).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information related to this action, including the environmental assessment, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401, from 7:45 to 4:30 Monday through Friday or call (505) 599-8900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land contains 110 acres, more or less, located south of Bloomfield within the Bloomfield city limits. This parcel of land, situated in San Juan County is being offered as a direct sale to the City of Bloomfield, the adjacent property owner for an industrial park. This land is not required for any federal purposes. The proposed action is in compliance with the Farmington Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Management Plan that was approved September 2003. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. In the event of a sale, conveyance of surface interests only. The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. Patent Reservations:

A. All valid existing rights (including rights-of-ways).

B. Reserve a right for the Federal Government to construct ditches and canals.

C. Reserve all minerals to the Federal Government.

Interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401 until 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA, or other applicable laws. The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Joel Farrell,

Assistant Field Manager, Farmington, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-130]

Emergency Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure notice.

SUMMARY: Under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 9268.3(d) notice is hereby given that an emergency closure to the discharge or use of a firearm or dangerous weapons for the purpose of target shooting is in effect, as of the publication date of this notice, on public lands administered by the Grand Junction Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, as follows:

This order is put into effect to protect persons, property and resources located in this area from person(s) engaged in target shooting with firearms or dangerous weapons. Dangerous weapons include, but are not limited to: rifles, pistols, air guns, paint ball guns, bow and arrow, slingshot or any mechanical device that propels a projectile. This emergency order does not prohibit the discharge of firearms or