

- (1) A State or local non-profit or governmental arts organization;
- (2) A State educational agency (SEA) or regional educational service agency;
- (3) An institution of higher education; or
- (4) A public or private agency, institution, or organization, including a museum, an arts education association, a library, a theater, or a community-or faith-based organization.

Rationale: The most effective professional development programs are systemic and have the full support of school leadership. Therefore, it is essential that eligibility be limited to LEAs. Professional development in the area of arts education is often enhanced when it taps the expertise of professional arts organizations or other entities. Accordingly, an LEA would be required to partner with one of these organizations.

Definitions

Proposed Definitions

The terms "arts educator" and "integrate", which are important concepts associated with this program, are not defined in the authorizing statute. We, therefore, propose, for the purpose of this program, to define these terms as follows:

Arts educator means a teacher who works in music, drama, dance, or the visual arts.

Integrate means, in the context of projects funded under this program, to strengthen (i) the use of high-quality arts instruction within other academic content areas, and (ii) the place of the arts as a core academic subject in the school curriculum.

Executive Order 12866

This notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions, we have determined that the benefits of the proposed priority, requirements, and definitions justify the costs.

We also have determined that this regulatory action does not unduly

interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

Summary of Potential Costs and Benefits

The potential costs associated with the proposed priority, requirements, and definitions in this notice are minimal, while the benefits are significant. Grantees may incur some costs associated with completing the application process in terms of staff and partner time, copying, and mailing or delivery.

The benefit of the proposed priority, requirements, and definitions in this notice is that grantees will develop professional development programs for arts educators, especially those programs that incorporate arts education standards and are designed to improve the educational performance of at-risk children and youth.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and action for this program.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7271. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.351C Professional Development for Arts Educators)

Dated: January 7, 2005.

Nina Shokraii Rees,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, as Amended by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004

ACTION: Notice of public meeting to seek comments and suggestions on regulatory issues under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces plans to hold the first of a series of informal public meetings to seek comments and suggestions from the public prior to developing and publishing proposed regulations to implement programs under the recently revised Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Date and Time of Public Meeting: Friday, January 28, 2005 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: University of Delaware, University of Delaware Conference Center, John M. Clayton Hall, Room 106, 100 Pencader Way, Newark, DE 19716.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Troy R. Justesen. Telephone: (202) 245-7468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 3, 2004, the President signed into law Pub. L. 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, amending the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Copies of the new law may be obtained at the following Web site: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html>.

Enactment of the new law provides an opportunity to consider improvements in the regulations implementing the IDEA (including both formula and discretionary grant programs) that would strengthen the Federal effort to ensure every child with a disability has available a free appropriate public education that—

- (1) Is of high quality, and
- (2) Is designed to achieve the high standards reflected in the No Child Left Behind Act and regulations.

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services will be holding a series of informal meetings during the first few months of calendar year 2005 to seek input and suggestions for developing regulations, as needed, based on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

This notice provides specific information about the first of these meetings, scheduled for Newark, DE (see *Date and Time of Public Meeting* earlier in this Notice). Other informal meetings will be conducted in the following locations:

- Atlanta, GA;
- Boston, MA;
- Columbus, OH;
- San Diego, CA;
- Laramie, WY; and
- Washington, DC.

In subsequent **Federal Register** notices, we will notify you of the specific dates and locations of each of these meetings, as well as other relevant information.

Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and material in alternative format) should notify the contact person listed under

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

John H. Hager,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, Including the Import of Liquefied Natural Gas

In the matter of: 04-118-NG, 04-121-NG, 04-119-NG, 04-122-NG, 04-127-NG, 02-85-NG, 04-126-NG, 04-117-NG, 04-123-NG, 04-128-NG, 04-129-NG, 04-130-NG, 04-125-NG, 04-124-NG, 04-132-NG; Amerada Hess Corporation, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Keyspan Gas East Corporation, BP Energy Company, Keyspan Gas East Corporation, Bay State Gas Company, Engage Energy Canada, L.P., Nexen Marketing U.S.A. Inc., Termoelectria de Mexicali, S. de R.L. de C.V., Boss Energy, Ltd., Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, Boston Gas Company,

[DOE/FE Authority]

Northern Utilities, Inc., Dominion Exploration Canada, Ltd.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during December 2004, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, including the import of liquefied natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation). They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 5, 2005.

R.F. Corbin,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy.

Appendix

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/exporter FE Docket No.	Import volume	Export volume	Comments
2050	12-2-04	Amerada Hess Corporation; 04-118-NG ...	100 Bcf	100 Bcf	Import and export natural gas from and to Canada beginning on January 1, 2005 and extending through December 31, 2006.
2052	12-6-04	San Diego Gas & Electric Company; 04-119-NG.	5 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Mexico, beginning on November 22, 2004, and extending through November 21, 2006.
2053	12-9-04	Keyspan Gas East Corporation; 04-122-NG.	25 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on December 10, 2004, and extending through December 9, 2006.
2054	12-9-04	BP Energy Company; 04-127-NG	1,100 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on December 9, 2004, and extending through December 8, 2006.
1831-A	12-9-04	Keyspan as East Corporation; 02-85-NG ..	60 Bcf		Vacate blanket import and export authority.
2055	12-9-04	Bay State Gas Company; 04-126-NG			
2056	12-9-04	Engage Energy Canada, L.P.; 04-117-NG	1,000 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, and import LNG from other international sources, beginning on January 1, 2005, and extending through December 31, 2006.
2057	12-9-04	Nexen Marketing U.S.A. Inc.; 04-123-NG	200 Bcf		Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on January 1, 2004, and extending through December 31, 2006.