

Abingdon, MD. This event, designed to facilitate serious discussions concerning the use of the technology and licensing it for specific uses. The scheduled one-on-one discussions are meant to ensure that private communication between each interested party and ARL can occur. This will greatly assist in a potential licensee's review process in determining the applicability of the ARL acoustic monitor to each specific application and in fully understanding the licensing process. If you are planning to attend and/or require additional information please contact Dr. Kevin Smith at (724) 539-8310 or by e-mail address to ksmith@tech-scouts.net. Specific information relative to the technology can be seen at <http://stb.apg.army.mil/Library/briefings/TEDCO/ar121.pdf>.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Potential Multipurpose Projects for Flood Damage Reduction and Recreation Development Within and Along the Highland Lakes, Colorado River, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Four Authorities authorize the study of the Colorado River and its Tributaries: (1) Flood Control Act, approval June 22, 1936: "Section 6. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys for flood control at the following named localities * * * Colorado River, Texas, above the county line between Coke and Runnels counties * * * Lower Colorado River, Texas." (2) Resolution by the Committee on Commerce, United States Senate, adopted August 4, 1936; "Resolved by the Committee of the United States Senate, that the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors created under Section 3 of the River and Harbor Act, approved June 13, 1902, be and is hereby, requested to review the reports on Colorado River, Texas, submitted in House Document Number 361, Seventy-first Congress, second session, and previous reports, with a view to determining if improvement in the interest of commerce and flood control

is advisable at the present time." (3) Rivers and Harbors Act, approved August 26, 1937: "Section 4. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys to be made at the following named localities * * * Colorado River, and its tributaries, Texas, with a view to its improvement in the interest of navigation and flood control." (4) Rivers and Harbors Act, approved March 2, 1945: "Section 6. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys to be made at the following named localities * * * Colorado River, Texas." An initial assessment based on the resolution guidance indicates a Federal interest in continuing with more detailed studies for these purposes. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to evaluate and compare flood control damage reduction and recreation alternatives within and along the Colorado River and its tributaries concentrated along the Highland Lakes. The EIS will also assess the impacts to the quality of the human environment associated with each alternative. The study area for project implementation primarily includes the lower Colorado River and its adjoining tributaries below Lake O.H. Ivie to Tom Miller Dam or Lake Austin. The construction of residential and commercial structures within the Highland Lakes and along the Colorado River, have lead to extensive amounts of flood damages. Consequently, flood damage reduction measures will be developed to address the flood damages. In addition, recreation measures will be developed and evaluated as complements to proposed flood damage reduction measures. The non-Federal cost sharing sponsors for the feasibility study are the Lower Colorado River Authority and Travis County.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held during the fall of 2005. Notices will be sent to interested parties, posted on the project Web site at <http://www.fdep.org> and a notice will be published in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions pertaining to the proposed action and EIS can be answered by: Mr. Tom Vogt, CESWF-PM-C, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, PO Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, (817) 886-1378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Highland Lakes are comprised of six lakes: Lake Buchanan, Inks Lake, Lake LBJ, Lake Marble Falls, Lake Travis, and

Lake Austin. The Lower Colorado River Authority operates all of the Highland Lakes. Only Lake Travis is operated as a flood reservoir.

Alternatives for flood damage reduction and recreation will be developed and evaluated based on ongoing fieldwork and data collection and past studies conducted by the Corps of Engineers and the Lower Colorado River Authority. Alternatives for flood damage reduction measures will be evaluated from both a non-structural and structural aspect. Non-structural measures that will be evaluated include acquisition and removal of structures and flood proofing of structures for protection from potential future flood damage, and changes of gate operating procedures for Lake Travis. Structural measures that will be evaluated could include dry detention basins or multipurpose reservoirs and of various widths and depths and/or a combination of these measures along with non-structural alternatives. Recreation measures that will be evaluated for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike include multipurpose trails and passive recreation features, such as interpretive guidance and media and picnic areas. Recreation measures will be developed to a scope and scale compatible with proposed flood damage reduction measures without significantly diminishing flood damage benefits.

The Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration, Lower Colorado River Basin, Colorado River, Texas addressing the potential cumulative effects of reasonably foreseeable projects, including the Highland Lakes Interim Feasibility Study was completed in March 2005. The Final PEIS should be completed around October 2005. This EIS for the Highland Lakes will be tiered to the PEIS for the Lower Colorado River.

The public will be invited to participate in the scoping process, invited to attend public meetings, and given the opportunity to review the EIS. Release of the EIS for public comment is scheduled for summer 2006. The exact release date, once established, will be announced in the local news media.

Future coordination with other agencies and public scoping will be conducted to ensure full and open participation and aid in the development of the EIS. All affected Federal, state, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are hereby invited to participate. Future coordination will also be

conducted with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The USFWS and NMFS will furnish information on threatened and endangered species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. In addition, the USFWS will also be requested to provide support with planning aid and to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. Also the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be consulted with regard to Essential Fish Habitat as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The State Historic Preservation Office will be consulted as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Dated: July 7, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; Rehabilitation Training; Rehabilitation Long-Term Training— Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.129B.

DATES: Applications Available: July 20, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 6, 2005.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: November 2, 2005.

Eligible Applicants: States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$38,826,000 for the Rehabilitation Training program for FY 2006, of which we intend to use an estimated \$450,000 for this competition. 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 this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$125,000–\$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$137,500.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget

exceeding \$150,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for—

(1) Projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary;

(2) Projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary; and

(3) Projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Priority: This priority is from the notice of final priority for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2003 (68 FR 2166). This priority is designed to increase the number of rehabilitation counseling programs that provide experiential activities for students, such as formal internships, practicum agreements, and other partnership activities with State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies. This priority supports a close relationship between the educational institution and the State VR agency by creating or increasing ongoing collaboration in order to increase the number of graduates who seek employment in State VR agencies.

Absolute Priority: For FY 2006, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is: *Partnership With the State VR Agency*.

This priority supports projects that will increase the knowledge of students of the role and responsibilities of the VR counselor and of the benefits of counseling in State VR agencies. This priority focuses attention on and intends to strengthen the unique role of rehabilitation educators and State VR agencies in the preparation of qualified VR counselors by increasing or creating ongoing collaboration between

institutions of higher education and State VR agencies.

Projects funded under this priority must include within the degree program information about and experience in the State VR system. Projects must include partnering activities for students with the State VR agency including experiential activities, such as formal internships or practicum agreements. In addition, experiential activities for students with community-based rehabilitation service providers are encouraged.

Projects must include an evaluation of the impact of project activities.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 772.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 386.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

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

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

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