

Dated: November 16, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 030602141-6291-43]

#### Availability of Grants Funds for Fiscal Year 2007; Reopening of Application Deadline

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** NOAA publishes this notice to reopen the solicitation period on the "NOAA Office of Hydrologic Development Hydrologic Research Announcement of Opportunity, FY 2007," which was originally announced in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2006. This notice is being modified to more fully explain ensemble streamflow forecasting. This notice applies to only those applicants who have already submitted pre-proposals. The solicitation period is being extended from June 12, 2006, to December 15, 2006, to provide pre-proposal applicants the opportunity to submit revised proposals.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received by the NWS no later than 3 p.m., eastern standard time, December 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted electronically to <http://www.grants.gov/>. Electronic submission is strongly encouraged. Applicants without Internet access may send hard copy applications to Pedro Restrepo, NOAA/NWS; 1325 East-West Highway, Room 8176, phone number 301-713-0640, ext. 210; Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283; these applications must be received by the Office of Hydrologic Development no later than 3 p.m. EST on December 15, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Pedro Restrepo by phone at 301-713-0640 ext. 210, or fax to 301-713-0963, or via internet at [Pedro.Restrepo@noaa.gov](mailto:Pedro.Restrepo@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA recently became aware that the Office of Hydrologic Development Hydrologic Research's Announcement of Opportunity for FY 2007 (71 FR 33919, June 12, 2006) did not clearly describe

the program priority identified as Ensemble Streamflow Forecasting, which was listed under the heading: "B. NWS/OHD/HL Hydrologic Modeling Priorities." In order to ensure that applicants are fully informed of NOAA's program priorities, NOAA clarifies that Ensemble Streamflow Forecasting includes the preprocessing of atmospheric forecasts, and the use of weather and climate reforecast datasets to produce reliable and skillful ensemble forcing and to evaluate improvement in hydrologic forecast skill.

NOAA recognizes that applicants who submitted their full proposals may wish to revise their submission in light of this clarification. Therefore, NOAA re-opens the solicitation period from November 22, 2006 to December 15, 2006 to allow these applicants the opportunity to revise and submit their full proposals. This re-opening applies only to those applicants who previously submitted a pre-proposal. This re-opening is not a solicitation for new pre-proposals. All other requirements for this solicitation remain the same.

#### Limitation of Liability

In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if this program is cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. Applicants are hereby given notice that funding for the Fiscal Year 2007 program is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations.

#### Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002, **Federal Register**, (67, FR 66177) for additional information.

Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet at <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA Federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following

NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, [http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm). Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment. The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389) are applicable to this solicitation.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that

collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: November 14, 2006.

**D.L. Johnson,**

*NOAA Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Defense Intelligence Agency Joint Military Intelligence College.

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Joint Military Intelligence College Board of Visitors has been scheduled as follows:

**DATES:** Tuesday, 3 January 2006, 0800 to 1700; and Wednesday, 4 January 2006, 0800 to 1200.

**ADDRESSES:** Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. A. Denis Clift, President, DIA Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100 (202/231-3344).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of

classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed. The Board will discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, as to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the Joint Military Intelligence College.

Dated: November 15, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 January 22, 2007.

**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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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: November 16, 2006.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* The Effectiveness of the Alabama Mathematics, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI).

*Frequency:* Monthly; Annually; Trainer log.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 2,233.

*Burden Hours:* 746.

*Abstract:* This study is a group randomized controlled trial by the Regional Educational Laboratory for the Southeast and its subcontractors to test the effectiveness of the Alabama Mathematics, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI). This study is needed so that the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), following the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), can make decisions about this initiative based on scientific data regarding the program's effectiveness at improving student achievement. The evidence from this experiment will be used by ALSDE and the Alabama legislature as a consideration in deciding about program continuation, expansion, and improvement. Respondents are all (324) teachers in grades 4-8 and the principals in 40 schools in 3 regions of Alabama and AMSTI trainers in these regions. Assessment data will also be collected for all students in grades 4-8 in these schools.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3231. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be