

(2) The Application Control Center will mail a grant application receipt acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the grant application receipt acknowledgment within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

#### V. Application Review Information

**Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria for this program are from 34 CFR 75.209(a) and 75.210, and are as follows—

Meets the purposes of the authorizing statute (20 points); Need for project (15 points); Significance (10 points); Quality of the project design (15 points); Quality of project services (10 points); Quality of project personnel (10 points); Adequacy of resources (10 points); and Quality of the project evaluation (10 points). Additional information regarding these criteria is in the application package for this competition.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

1. **Award Notices:** If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. **Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. **Reporting:** At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118. Grantees are required to use the electronic data instrument *Evaluation of Exchange, Language, International, and Area Studies* (EELIAS) to complete the final report.

4. **Performance Measures:** Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the following measures will

be used by the Department in assessing the performance of the American Overseas Research Centers Program:

(1) The percent of projects judged to be successful by the program officer, based on a review of information provided in annual performance reports. The information provided by grantees in their performance reports submitted via EELIAS will be the source of data for this measure.

(2) The percentage of scholars who indicated they were "highly satisfied" with the services the Center provided.

#### VII. Agency Contact

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl E. Gibbs, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 6083, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7634 or by e-mail: [cheryl.gibbs@ed.gov](mailto:cheryl.gibbs@ed.gov)

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#### VIII. Other Information

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**James F. Manning,**

*Delegated the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.031A]

### Strengthening Institutions Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to fund down the grant slate for the Strengthening Institutions Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed for the Strengthening Institutions Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 to make new grant awards in FY 2007. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on last year's grant slate. The actual level of funding for the FY 2007 program, if any, depends on final Congressional action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Maria E. Carrington, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-6450. Telephone: (202) 502-7548 or via Internet: [maria.carrington@ed.gov](mailto:maria.carrington@ed.gov)

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On May 19, 2006, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 29130) inviting applications for new awards under the Strengthening Institutions Program.

We received a significant number of applications for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program in FY 2006 and made 34 new grants. Because such a large number of high-quality applications were received, many applications that were awarded high scores by peer reviewers did not receive funding for FY 2006.

Limited funding is available for new awards under this program in FY 2007. To conserve funding that would have been required for a peer review of new grant applications and use those funds to support grant activities, we will select grantees in FY 2007 from the existing slate of applicants. This slate was developed during the FY 2006 competition using the selection criteria, application requirements, and definitions referenced in the May 19,

2006 notice. No changes to the selection criteria, application requirements, and definitions will be required by this action.

**Note:** All non-funded applicants scoring 95 and above in the FY 2006 competition MUST apply for Title III eligibility. Final funding decisions will be made based upon the amount available for new awards. As announced in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 2007(71 FR 760) the closing date for Title III eligibility submissions is March 9, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA has submitted the FE-746R, "The Natural Gas Import and Export Authorization Application and Monthly Reports," which includes the elimination of the associated quarterly reporting requirement, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, at 3507(h)(1)).

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by February 28, 2007. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within that period, you should contact the OMB Desk Officer for DOE listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sarah Garman, OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX at 202-395-7285 or e-mail to [Sarah\\_P\\_Garman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Sarah_P_Garman@omb.eop.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4650. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Kara Norman. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-287-1705) or e-mail

([kara.norman@eia.doe.gov](mailto:kara.norman@eia.doe.gov)) is also recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Kara Norman may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1902.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection numbers and title; (2) the sponsor (i.e., the Department of Energy component; (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (i.e., new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (i.e., mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms FE-746R, "The Natural Gas Import and Export Authorization Application and Monthly Reports".

2. Department of Energy.

3. OMB Number 1901-0294.

4. Three-year extension.

5. Mandatory.

6. DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (FE) is delegated the authority to regulate

natural gas imports and exports under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, 15 U.S.C. 717b. In order to carry out its delegated responsibility, FE requires those persons seeking to import or export natural gas to file an application containing the basic information about the scope and nature of the proposed import/export activity. Historically, FE has collected information on a quarterly and monthly basis regarding import and export transactions. That information has been used to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the authorizations. In addition, the data are used to monitor North American gas trade, which, in turn, enables the Federal government to perform market and regulatory analyses; improve the capability of industry and the government to respond to any future energy-related supply problems; and keep the general public informed of international natural gas trade.

7. Business or other for-profit (or other appropriate type of respondents).

8. 10,080 hours.

Please refer to the supporting statement as well as the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses (including possible nonstatistical uses) of the information. For instructions on obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, at 3507(h)(1))

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**Jay H. Casselberry,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8274-1]

### Public Record Grant Guidelines for States; Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subtitle I, as amended by Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** By this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency