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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 070419090-7090-01; I.D. 050107B ]

#### Program for Technology-based Experiential Learning in Science for Grades 4-9 Students and Teachers

**AGENCY:** Office of Education (OED), Office of the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere (USEC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's Office of Education (OED) is requesting applications for a technology-based science experiential learning program to impact 4th through 9th grade students and teachers. One award will be made for a project five years in duration. The successful project will draw heavily on NOAA marine scientific resources as well as an existing set of vetted educational products. The project should feature print materials for students and teachers, multimedia products, out-of-the classroom activities and incorporate on-line elements such as live chat, podcasts or computer simulations to provide students with access to scientists and promote inquiry-based learning. A successful applicant will have extensive partnerships with NOAA, as well as other Federal, local, and private organizations. It is anticipated that final recommendations for funding under this announcement will be made by June 30, 2007, and that projects funded under this announcement will have a start date no earlier than September 15, 2007.

**DATES:** The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., EDT June 7, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Full applications must be submitted either through *Grants.gov* or as a paper application to: ATTN: Grants Competition Manager, NOAA Office of Education, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave, NW., HCHB Room 6863, Washington, DC 20230. Please note: Hard copies submitted via the U.S. Postal Service can take up to 4 weeks to reach this office; applicants are recommended to send hard copies via expedited shipping

methods (e.g., Airborne Express, DHL, Fed Ex, UPS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sarah Schoedinger at [sarah.schoedinger@noaa.gov](mailto:sarah.schoedinger@noaa.gov), telephone 704-370-3528 or Alyssa Gundersen at [allyssa.gundersen@noaa.gov](mailto:allyssa.gundersen@noaa.gov), telephone 202-482-3739.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA's Office of Education (OED) is requesting applications for a technology-based science experiential learning program, with interdisciplinary connections to math and other disciplines, for 4th through 9th grade students and teachers. The successful project will draw heavily on NOAA scientific research, personnel, facilities and educational resources to reach classroom students and their teachers in the United States. The project should feature print materials for students and teachers, multimedia products, out-of-the classroom activities and incorporate on-line elements such as live chat, podcasts or computer simulations to provide students with access to scientists and promote inquiry-based learning. The project should provide an online platform that allows teachers to create customized lesson plans based on the proposed curriculum, to develop assessments aligned to their local standards, to create reports on the use and impact of each program element. Additionally, the project will allow teachers both onsite and online to earn graduate-level credit-hours from an accredited university in the United States. All projects shall employ the strategies articulated in the NOAA Education Plan ([http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/NOAA\\_Ed\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/NOAA_Ed_Plan.pdf)).

A successful applicant will have extensive partnerships with NOAA, as well as other Federal, local, and private organizations. The applicant or project partners should be highly experienced in developing and employing telepresence technology and delivering programming to the scientific and educational communities as well as the general public.

It is anticipated that final recommendations for funding under this announcement will be made by June 30, 2007, and that projects funded under this announcement will have a start date no earlier than September 15, 2007.

**Electronic Access**

The full text of the full funding opportunity announcement for this OED program can be accessed via the *Grants.gov* web site. That announcement will also be available at the NOAA Web site: [http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/funding\\_opps.html](http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/funding_opps.html)

or by contacting the program officials identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applicants must comply with all requirements contained in the full funding opportunity announcement. This **Federal Register** notice is available through the NOAA home page at: <http://www.noaa.gov/>.

*Statutory Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 1540. *CFDA:* 11.469, Congressionally Identified Awards and Projects.

**Funding Availability**

NOAA anticipates the availability, contingent upon appropriations, of approximately \$2,000,000 of Federal financial assistance in FY 2007 for a technology-based experiential learning program for 4th through 9th grade students and teachers. One award in the form of a grant will be made. NOAA will only consider projects that have a duration of 5 years. The total Federal amount for all years that may be requested from NOAA for the direct and indirect costs of the proposed project shall not exceed \$12,500,000 for 5 years. Applications requesting Federal support from NOAA of less than \$1,000,000 total or more than \$12,500,000 total will not be considered for funding through this announcement.

The amount of funding available through this announcement will be dependent upon the final appropriations for FY 2007 through FY 2011. Publication of this notice does not oblige the Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. If an applicant incurs any costs prior to receiving an award agreement signed by an authorized NOAA Grants Officer, the applicant would do so solely at their own risk of such costs not being included under the award. The exact amount of funds that may be awarded will be determined in pre-award negotiations between the applicant and NOAA representatives.

**Eligibility**

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, and state, local and Indian tribal governments in the United States. For-profit organizations, individuals not affiliated with an eligible organization, foreign institutions, foreign organizations and foreign government agencies are not eligible to apply. Federal agencies are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

The Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is

strongly committed to increasing the participation of Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), *i.e.*, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Tribal colleges and universities, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian institutions, and institutions that work in underserved communities.

Institutions may submit only one application to this funding opportunity.

#### Cost Sharing Requirements

There are no cost-sharing requirements.

#### Evaluation and Selection Procedures

The general evaluation criteria and selection factors that apply to full applications to this funding opportunity are summarized below. The evaluation criteria for full applications will have different weights and details. Further information about the evaluation criteria and selection factors can be found in the full funding opportunity announcement.

#### Evaluation Criteria for Projects

1. *Importance and/or relevance and applicability of proposed project to the program goals:* This ascertains whether there is intrinsic value in the proposed work and/or relevance to NOAA, Federal, regional, State, or local activities.

2. *Technical/scientific merit:* This assesses whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and objectives.

3. *Overall qualifications of applicants:* This ascertains whether the applicant possesses the necessary education, experience, training, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project.

4. *Project costs:* The Budget is evaluated to determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the project needs and time-frame.

5. *Outreach and education:* NOAA assesses whether this project provides a focused and effective education and outreach strategy regarding NOAA's mission to protect the Nation's natural resources.

#### Review and Selection Process

Upon receipt of an application by NOAA, an initial administrative review will be conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of the application. All applications that meet the minimum eligibility requirements and that are ascertained to be complete will be evaluated and scored by independent reviewers. The reviews will be

conducted by a panel of individuals, who may be government or non-government representatives, each having relevant expertise. The reviewers will score each proposal using the evaluation criteria and relative weights provided above. The individual reviewers' ratings will be averaged for each application to establish rank order. No consensus advice will be given by the review panel. The Program Officer will neither vote nor score applications as part of the review panel nor participate in discussion of the merits of any proposal.

The Program Officer will make his/her recommendations for funding based on rank order and the selection factors listed below to the Selecting Official for the final funding decision.

#### Selection Factors for Projects

The panel review ratings shall establish the rank order that the Selecting Official will use for final recommendation to the NOAA Grants Officer. The Selecting Official shall award in the rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the following factors:

1. Availability of funding.
2. Balance/distribution of funds:
  - a. Geographically
  - b. By type of institutions
  - c. By type of partners
  - d. By research areas
  - e. By project types
3. Whether this project duplicates other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other Federal agencies.
4. Program priorities and policy factors.
5. Applicant's prior award performance.
6. Partnerships and/or participation of targeted groups.
7. Adequacy of information necessary for NOAA staff to make a NEPA determination and draft necessary documentation before recommendations for funding are made to the Grants Officer.

#### Intergovernmental Review

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### Limitation of Liability

In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not obligate NOAA

to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

#### 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

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, and 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, nor shall a 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 for the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

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### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR)

entitled the Peer Reviewer Application Instructions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Ms. Vielka Garibaldi, at (202) 606-6886, (*vgaribaldi@cns.gov*). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call at (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Office for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**.

(1) *By fax to:* (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and  
(2) *Electronically by e-mail to:* *Katherine.T.Astrich@omb.eop.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the Corporation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2007. This comment period ended on April 2, 2007; no comments were received from this notice.

*Description:* The Corporation is seeking approval of the Peer Reviewer

Application Instructions form which will be used by Grant Review Specialists in the Office of Grant Policy and Operations to select peer reviewers and facilitators for each grant competition. All individuals interested in applying as peer reviewers or facilitators of the peer review panels will be required to complete an electronic application. The current application is due to expire on October 31, 2007. Modifications include instructions related to log-in into eGrants and enhancements to the personal profile, contact information section, and areas of expertise.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Peer Reviewer Application.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0090.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Individuals who are interested in serving as peer reviewers or peer review panel facilitators.

*Total Respondents:* 2,500.

*Frequency:* One (1) time and updates as needed.

*Average Time per Response:* 40 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,666 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Dated: April 17, 2007.

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Department of the Army

#### Surplus Properties; Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army; DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information regarding the properties that have been determined surplus to the United States needs in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended, and the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission Report, as approved, and following screening with Federal agencies and Department of Defense components. This Notice amends the Notice published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 26930) on May 9, 2006.

**DATES:** Effective May 8, 2007.