Authorization of Subgrants

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice authorizes the use of subgrants with Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act (SOAR Act) funds awarded under CFDA 84.370C to the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), for the purpose of carrying out its proposed activities in support of quality charter schools.

DATES: Effective Date: November 20, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Program: Under the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act (SOAR Act), the Department awards funding for opportunity scholarships for students to attend private schools, and it awards funding to the District of Columbia to improve public education in District of Columbia Public Schools and to improve and expand the quality of District of Columbia public charter schools (charter schools) under a three-part comprehensive funding strategy, as described in section 3002(4) of the SOAR Act. The intent of this comprehensive funding approach is to ensure that progress will continue to be made to improve public schools and public charter schools and to ensure that funding for the Opportunity Scholarship Program will not lead to a reduction in funding for the District of Columbia public charter schools.

Under section 3004(b) of the SOAR Act, the Secretary is required to provide funds to the Mayor of the District of Columbia to improve and expand quality public charter schools in the District of Columbia.


Eligible Entities for Subgrants: District of Columbia public charter schools and non-profit organizations.

Discussion: Using SOAR Act funds, OSSE has proposed to award subgrants (as defined in 34 CFR 80.3) through multiple competitions to support charter schools in the District of Columbia. Proposed activities include providing funding to improve charter school performance and educational outcomes, and providing effective facility financing and funding to increase the number of new, high-quality charter school seats. In the case of subgrants to schools, awards will be made to the entities identified in the approved application (District of Columbia charter schools). For the remaining subgrants, entities will be selected through a competitive process set out in subgranting procedures established by the grantee.

Requirements: This subgranting authority must be used by OSSE to directly carry out project activities described in its application. OSSE must ensure that subgrants are awarded on the basis of an approved budget that is consistent with OSSE’s approved application and all applicable Federal statutory, regulatory, and other requirements. OSSE must ensure that every subgrant includes any conditions required by Federal statutes and executive orders and their implementing regulations. OSSE must ensure that subgrantees are aware of requirements imposed upon them by Federal statutes and regulations, including the Federal anti-discrimination laws enforced by the Department, which are set out at 34 CFR 75.500.

Note: This notice does not solicit applications. Authorization of the SOAR Act directs funds to the Mayor of the District of Columbia for District of Columbia public charter schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, December 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Simonton, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897–3737, Greg.Simonton@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

• Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda
• Approval of July Minutes
• Deputy Designated Federal Officer’s Comments
• Federal Coordinator’s Comments
• Liaison’s Comments
• Presentation
• Administrative Issues
  ☐ Annual Executive Planning and Leadership Training Session Update
  ☐ EM National Chairs Meeting Update
• Subcommittee Updates
• Election of Chair and Vice Chair
• Adoption of Fiscal Year 2014 Work Plan
• Public Comments
• Final Comments From the Board

• Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Greg Simonton at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Greg Simonton at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Greg Simonton at the address or telephone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: http://www.ports-ssab.energy.gov/.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 13, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler, Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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