

2. *Review and Selection Process:* We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary also requires various assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

3. *Special Conditions:* Under 2 CFR 3474.10, the Secretary may impose special conditions and, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

## 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); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also.

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:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive

funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) 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 directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html).

4. *Performance Measures:* Under GPRA, the Secretary has established four performance measures to assess the effectiveness of this program. Projects funded under this competition will be expected to collect and report to the Department data related to these measures. Applications should, but are not required to, discuss in the application narrative how they propose to collect these data. The four GPRA performance measures are: (1) The total number of students who participate in standards-based Arts education sponsored by the grantee; (2) the number of teachers participating in the grantee's program who receive professional development that is Sustained and Intensive; (3) the total number of students from low-income families who participate in standards-based Arts education sponsored by the grantee; and (4) the total number of students with disabilities who participate in standards-based Arts education sponsored by the grantee.

5. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, the performance targets in the grantee's approved application. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

## VII. Agency Contact

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Asheley McBride, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4W, Washington, DC 20202-5950. Telephone: (202) 453-6500, or by email: [AENP15Competition@ed.gov](mailto:AENP15Competition@ed.gov).

If you use a TDD or a TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

## VIII. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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**Nadya Chinoy Dabby,**

*Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Proposed Waiver and Extension of the Project Period for the Native American Career and Technical Education Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed waiver and extension of the project period.

**SUMMARY:** For the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP), the Secretary

proposes to: (1) Waive the requirements that generally prohibit project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds; and (2) extend the project periods for current NACTEP grantees for up to an additional 24 months. This proposed extension and waiver would enable the 31 current NACTEP grantees to request and continue to receive Federal funding annually for fiscal year (FY) 2016 and possibly through FY 2017.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before March 12, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments regarding this proposed extension and waiver to Gwen Washington, Room 11076, or Linda Mayo, Room 11075, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-7241.

If you prefer to send your comments by email, use one of the following addresses: [gwen.washington@ed.gov](mailto:gwen.washington@ed.gov) or [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov). You must include the term "Proposed Waiver and Extension for NACTEP" in the subject line of your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwen Washington, telephone: (202) 245-7790, or by email at: [gwen.washington@ed.gov](mailto:gwen.washington@ed.gov); or Linda Mayo, telephone: (202) 245-7792, or by email at: [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf or a text telephone, call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Invitation to Comment:* We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed waiver and extension of the project period.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this proposed waiver and extension in room 11076 or Room 11075, PCP, 550 12th Street SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week, except Federal holidays.

*Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record:* On request, we will supply an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact one of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

## Background

NACTEP, authorized by section 116 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Act), provides grants to improve career and technical education programs that benefit Native Americans and Alaska Natives. The Act also provides that NACTEP should build on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards and to assist students in meeting such standards, including preparation for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in emerging or established professions (20 U.S.C. 2301(1)). In addition, programs are required to provide technical assistance that promotes leadership, initial preparation, and professional development and improves the quality of career and technical education teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors (20 U.S.C. 2301(5)). NACTEP programs generally support partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree-granting institutions, area career and technical education schools, local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries, as well as provide, in conjunction with other education and training programs, individuals with opportunities throughout their lives to develop the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive (20 U.S.C. 2301(6) and (7)).

On February 26, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 13030) a notice inviting applications for NACTEP grants (2013 NIA) to operate career and technical education programs, as authorized by section 116(a) through (g) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 2326(a)-(g)). Although the Secretary invited applications with a proposed project period of five years in previous NACTEP competitions, in 2013, in anticipation of congressional reauthorization of the Act, the Department invited applications with proposed project periods of two years. The project periods for the 31 NACTEP projects funded under the 2013 NIA are scheduled to end in FY 2015. Because there is the potential for changes in the authorizing legislation for NACTEP beyond 2015, we do not believe it would be in the public interest to hold a new competition in FY 2015 for projects that may operate for only one year or to announce a competition under which eligible entities would be expected to proceed through the application preparation and submission process while lacking critical information about the future of the

program. Further, we do not think that it would be in the public interest to have a lapse in the services currently provided by the NACTEP grantees.

For these reasons, the Secretary proposes to waive the requirements of 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2) that generally prohibit project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary also proposes to extend the NACTEP project period for up to 24 months. The proposed waiver and extension would allow the current NACTEP grantees to request and continue to receive Federal funding annually for project periods through FY 2016 and possibly through FY 2017. We intend to fund the extended project period by using funds appropriated for FY 2015 or FY 2016, depending on whether the grants are extended for one or two years.

If the waiver of the requirements of 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2) that we propose in this notice is announced by a notice of final waiver and extension of the project period published in the **Federal Register**: (1) The requirements applicable to continuation awards for current NACTEP grantees set forth in the 2013 NIA and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253 would apply to any continuation awards sought by current NACTEP grantees; (2) we will make decisions regarding annual continuation awards based on grantee program narratives, budgets and budget narratives, and performance reports and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253; and (3) we will not announce a new grant competition or make new awards in FY 2015.

The proposed waiver and project period extension would not exempt the current NACTEP grantees from the appropriation account closing provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1552(a), nor would they extend the availability of funds previously awarded to current NACTEP grantees. As a result of 31 U.S.C. 1552(a), appropriations available for a limited period may be used for payment of valid obligations for only five years after the expiration of their period of availability for Federal obligation. After that time, the unexpended balance of those funds is canceled and returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and is unavailable for restoration for any purpose (31 U.S.C. 1552(b)).

## Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension and the activities required to support additional years of funding would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The entities that would be affected by the proposed waiver and extension are the 31 grantees selected based on the 2013 NIA and currently receiving Federal funds and any other potential applicants.

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension would not have a significant economic impact on these entities because the extension of an existing project imposes minimal compliance costs, and the activities required to support the additional year of funding would not impose additional regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice of proposed waiver and extension does not contain any information collection requirements.

#### Intergovernmental Review

The NACTEP is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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**Johan E. Uvin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-71-000]

#### Chesapeake Utilities Corporation; Notice of Application

Take notice that on January 23, 2015, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake), 909 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware 19904, filed an application pursuant to section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a service area determination within which it may enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities without further Commission authorization. Chesapeake also requests a determination that it qualifies as a local distribution company for purposes of section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) and a waiver of all reporting, accounting, and other rules and regulations under the NGA and NGPA that are normally applicable to natural gas companies.

Chesapeake received a request for service from Warwick Mushroom Farms, LLC (WMF) at its existing facility in Cecil County, Maryland to displace its current use of propane. Chesapeake proposes to construct approximately 1.5 miles of 6-inch diameter pipeline in Delaware and approximately 3.9 miles of 6-inch diameter pipeline in Maryland in order to connect with WMF's facility, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to William Rice, King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, by telephone at (202) 626-9602, by facsimile at (202) 626-3737, or by email at [wrice@kslaw.com](mailto:wrice@kslaw.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for

Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal.

The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive