

inspection, evaluation, or other review as authorized by the Inspector General Act.

J. To such recipients and under such circumstances and procedures as are mandated by Federal statute or treaty.

K. To the U.S. Department of Transportation for purposes of verifying DoD military or civilian employees' participation in the program, and auditing and verifying disbursements.

L. To the operators of transit systems or vanpools for purposes of activating, distributing, and verifying benefits.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:**

Records may be stored electronically or on paper in secure facilities in a locked drawer behind a locked door. Electronic records may be stored locally on digital media; in agency-owned cloud environments; or in vendor Cloud Service Offerings certified under the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP).

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:**

Records may be retrieved by individual's name, SSN, DoD ID number, and/or work email address.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:**

DoD components shall retain these records in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration approved General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.4, *Employee Compensation and Benefits Records* (December 2019). These records fall within GRS 2.4, item 131, which provides that transportation subsidy program individual case files may be destroyed two years after employee participation concludes, but longer retention is authorized if the DoD components have an approved existing agency schedule and have notified the National Archives and Records Administration per 36 CFR 1227a(3).

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:**

DoD safeguards records in this system of records according to applicable rules, policies, and procedures, including all applicable DoD automated systems security and access policies. DoD policies require the use of controls to minimize the risk of compromise of personally identifiable information (PII) in paper and electronic form and to enforce access by those with a need to know and with appropriate clearances. Additionally, DoD has established security audit and accountability policies and procedures which support the safeguarding of PII and detection of potential PII incidents. DoD routinely

employs safeguards such as the following to information systems and paper recordkeeping systems:

Multifactor log-in authentication including CAC authentication and password; physical token as required; physical and technological access controls governing access to data; network encryption to protect data transmitted over the network; disk encryption securing disks storing data; key management services to safeguard encryption keys; masking of sensitive data as practicable; mandatory information assurance and privacy training for individuals who will have access; identification, marking, and safeguarding of PII; physical access safeguards including multifactor identification physical access controls, detection and electronic alert systems for access to servers and other network infrastructure; and electronic intrusion detection systems in DoD facilities.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to their records should follow the procedures in 32 CFR part 310. Individuals should address written inquiries to the DoD component with oversight of the records, as the component has Privacy Act responsibilities concerning access, amendment, and disclosure of the records within this system of records. The public may identify the contact information for the appropriate DoD office through the following website: [www.FOIA.gov](http://www.FOIA.gov). Signed written requests should contain the name and number of this system of records notice along with the full name, current address, and email address of the individual. In addition, the requester must provide either a notarized statement or an unsworn declaration made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 1746, in the appropriate format:

If executed outside the United States: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)."

If executed within the United States, its territories, possessions, or commonwealths: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)."

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking to amend or correct the content of records about them should follow the procedures in 32 CFR part 310.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves

is contained in this system of records should follow the instructions for Record Access Procedures above.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**HISTORY:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Applications for New Awards; Office of Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2022 for Office of Indian Education (OIE) Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Assistance Listing Number 84.060A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1810-0021.

**DATES:** Part I of Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE) Applications Available: February 7, 2022.

*Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part I:* March 11, 2022.

*Part II of EASIE Applications Available:* April 4, 2022.

*Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part II:* May 13, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about the Formula Grants program, contact Dr. Crystal C. Moore, Ed.D., U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202-6335. Telephone: (202) 453-5593. Email: [crystal.moore@ed.gov](mailto:crystal.moore@ed.gov). For technical questions about the EASIE application and uploading documentation, contact the Partner Support Center (PSC). Telephone: (877)457-3336. Email: [OIE.EASIE@ed.gov](mailto:OIE.EASIE@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), contact the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at (800)877-0996 or by email at: [federalrelay@sprint.com](mailto:federalrelay@sprint.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Full Text of Announcement**

*Note:* Applicants must meet the deadlines for both EASIE Part I and Part II to be eligible to receive a grant.

Failure to submit the required supplemental documentation, described under *Content and Form of Application Submission* in section IV of this notice, by the EASIE Part I or II deadline will result in an incomplete application that will not be considered for funding. The OIE recommends uploading the documentation at least four days prior to each deadline date to ensure that any potential submission issues are resolved prior to the deadlines.

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The OIE Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Formula Grants) program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs), Indian Tribes and organizations, and other eligible entities in developing and implementing elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students. These funds must be used to support comprehensive programs that are designed to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students and ensure that all students meet challenging State academic standards. The information gathered from the project's final annual performance report (APR) will be utilized to complete OIE's required annual Department reporting under 34 CFR 75.110. Specifically, that report covers the Secretary's established key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Formula Grants program as detailed in this notice.

#### *Integration of Services Authorized*

As authorized under section 6116 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), the Secretary will, upon receipt of an acceptable plan for the integration of education and related services, and in cooperation with other relevant Federal agencies, authorize the entity receiving the funds under this program to consolidate all Federal funds that are to be used exclusively for Indian students. Instructions for submitting an integration of education and related services plan are included in EASIE, which is described under *Application and Submission Information* in section IV of this notice.

*Note:* Under the Formula Grants program, all applicants are required to develop proposed projects in open consultation, including through public hearings held to provide a full opportunity to understand the program and to offer recommendations regarding the program (ESEA section 6114(c)(3)(C)), with parents of Indian

children and teachers of Indian children, representatives of Indian Tribes on Indian lands located within 50 miles of any school that the LEA will serve if such Tribes have any children in such school, Indian organizations (IOs), and, if appropriate, Indian students from secondary schools. LEA applicants are required to develop proposed projects with the participation and written approval of an Indian Parent Committee whose membership includes parents and family members of Indian children in the LEA's schools; representatives of Indian Tribes on Indian lands located within 50 miles of any school that the LEA will serve if such Tribes have any children in such school; teachers in the schools; and, if appropriate, Indian students attending secondary schools of the LEA (ESEA section 6114(c)(4)). The majority of the Indian Parent Committee members must be parents and family members of Indian children (section 6114(c)(4) of the ESEA).

*Definition:* The following definition is from ESEA section 6112(d)(3):

*Indian community-based organization (ICBO)* means any organization that (1) is composed primarily of Indian parents, family members and community members, Tribal government education officials, and Tribal members, from a specific community; (2) assists in the social, cultural, and educational development of Indians in such community; (3) meets the unique cultural, language, and academic needs of Indian students; and (4) demonstrates organizational and administrative capacity to manage the grant.

#### *Statutory Hiring Preference:*

(a) Awards that are primarily for the benefit of Indians are subject to the provisions of section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)). That section requires that, to the greatest extent feasible, a grantee—

(1) Give to Indians preferences and opportunities for training and employment in connection with the administration of the grant; and

(2) Give to IOs and to Indian-owned economic enterprises, as defined in section 3 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1452(e)), preference in the award of contracts in connection with the administration of the grant.

(b) For purposes of this section, an Indian is a member of any federally recognized Indian Tribe (25 U.S.C. 1452(b)).

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 7421, *et seq.*

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General

Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Formula grants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration requested \$105,381,000 for Formula Grants to LEAs for FY 2022. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$4,000 to \$2,772,768.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$81,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1,300.

*Note:* The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* 12 months.

### III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* The following entities are eligible under this program: Certain LEAs, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(b), including charter schools authorized as LEAs under State law; certain schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education of the U.S. Department of the Interior (BIE), as prescribed by ESEA section 6113(d); Indian Tribes and IOs under certain conditions, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(c); and ICBOs, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(d). Consortia of two or more eligible entities are also eligible under certain circumstances, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(a)(4).

2. a. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This program does not require cost sharing or matching.

b. *Supplement-Not-Supplant:* ESEA Section 6114(c)(1) requires a grantee to use these grant funds only to supplement the funds that, in the absence of these Federal funds, such agency would make available for services described in this application, and not to supplant such funds.

c. *Indirect Cost Rate Information:* This program uses a restricted indirect cost rate. For more information regarding restricted indirect costs, or to obtain a negotiated restricted indirect cost rate,

please see: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/intro.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/intro.html).

d. *Administrative Cost Limitation:* We note that, under ESEA section 6115(d), no more than five percent of the funds awarded for a grant may be used for administrative costs.

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *How to Request an Application Package:* You can obtain an entity-specific link for the electronic application for grants under this program by contacting the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc) by contacting the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* (a) Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit and technical assistance resources, are located on the EASIE Communities of Practice website at <https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>.

*Note:* The OIE and PSC will create dedicated technical assistance documentation to support applicants and grantees with accessing, navigating, entering data, and submitting their responses into the OMB MAX Survey. Prior to the opening of EASIE Part I, this documentation will be announced and posted on the EASIE Communities of Practice website at: <https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>.

User accounts will be replaced with an entity-specific link (also known as a token) to access the new EASIE application in the OMB MAX Survey. Only individuals that are registered as the current Point of Contact (POC), Project Director (PD), and/or Authorized Official Representative (AOR) will receive the entity-specific link to access the application for EASIE Part I and II. The AOR can continue to delegate the responsibility of completing the EASIE application in the new OMB MAX Survey to other entity contacts by sharing their entity-specific link internally. The AOR is ultimately responsible for the review and certification of the application. Please contact the PSC with any questions related to this change.

(b) *Supplementary Documentation:* The EASIE application requires submission of the following supplementary documentation in electronic Portable Document Format (PDF):

(i) In EASIE Part I, applicants that are Tribes, IOs, or ICBOs must submit the appropriate "Applying in Lieu of the LEA" agreement form with their application to verify their eligibility no later than March 11, 2022 (which is the closing date of EASIE Part I). Each separate eligibility document is identified by applicant-type as either: Tribe Applying in Lieu of an LEA Agreement; IO Agreement; or ICBO Agreement. These are available on the EASIE Communities of Practice (COP) website (<https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>) as downloadable documents. The details of the verification process, which are necessary to meet the statutory eligibility requirements for Tribes, IOs, and ICBOs, are in the application package.

(ii) In EASIE Part I, an applicant that is the lead applicant for a consortium must use the consortium agreement form that is available on the Getting Started page in the EASIE COP Portal as a downloadable document and upload it to your EASIE application survey on the OMB MAX Survey portal no later than March 11, 2022.

(iii) In EASIE Part II, for an applicant that is an LEA or a consortium of LEAs, the EASIE application requires the electronic PDF submission of the Indian Parent Committee Approval form no later than the deadline for transmittal of EASIE Part II, which is May 13, 2022. Applicants are encouraged to begin planning parent committee meetings early to ensure parent committee requirements are met before EASIE Part II closes. The form is available on the EASIE Communities of Practice website at <https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:*  
*Part I of the Formula Grant EASIE Applications Available:* February 7, 2022.

*Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part I:* March 11, 2022, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time.

*Part II of the Formula Grant EASIE Applications Available:* April 4, 2022.

*Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part II:* May 13, 2022, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time.

Submit applications for grants under this program electronically using EASIE located in the OMB MAX Survey portal. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application, please refer to *Other Submission Requirements* in section IV of this notice.

OIE will only consider an application that is compliant with deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid

in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

5. *Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management:* To do business with the Department, you must—

a. Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)/Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);

b. Register both your DUNS/UEI number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM), the Government's primary registrant database;

c. Provide your DUNS/UEI number and TIN on your SAM application; and

d. Maintain an active SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS/UEI number from Dun and Bradstreet at the following website: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. A DUNS/UEI number can be created within one to two business days.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow two to five weeks for your TIN to become active.

The SAM registration process can take approximately seven business days, but may take upwards of several weeks, depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data you enter in the SAM database. Thus, if you think you might want to apply for Federal financial assistance under a program administered by the Department, please allow sufficient time to obtain and register your DUNS/UEI number and TIN. We strongly recommend that you register early.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your

DUNS/UEI number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about SAM is available at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov). To further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS/UEI number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account, we have prepared a *SAM.gov* Tip Sheet, which you can find [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html).

6. *Other Submission Requirements:*  
a. *Electronic Submission of*

*Applications.*

*Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE):* EASIE is an electronic application within OMB MAX Survey using an entity-specific link. It is divided into two parts—EASIE Part I and EASIE Part II.

EASIE Part I, student count, provides the appropriate data-entry screens to submit verified, aggregated, Indian student count totals based on either the Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) count or the Indian Student Eligibility Certification Form (ED 506 Form). All applicants must submit a current Indian student count for FY 2022. Applicants must use the ED 506 Form to document eligible Indian students; however, BIE schools may use either the ISEP count or the ED 506 Form count to verify their Indian student counts. Applicants must protect the privacy of all individual data collected and only report aggregated data to the Secretary.

Applicants that verify their Indian student count with the ED 506 Form must document their Indian student counts by completing the following: (1) Each year, the applicant must verify there is a valid ED 506 Form for each Indian child included in the count; (2) all ED 506 Forms included in the count must be completed, signed, and dated by the parent, and be on file; (3) the applicant must maintain a copy of the student enrollment roster(s) covering the same period of time indicated in the application as the count period; and (4) each Indian child included in the count must be listed on the LEA's enrollment roster(s) for at least one day during the count period.

BIE schools that enter an ISEP count to verify their Indian student count must use the most current Indian student count certified by the BIE.

Once an Indian child is determined to be eligible to be counted for such grant award, the applicant must maintain a record of such determination and must not require a new or duplicate determination or form to be made for such child for a subsequent application for a grant under this program.

Applicants must indicate the time span for the project objectives and corresponding activities and services for Indian students. Applicants can choose to set objectives that remain the same for up to four years to facilitate data collection and enhance long-term planning.

In EASIE Part II, all applicants are required to—

(1) Select the type of program being submitted as either regular formula grant program, formula grant project consolidated with a Title I schoolwide program, or integration of services under ESEA section 6116;

(2) Select the grade levels offered by the LEA or BIE school;

(3) Identify, from a list of possible Department grant programs (e.g., ESEA Title I), the programs in the LEA that are currently coordinated with a Title VI project, or with which the school district plans to coordinate during the project year, in accordance with ESEA section 6114(c)(5), and describe the comprehensive program for Indian students with those grant programs;

(4) Describe the professional development opportunities that will be provided as part of a comprehensive program to ensure that teachers and other school professionals who are new to the Indian community are prepared to work with Indian children, and that all teachers who will be involved in programs assisted by this grant have been properly trained to carry out such programs, as required by ESEA section 6114(b)(5);

(5) Provide information on how the State assessment data of all Indian students (not just those served) are used and how such information will be disseminated to the Indian community, Indian Parent Committee, and Indian Tribes whose children are served by the LEA. Also describe how assessment data from the previous school year (SY) were used, as required by ESEA section 6114(b)(6);

(6) Indicate when the public hearing was held for FY 2022–23, as required by ESEA section 6114(c)(3)(C);

(7) For an applicant that is an LEA, BIE school, or a consortium of LEAs or BIE schools, describe the process the applicant used to meaningfully collaborate with Indian Tribes located in the community in a timely, active, and ongoing manner in the development of the comprehensive program and the actions taken as a result of such collaboration (ESEA section 6114(b)(7));

(8) Identify specific project objectives that will further the goal of providing culturally responsive education for Indian students to meet their academic needs and help them meet State

achievement standards (ESEA section 6115(b)), and identify the data sources that will be used to measure progress toward meeting project objectives;

(9) For an LEA that selects a schoolwide application, identify how the use of such funds in a schoolwide program will produce benefits to Indian students that would not be achieved if the funds were not used in a schoolwide program (ESEA section 6115(c)(3));

(10) Submit a program budget and justification based on the estimated grant amount that the EASIE system calculates from the Indian student count submitted in EASIE Part I. After the initial grant amounts are determined, additional funds may become available due to such circumstances as withdrawn applications or reduction in another applicant's student count. An applicant whose award amount increases or decreases more than \$5,000 must submit a revised budget prior to receiving its grant award but will not need to re-certify its application. If an applicant's award amount increases or decreases by less than \$5,000, a budget update is not required. For an applicant that receives an increased award amount following submission of its original budget, the applicant must allocate the increased amount only to previously approved budget categories;

(11) As required by section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), describe the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, the project or activity to be conducted with such assistance, by addressing the special needs of students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age; and

(12) If needed, provide additional comments to assist OIE in the review of the application.

*Registration for Formula Grant EASIE:* Current, former, and new applicants interested in submitting a Formula Grant EASIE application must register for EASIE. Prior to the opening of EASIE Part I, PSC will send a broadcast to prior year grantees and new prospective applicants that have contacted PSC and registered for EASIE. All recipients who receive PSC's broadcast will be asked to complete their intent to apply for the upcoming application period in the EASIE Portal. All prospective applicants will be provided the opportunity to confirm if any updates to their registration information are necessary, and/or if they would like to completely decline registration. Entities that do not have an active Registration or are new

applicants should contact the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to register any time before the EASIE Part I application deadline date. Registration *does not* serve as the entity's grant application. For assistance registering, contact the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Certification for EASIE:* The applicant's AOR, which must be a senior level official (Superintendent, Tribal Chief, or similar) of the entity and legally authorized by the applicant organization to approve the application, must certify EASIE Part I and Part II by the deadline date. Each applicant should identify at least three system users, one for each of the following: Project Director, Authorized Official Representative, and another party (such as a Budget Director) designated to answer questions in the event the project director is unavailable. The certification process ensures that the information in the application is true, reliable, and valid. An applicant that provides a false statement in the application may be subject to penalties under the False Claims Act (18 U.S.C. 1001).

*b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.*

We discourage paper applications, but if electronic submission is not possible (e.g., you do not have access to the internet), you must provide a written statement that you intend to submit a paper application. Send this written statement no later than Monday, January 11, 2022.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date of EASIE Part I. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date of EASIE Part I. If you email the written statement, it must be sent no later than two weeks before the application deadline date to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Dr. Crystal C. Moore, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202-6335. FAX: (202) 205-0606.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline dates for both EASIE Part I and Part II, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Office of

Indian Education, Attention: Assistance Listing Number 84.060A, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202-6335.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

*Note:* The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

We will not consider applications postmarked after the application deadline date for EASIE Part I or Part II.

*c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.*

If you are submitting a paper application, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline dates for both EASIE Part I and Part II, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, Attention: Assistance Listing Number 84.060A, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202-6335.

The program office accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

*Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:* If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424 the Assistance Listing Number, including suffix letter, of this program—84.060A; and

(2) The program office will mail you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should contact the program office at (202) 453-5593.

## V. Grant Administration Information

*1. Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions:* Consistent with 2 CFR 200.206, before awarding grants under this program the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 200.208, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, under 2 CFR 3474.10, 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.

*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 a grant in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

*3. Reporting:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this program, 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. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) You must submit a final annual performance report (APR) using EASIE via the OMB MAX Survey entity-specific link, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary, within 120 days after the close of the grant year. Grantees will be able to access the APR via the EASIE portal link provided to registered entities prior to the system being open to users. Grantees will receive an email from the PSC identifying the date that the APR will be available to grantees and the deadline for its transmission.

*4. Performance Measures:* For the purposes of Department reporting under 34 CFR 75.110, we have established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Formula Grants program: (1) The percentage of Indian students in grades four and eight who score at or above the basic level in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); (2) the percentage of Indian students in grades four and eight who score at or above the basic level in mathematics on the NAEP; (3) the percentage of Indian students in grades three through eight meeting State achievement standards by scoring at or

above the proficient level in reading and mathematics on State assessments; (4) the difference between the percentage of Indian students in grades three through eight at or above the proficient level in reading and mathematics on State assessments and the percentage of all students scoring at those levels; (5) the percentage of Indian students who graduate from high school as measured by the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate; (6) the percentage of grantees providing culturally responsive activities; and (7) the percentage of funds used by grantees prior to award close-out.

*Note:* In any year in which NAEP or State assessment data are systematically unavailable, reporting of such data will not be required and will not be used for purposes of performance measures.

5. *Integrity and Performance System:* If you receive an award under this grant program that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), under 2 CFR 200.206(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through SAM. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

## VI. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (TXT), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape,

or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Request for Information (RFI) Regarding Planning for Establishment of a Program To Support the Availability of High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU) for Civilian Domestic Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Use

**AGENCY:** Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 14, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) issued a RFI inviting input on the planning for establishment of a DOE HALEU Availability Program and to gather information to consider in preparing the required report to Congress describing actions proposed to be carried out by DOE under the program. The Energy Act of 2020 authorized the Department to establish and carry out, through the Office of Nuclear Energy, a program to support the availability of HALEU for civilian domestic research, development, demonstration, and commercial use. The RFI established a January 13, 2022, deadline for the submission of written comments. DOE is extending the comment period to February 14, 2022.

**DATES:** The comment period for the RFI published on December 14, 2021 (86 FR 71055) is extended. DOE will accept

comments, data, and information responding to this RFI submitted on or before February 14, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Email:* [rfi-haleu@hq.doe.gov](mailto:rfi-haleu@hq.doe.gov). Submit electronic comments in Microsoft Word or PDF file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Please include "Response to RFI" in the subject line.
2. *Postal Mail:* This option is not available.
3. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* This option is not available during the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. *Online:* Responses will be accepted online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name for this RFI. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Any information that may be business proprietary and exempt by law from public disclosure should be submitted as described in Section IV of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be sent to: [rfi-haleu@hq.doe.gov](mailto:rfi-haleu@hq.doe.gov) or Dr. Daniel Vega, [daniel.vega@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:daniel.vega@nuclear.energy.gov), (202) 586-0235, or Michael Reim, [michael.reim@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:michael.reim@nuclear.energy.gov), (202) 586-0509.

Please include "Question on HALEU RFI" in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 14, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a request for information (RFI) in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 71055). DOE issued this RFI to invite input on the planning for establishment of a DOE HALEU Availability Program and to gather information to consider in preparing the required report to Congress describing actions proposed to be carried out by DOE under the program. The Energy Act of 2020 authorized the Department to establish and carry out, through the Office of Nuclear Energy, a program to support the availability of high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) for civilian domestic research, development, demonstration, and commercial use. A HALEU Availability Program, leading to the deployment and commercialization of clean energy technologies and infrastructure, could secure a critical domestic supply chain for meeting the Administration's climate, economic, and energy security goals. The RFI established a January 13, 2022, deadline for the submission of written comments. DOE has received requests from the public for extension of the public comment period. In response to those requests, DOE is extending the