

Alternatives addressed in the EIS will focus on the disposal and reuse of designated property, including the Government of Guam's reuse scenario. The Government of Guam's reuse plan has three principal parts: the A.B. Wondpat International Airport, community reuse area (economic development and parks), and regional circulation improvements (three highways). Other uses that will be considered for the areas not needed for airport support include industrial, governmental, commercial, and residential. The EIS will discuss environmental impacts resulting from the construction and operation of facilities, new airport operations, and airport related uses, as well as expected associated impacts to the local communities resulting from disposal and reuse of NAS Agana. Major environmental issues that will be addressed in the EIS will include, but not be limited to, impacts on cultural resources, terrestrial and aquatic habitats, storm water runoff, noise, air quality, traffic, and community.

The Navy will initiate a scoping process for the purpose of determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to this action. The Navy will hold two public scoping meetings on Wednesday, January 24, 1996, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Governor's Cabinet Conference Room to the Executive Building in Adelup, Guam. Federal Government closure during the period of January 8–10, 1996, delayed notification in the Federal Register; however, complete, and timely notification has been advertised in local and regional newspapers.

A brief presentation will precede requests for public comment and identification of additional scoping items. Navy representatives will be available at this meeting to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during preparation of the EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes.

ADDRESSES: Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the commentator believes the EIS should address. Written statements and or

questions regarding the scoping process should be mailed to: Commanding Officer, Pacific Division, Naval Facility Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860–7300, (Attn.: Mr. John Bigay, 239), telephone (808) 471–7130. All comments must be received no later than February 16, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition (Invitational Priority: Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education Between the United States, Canada and Mexico); Notice Inviting Application for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1996

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: To provide grants to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is a Special Focus Competition pursuant to 34 CFR 630.11(b)(1) to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education. The competition also includes an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American, Canadian and Mexican institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students and the opening of educational opportunities throughout North America.

The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Canada and Mexico. Canadian and Mexican institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to Human Resources Development of Canada and the Mexican Bureau of University Development for additional funding under separate Canadian and Mexican competitions.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education or combinations of such institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 15, 1996.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 14, 1996.

Applications Available: January 19, 1996.

Available Funds: \$1,150,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000–\$150,000 for three years.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$102,000 for three years.

Estimated Number of Awards: 11.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75 [except as noted in 34 CFR 630.4(a)(2)], 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 630.

Priorities

Invitational Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) and 34 CFR 630.11(b)(1), the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Invitational Priority: Projects that support consortia of institutions of higher education that promote institutional cooperation and student mobility between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 630.32:

(a) *Significance for Postsecondary Education.* The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its significance in improving postsecondary education by determining the extent to which it would—

(1) Achieve the purposes of the program competition by addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education;

(2) Address an important problem or need;

(3) Represent an improvement upon, or important departure from, existing practice;

(4) Involve learner-centered improvements;

(5) Achieve far-reaching impact through improvements that will be useful in a variety of ways and in a variety of settings; and

(6) Increase the cost-effectiveness of services.

(b) *Feasibility.* The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its feasibility by determining the extent to which—

(1) The proposed project represents an appropriate response to the problem or need addressed;

(2) The applicant is capable of carrying out the proposed project, as evidenced by, for example—

(i) The applicant's understanding of the problem or need;

(ii) The quality of the project design, including objectives, approaches, and evaluation plan;

(iii) The adequacy of resources, including money, personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies;

(iv) The qualifications of key personnel who would conduct the project; and

(v) The applicant's relevant prior experience;

(3) The applicant and any other participating organizations are committed to the success of the proposed project, as evidenced by, for example—

(i) Contribution of resources by the applicant and by participating organizations;

(ii) Their prior work in the area; and

(iii) The potential for continuation of the proposed project beyond the period of funding (unless the project would be self-terminating); and

(4) The proposed project demonstrates potential for dissemination to or adaptation by other organizations, and shows evidence of interest by potential users.

(c) *Appropriateness of funding projects.* The Secretary reviews each application to determine whether support of the proposed project by the Secretary is appropriate in terms of availability of other funding sources for the proposed activities.

In accordance with 34 CFR 630.32 the Secretary announces the methods that will be used in applying the selection criteria.

The Secretary gives equal weight to the selection criteria on significance, feasibility, and appropriateness. Within each of these criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the subcriteria listed above. In applying the criteria, the Secretary first analyzes an application in terms of each individual criterion and subcriterion. The Secretary then bases the final judgement of an application on an overall assessment of the degree to which the applicant addresses all selection criteria.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION

CONTACT: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 600

Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3100, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, to order applications or for information. Individuals may request applications by submitting the name of the competition, their name, and postal mailing address to the e-mail address FIPSE@ED.GOV. Individuals may obtain the application text from Internet address <http://www.ed.gov/prog-info/FIPSE/>. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between—8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135-1135a-3.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-126-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line 1740 Replacement 1996 Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 16, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Line 1740 Replacement 1996 Project.¹ This EA

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under

will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) wants to construct and operate about 11.7 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenant facilities to replace an equivalent length of 16-inch-diameter pipeline on Line 1740 in Gilmer County, West Virginia.

The specific location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 173 acres of land, including 102 acres of temporary right-of-way and extra work areas. Following construction, all of the land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use. No new permanent right-of-way is required for the project.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is the focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands

Section 7 of the National Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.