

implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on March 24, 1997 will be as follows:

*Committee Meetings*

(Open to the Public)

Policy Discussion

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Research/Education Programs—Room M07

Public Programs—Room 420

Challenge Grants and Preservation and Access—Room 415

(Closed to the Public)

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned—Discussion of specific grant applications before the Council

12:30–2:00 p.m.—Jefferson Lecture Committee—Room 430

2:00–3:00 p.m.—Conversation with Stephen Toulmin, 1997 Jefferson Lecturer—Room M-09

*Council Discussion Groups*

(Portions Open to the Public)

3:00–5:00 p.m.

External Affairs—Room 527

Strategic Plans/Enterprise—Room 503

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

The morning session on March 25, 1997 will convene at 10:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09. The session will be open to the public as set forth below:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Introductory Remarks

Reports

A. Staff Report

b. Budget Report

C. Legislative Report

D. Reports on Policy & General Matters

1. Overview

2. Research and Education Programs

3. Challenge Grants and Preservation and Access

4. Public Programs/Enterprise

5. Jefferson Lecture

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be closed to the public for the reasons stated above. Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Michael S. Shapiro, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call area code (202) 606–8322, TDD (202) 606–8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

Michael S. Shapiro,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education (57).

*Date and Time:* March 20 and 21, 1997, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

*Place:* Room 330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Sonia Ortega, Division of Graduate Education, NSF–NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs, Room 907N, National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, 703/306–1630.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF–NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (NATO).

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate NSF–NATO proposals.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

*Reason for Late Notice:* Complications with meeting logistics.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

*Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

[SGA 97–02]

### Voluntary Partnership Planning and Phase I Implementation Grants

**AGENCY:** National Skill Standards Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The National Skill Standards Board (NSSB), under the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (the Act), announces the availability of funds for initiating Voluntary Partnership activity through combined Planning and Phase I

Implementation grants. A grant will be made to the organization or coalition of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholder representatives from across a cluster as defined by the National Skill Standards Board. It is the Board's intent that one grant will be made in each of the three clusters.

It is anticipated that three awards will be made in the range of \$80,000 to \$160,000, depending on the statement of work proposed by the participant. The period of performance will vary, but will not exceed nine months. Awardees of this grant will be eligible to receive a non-competitive grant for long-term Voluntary Partnership activities.

**DATES:** The closing date for receipt of applications shall be April 10, 1997, at 4:45 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications shall be made to the Division of Contract Administration and Grant Management, Attention: Lisa Harvey, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Office, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N–5416, Washington, D.C. 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions/clarifications regarding information contained in this announcement, contact Lisa Harvey at (202) 219–9355. (This is not a toll free number). Telephonic or faxed requests for the SGA will not be honored.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Skill Standards Board is soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for the conduct of activities to convene key stakeholder representatives of the clusters as defined by the National Skill Standards Board. The purpose of the grant is to initiate the implementation of the Voluntary Partnerships activities through the nine month Voluntary Partnership Planning and Phase I Implementation Grants. Applicants successfully completing the Planning and Phase I Implementation will be qualified to apply for NSSB recognition as a Voluntary Partnership. As such, they will be eligible to receive a non-competitive grant for long-term Voluntary Partnership activities. The NSSB is an independent agency for which the U.S. Department of Labor serves as fiscal agent. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Administration (OASAM) within the U.S. Department of Labor will administer the grant process on behalf of the National Skill Standards Board. All inquiries related to the grants should be directed to OASAM.

This announcement consists of three parts. Part I discusses the procedures for eligible applicants who wish to apply

for these funds. Part II provides the detailed Statement of Work/Reporting Requirements. Part III describes the selection process/criteria for the award.

## Part I. Application Process

### A. Eligible Applicants

Awards under this Solicitation will be made to the organization or group of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholders representative of the three clusters enumerated below. It is the Board's intent that one grant will be made in each cluster.

Part III enumerates and defines in depth a series of criteria that will be utilized to rate applicant submissions. There will also be a responsiveness test conducted to determine whether applicants have addressed fundamental criteria and are eligible applicants. If it is determined that an application has not clearly attempted to respond to the criteria, that application will be deemed nonresponsive and not be considered any further for a grant. One aspect of responsiveness include clearly demonstrating as willingness to support the mission of the NSSB and to work within existing Board policy, and fiscal responsibility as defined below.

#### 1. Willingness To Support the Mission of the NSSB and to Work Within Existing Board Policy

The applicant must provide a written statement supporting the Board's mission and guiding principles, and committing to work within proposed Board policy. The statement should demonstrate an understanding of the Board's work and existing policy.

**Mission.** The mission of the National Skill Standards Board is to encourage the creation and adoption of a national system of skill standards which will enhance the ability of the United States to compete effectively in a global economy. These voluntary skill standards will be developed by industry in full partnership with education, labor and community stakeholders, and will be flexible, portable and continuously updated and improved.

This national skill standards system is intended to do the following:

- Promote the growth of high performance work organizations in the private and public clusters that operate on the basis of productivity, quality and innovation, and in the private cluster, profitability;
- Raise the standard of living and economic security of American workers by improving access to high skill, high wage employment and career opportunities for those currently in,

entering, or re-entering the workforce; and

- Encourage the use of world-class academic, occupational and employability standards to guide continuous education and training for current and future workers.

#### *Principles Guiding the Board's Work.*

- The skill standards must be voluntary. The system will only work if the final product is relevant to employers, unions, educators and employees, jobseekers and students.

- The process will be business-led in full partnership with education, labor and community stakeholders.

- The skill standards must be flexible, portable and continuously updated and have equal relevance to both the public and private clusters.

- The Board's work will be integrated with relevant, cutting edge work already being done by employers, states, unions and education systems.

- Skill standards must be dynamic and geared toward the future, with an emphasis on the process of continuous improvement. The Board's mission will not be fully achieved if standards are static and merely codify present practices.

- The standards must be consistent with existing civil rights laws.

**Existing Board Policy.** The Board's "Proposal to Establish a Voluntary National Skill Standards System" (the Proposal) published in the Federal Register on December 19, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 245, pp. 67068-67072. A copy of the Proposal can be obtained by downloading from the NSSB home page on the internet (address: [www.nssb.org](http://www.nssb.org)) or by contacting Lisa Harvey (202) 219-9355. The Proposal represents the Board's working policy framework. It is the intent of the NSSB to continually review the effectiveness of its policy in practice, particularly in early implementation efforts. These three grants represent the initiation of Voluntary Partnership activity and their experiences will be included as information considered in the review of NSSB policy. Applicants should be aware that Board policy is evolving.

#### 2. Fiscal Responsibility

The applicant must be—or have delegating authority to—a viable financial agent. This viability will be demonstrated by a certification that the agent has received an independent audit within the past year that was conducted utilizing generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This audit must have found that the agent had in place adequate internal accounting and other control systems to provide reasonable assurance that it is managing its funds

in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and that the organization has complied with laws and regulations that may have material effect on its financial statements and on whatever major Federal assistance programs in which it is involved.

Evidence of viability may be provided by a copy of a letter from the independent auditor who conducted the most recent financial review of the putative financial agent. Organizations on the Federal debarment list and any organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which engages in lobbying activities.

### B. Submission of Proposals

An original and three (3) copies of the proposal shall be submitted. The proposal shall consist of two (2) separate and distinct parts.

Part I shall contain the Standard Form (SF) 424, "Application for Federal Assistance" and SF 424A "Budget." The individual signing the SF 424 on behalf of the applicant shall represent the responsible financial and administrative entity for the grant should that application result in an award.

Part II shall contain a technical proposal that demonstrates the Offeror's capabilities in accordance with the Statement of Work contained in this announcement, and proposes specific activities and timeframes with which to accomplish the Statement of Work. No cost data or reference to price shall be included in the technical proposal.

### C. Hand Delivered Proposals

Proposals must be post marked at least five (5) days prior to the closing date. However, if proposals are hand delivered, they must be received at the designated place by 4:45 p.m., Eastern Time (insert date x number of days after date of publication. All overnight mail will be considered to be hand delivered and must be received at the designated place by the specified closing date. Telegraphed and/or faxed proposals will not be honored. Failure to adhere to the above instructions will be a basis for a determination of nonresponsiveness.

### D. Late Proposals

A proposal received at the office designated in the Solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before the award is made and it:

- (1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of applications (e.g., an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring

receipt of applications by the 20th of the month must be mailed by the 15th);

(2) Was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service, Post Office to addressee, not later than 5 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays.

The term "post marked" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise place impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied or affixed on the date of mailing by employees of the U.S. Postal Service.

#### *E. Period of Performance*

The period of performance will vary according to activities proposed, but will not exceed 9 months from the date of execution. It is anticipated that grant awards will be in the \$80,000–160,000 range depending on the activities proposed by the applicant. Applicants must indicate a start date no later than June 30, 1997.

### Part II—Statement of Work/Reporting Requirements

#### *A. Project Summary*

The National Skill Standards Board intends to make grants ranging from \$80,000 to \$160,000 to the organization or group of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholders in each of three clusters. This convening body will build coalitions to seek NSSB recognition as Voluntary Partnerships for the purpose of developing voluntary skill standards systems that can be endorsed by the National Skill Standards Board. One grant will be made in each of the following three clusters:

- Manufacturing, Installation and Repair.
- Wholesale/Retail Sales.
- Business and Administrative Services.

Further detail on the industries and occupations contained in these three clusters can be obtained by downloading from the NSSB home page on the internet (address: [www.nssb.org](http://www.nssb.org)) or by contacting Lisa Harvey (202) 219-9355. These very broad clusters of major industries and occupations are consonant with the dictates of the Act (Sec. 504(a)) which denotes that such clusters of occupations shall involve one or more than one industry in the United States and that share characteristics that are appropriate for the development of common skill standards.

There will be two phases in the Statement of Work. Throughout both phases, there will be independent technical assistance and evaluation agreements in place. Successful applicants under this Solicitation will stipulate that they will cooperate with both the technical assistance and evaluation grantees and provide to both entities whatever data is requested.

#### *B. Statement of Work*

The first phase will be the development and solidification of the coalition of all industry partners—industry employers, labor organizations, educators, and community based organizations, to name some of the major stakeholders—into an entity that will seek NSSB recognition as a Voluntary Partnership. The Voluntary Partnership will constitute a project management structure that will ultimately guide the development of a cluster-wide skill standards system to be endorsed by the National Skill Standards Board. It is anticipated that when the first phase is completed, there will be such a coalition in place. However, it is expected that coalition building and expansion activities will be a continuing function of the Voluntary Partnership.

The second phase will be for the cluster-wide coalition to develop a long-term strategic plan for activities to be undertaken following the conclusion of the Planning and Phase I Implementation Grant. All stakeholders as identified in the Criteria for Recognition as a Voluntary Partnership must be involved in the planning process. The final criteria will be provided at the start date of these grants and will be consistent with the legislative definition, section (504(b)) of the Act. A copy of the legislation can be obtained by downloading from the NSSB home page on the internet (address: [www.nssb.org](http://www.nssb.org)) or by contacting Lisa Harvey (202) 219-9355.

The anticipated grant deliverables are enumerated under the reporting requirements specified in Part B. below.

#### *C. Reporting Requirements.*

The Grantee is required to provide reports and documents listed below:

(1) *Quarterly Financial Reports.* The grantee shall submit to the Grant Officer's Technical Representative (GOTR) within the 30 days following the end of each quarter, three (3) copies of a quarterly Financial Status Report (SF 269) until such time as all funds have been expended or the period of availability has expired.

(2) *Progress Reports.* The grantee shall submit to the GOTR two progress reports.

The First report shall be submitted when the cluster-wide coalition has been assembled; this report shall include:

- Documented commitment to participate from members of a coalition meeting criteria for a Voluntary Partnership as specified by the Board.
- Documented commitment to align efforts with NSSB policy and guidelines for Voluntary Partnership and Voluntary Partnership activities.
- A written statement of operating principles and procedures defining roles and decision-making processes for the Voluntary Partnership.

The second report shall be submitted upon the completion of the long-term strategic plan and shall include:

- A long-term strategic plan will identify long- and short-term goals, objectives and strategies to successfully develop the components of a cluster-wide skill standards system, including, but not limited to: (1) the identification of concentrations for the cluster; (2) the development of a basic certificate for that cluster; and (3) the initiation of a process by which specialty certificates in that cluster will be endorsed. The strategic plan will include a budget. The Strategic Plan will also address communications issues related to building stakeholder support for the skill standards and cost/revenue implications of maintaining a high quality system.

- A completed application for NSSB recognition as a Voluntary Partnership and for long-term implementation funds. The application will be provided to the grantee on the start date.

#### *Corrective Action*

There is a presumption that the first phase shall be completed within six months of the execution of the Grant and that this report shall be filed within thirty days after that completion and that the second phase will be completed within three months after the completion of the first phase. Should there be some delay in completion the grantee may be required to report in writing and, in such form as the GOTR may prescribe, that there is such a delay, what the causes are for it, and a timetable for completion of the activity. The Grant Officer and grantee will work together to identify mutually acceptable corrective action within one month. If the Grant Officer and grantee cannot reach a mutually acceptable corrective action, the Grant Officer can unilaterally impose his/her corrective action.

### Part III. Rating Criteria for Award/Selection Process

Prospective offerors are advised that the selection of grantees for an award is to be made after careful evaluation of proposals by a panel of specialists. The panel's conclusions are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Officer. The panelists will evaluate the proposals for acceptability, with emphasis on the scoring criteria enumerated below. Although some scoring criteria are weighted more heavily than others, the NSSB emphasizes that a minimum score on each criterion is critical to the successful performance of the Statement of Work. Applicants should be advised that the proposal must score at least 60% of the total points in *each* category to be considered technically acceptable.

#### A. Employer Leadership (35 points)

The proposal must include effective evidence that employers will play a leadership role. Effective evidence will be judged on:

- The strength and specificity of the commitments, a letter of commitment from an employer should enumerate the details of that commitment (e.g., two executives with strong backgrounds in production line management will be available for six months on a 40 percent basis);
- The diversity of employers, e.g., presence of large and small employers, public and private employers; and
- The extent to which employers from across the cluster are represented.

#### B. Involvement of All Key Stakeholders (25 points)

The applicant must supply clear evidence of an ability to collaborate with all key stakeholders within the designated cluster including employers, organized labor, education, government and community-based organization representatives. It is expected that an application will define and enumerate who those stakeholders are, together with a concise statement of why the particular entity is considered a key stakeholder in the given cluster. Letters of commitment from key stakeholders can be included with the application.

The factors referred to in Criterion A will be utilized here as well. A demonstrated history with coalition and specificity with regard to how and to what degree the key stakeholders have agreed to participate will be considered effective evidence.

#### C. Employment (10 points)

An applicant organization must demonstrate that its coalition includes a group of employers that collectively

employs at least 40 percent of the workforce within the cluster. Applicants are cautioned to approach this criterion with specificity. Effective evidence may include member survey results from trade associations, business organizations and employment statistics from individual employers or projections based on hard data regarding number and size of employers involved.

#### D. Required Knowledge (10 points)

The applicant must demonstrate that the coalition has a working knowledge in these areas: Skill standards, training, workforce development, work organization, assessment, and certification. The applicant must identify both the coalition member and the accomplishments that demonstrate a working knowledge of these key areas: e.g. XXXX Company has received the Malcolm Baldrige award and is an acknowledge national leader in high performance work practices; XXXX Trade Association has a 50-year history of certification; XXXX Labor Group has a long-standing apprenticeship training program; XXXX Education Institution has a leading assessment and certification center in the region.

Offerors are advised that discussions may be necessary in order to clarify any inconsistencies in their applications. The panelists' evaluations are only advisory to the Grant Officer. The final decisions for grant award will be made by the Grant Officer, after considering the panelists' scoring decisions. The Grant Officer's decisions will be based on what is determined to be the most advantageous to the Federal Government in terms of technical quality and other factors.

#### E. Rating Criteria

Applicants are advised that selection for grant award is to be made after careful evaluation of technical applications by a panel. Each panelist will evaluate applications against the various criteria on the basis of 80 points.

The scores will then serve as the primary basis to select applications for potential award.

1. Technical criteria	Points
a. Employer Leadership .....	35
b. Involvement of all Key Stakeholders .....	25
c. Employment .....	10
d. Required Knowledge .....	10

#### F. Evaluation Process and Competitive Range

Although the Government reserves the right to award on the basis of the initial proposal submissions, the

Government may establish a competitive range, based on initial proposal evaluation, for the purpose of selecting those qualified applicants with whom the Government will hold discussions. Competitive range will be based on the technical evaluation.

Following the Grant Officer's call for the receipt of final revisions to the proposals (Best and Final Offers), the evaluation process described above will be repeated to consider such revisions are submitted by applicants. Following this evaluation, the Government will determine which applicant has received the greatest number of points, and is thus in line for award of the resulting grant.

#### g. Content of Grant Application

##### 1. Technical Proposal

The technical proposal shall not exceed 20 single sided, double spaced, 10 to 12 pitch typed pages. Given the page limitation, it is important to plan your proposal submission carefully so as to include all relevant information.

##### 2. Cost Proposal

The cost (business) proposal must be separate from the technical proposal. The transmittal letter, all letters of support, and public policy certificates shall be attached to the business proposal, which shall consist of the following:

a. *Standard Form 424*: Application for Federal Assistance, signed by an official from the applicant organization who is authorized to enter the organization into a grant agreement with the Department of Labor. *The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number is 17.248.*

b. *Budget Information*: Budget Information must consist of the following: "Budget Information," Sections A-F of Standard Budget Form 424A.

(Use the forms and instructions provided, with the following qualifications)

(1) In Section A, Budget Summary, enter in column (e), the amount of Federal funds applied for; enter in column (f) the total value of any match/in-kind contributions. Provide totals in column (g) and row 5.

(2) In Section B, Budget Categories, enter detailed separate cost breakdowns for both the amount of Federal funds requested in the grant application (entered in column 1) and the total amount of in-kind services and/or matching funds that shall be made available (column 2). Grantees shall format the budget backup so that program costs are easily distinguishable from administrative costs.

The object class category entitled "j. Indirect Charges" shall not be used when it is proper and appropriate to direct charge costs relating to the program. The indirect charges object class category is properly used to display costs based on (a) an approved, negotiated indirect cost rate and plan with either the Department of Labor (DOL) or another cognizant Federal Government audit agency; or (b) a proposed rate based on a cost allocation plan that might be used as a 90-day billing rate for the grant award until the grantee can negotiate an acceptable and allowable rate with the Office of Cost Determination of DOL.

3. *Budget Back-up Information:* As an attachment to the Standard Budget Forms, the applicant must provide at a minimum, and on separate sheet(s), program/administrative costs which include the following information (applicants are encouraged to use the attached budget back-up format that provides for display of all the required information):

- (1) A breakout of all personnel costs by position title, salary rates and percent of time of each position to be devoted to the proposed project;
- (2) An explanation and breakout of extraordinary fringe benefit rates and associated charges (i.e., rates exceeding 35% of salaries and wages);
- (3) An explanation of the purpose and composition of, and method used to derive the costs of each of the following: travel, equipment, supplies, sub-agreements and any other costs. The applicant shall include costs of any required travel described in the attached Special Provisions. Mileage charges shall not exceed 31 cents per mile.
- (4) Description/specification of and justification for equipment purchases, if any. Any non-expendable personal property having a unit acquisition cost of \$500 or more, and a useful life of two or more years must be specifically identified (State and local governments see 29 CFR Part 97, all others see 29 CFR Part 95).

Applicants are advised that information and dollar amounts provided in the budget back-up must be consistent with and therefore, easily cross-walked to Section B, Object Class Category, of the Standard Budget Forms. They should also be consistent with the budget narrative contained in the application.

d. *Budget Narrative:* (1) A narrative explanation of the budget which describes all proposed costs and indicates how they are related to the operation of the project.

(2) This shall include, at a minimum, an identification of staff associated with

the program and a description of their duties relative to the program. The description shall justify the percentages of staff time being charged to the grant.

(3) Travel, equipment, supplies, contractual (including subgrants), and other charges in the budget shall be explained and justified with respect to the project approach.

(4) Provide this information separately for the amount of requested Federal funding and the amount of proposed match/in-kind contribution.

e. *Indirect Cost Information:* If indirect charges are claimed in the proposed budget, the applicant must provide on a separate sheet, the following information:

- (1) Name and address of cognizant Federal audit agency;
- (2) Name, address and phone number (including area code) of the Government auditor;
- (3) Documentation from the cognizant agency indicating:
  - (a) Indirect cost rate and the base against which the rate should be applied;
  - (b) Effective period (dates) for the rate;
  - (c) Date last rate was computed and negotiated;
- (4) If no government audit agency computed and authorized the rate claimed, provide brief explanation of computation, who computed and the date; if the applicant is awarded a grant, the proposed indirect rate must be submitted to a Federal audit agency within 90 days of award for approval.

#### H. OMB Clearance

Offerors awarded a grant under this solicitation will be required to provide the supporting documents needed to clear data collection instruments with the U.S. Department of Labor and the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended, if collection activities under the grant require response from ten (10) or more members of the public. In this regard, the narrative for all projects should indicate the scope of the planned data collection activity.

#### I. Disposal of Data

Data collected by the grantee will become the property of the Department of Labor, upon completion of this project. The grantee shall defer to the GTR as early as possible for guidance as to ensure that the data are documented and easily accessible and usable.

#### J. Allowable Costs

Determinations of allowable costs shall be made in accordance with the following applicable Federal cost principles:

State and Local Governments—OMB Circular A-87.

Educational Institutions—OMB Circular A-21.

Non-Profit Organizations—OMB Circular A-122.

Profit Making Commercial Firms—FAR 31.2.

Profit will *not* be considered an allowable cost in any case.

#### K. Administrative Provisions

The grant awarded under this SGA shall be subject to the following administrative standards and provisions:

29 CFR Part 95—Federal Standards for Federally Funded Grants and Agreements.

29 CFR Part 97—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

29 CFR Part 96—Federal Standards for Audit of Federally Funded Grants, Contracts and Agreements.

#### L. Grant Assurances and Certifications

The applicant must include the attached assurances and certifications.

#### M. Special and General Provisions

These are attached for your information. If the applicant is awarded a grant, it will be required to operate the program in accordance with these provisions. Please note that the Special Provisions actually incorporated into the grant may differ from those included in the SGA, in order to reflect information specific to the application.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this sixth day of March 1997.

Edythe West,

*Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-397]

### Washington Public Power Supply System; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 149 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 issued to Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee), for operation of the Washington Nuclear Project No. 2 (WNP-2), located in Benton County, Washington.