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State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: This program is designed to support projects for training State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel in program areas essential to the effective management of the unit's program of vocational rehabilitation services or in skill areas that will enable personnel to improve their ability to provide vocational rehabilitation services leading to employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. The State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program responds to needs identified in the comprehensive system of personnel development in section 101(a)(7) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The program may include training designed (a) to address recruitment and retention of qualified rehabilitation professionals; (b) to provide for leadership development and capacity building; and (c) to provide training on the amendments to the Act made by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992.

Eligible Applicants: Only State agencies designated under a State plan for vocational rehabilitation services under section 101(a) of the Act are eligible to receive an award under this program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 19, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 21, 1997.

Applications Available: Applications will be mailed to the director of the Designated State Units of Vocational Rehabilitation on or about April 2, 1997. Extra copies of applications will be available on or about April 2, 1997.

Available Funds: \$5,944,350, of which \$4,755,480 is available for allocation to designated agencies for basic awards and \$1,188,870 is available for allocation to high quality applications (see the "Priorities" section of this notice).

Estimated Range of Base Awards: \$19,795-\$311,000.

Estimated Average Size of Base Awards: \$59,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 81.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85; (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 388; and (c) §§ 385.4 and 385.40 through 385.46 of 34 CFR Part 385.

Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and § 388.22 the Secretary reserves a portion of the funds to support some or all of the proposals that have been awarded a rating of 80 points or more under the criteria described in § 388.20. In making a final selection of proposals to support under this program, the Secretary considers the extent to which proposals have exceeded a rating of 80 points and gives an absolute priority preference to applications that meet one or more of the following priorities. The Secretary funds under the quality portion of this program only applications that meet one or more of these absolute priorities:

Absolute Priority 1—Development and Dissemination of Model In-Service Training Materials and Practices

The proposed project demonstrates an effective plan to develop and disseminate information on its State Vocational Rehabilitation In-Service Training program, including the identification of training approaches and successful practices, in order to permit the replication of these programs by other State vocational rehabilitation units.

Absolute Priority 2—Distance Education

The proposed project demonstrates innovative strategies for training State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel through distance education methods, such as interactive audio, video, computer technologies, or existing telecommunications networks.

Absolute Priority 3—Enhanced Employment Outcomes for Specific Populations

The proposed project supports specialized training in the provision of vocational rehabilitation or related services to individuals with disabilities to increase the rehabilitation rate into competitive employment for all individuals or specified target groups.

For applications: Applications will be mailed to the Director of the Designated State Units of Vocational Rehabilitation on or about April 2, 1997. To request an extra application package, please write the Grants and Contracts Services Team,

U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202, or call (202) 205-8351.

For information contact: Ms. Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Room 18T91, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone: (404) 562-6336. 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; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at http://gcs.ed.gov). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program authority:
29 U.S.C. 770 and 771a.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Office of Arms Control and
Nonproliferation Policy**

Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, as amended, and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following retransfer: RTD/CA(AU)-2 for the transfer of 200.8 kilograms of heavy water, containing approximately 5.5 ci/kilogram tritium, from Australia to Canada as part of the detritiation exchange, will be used by Ontario

Hydro in the operation of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 26, 1997.

Cherie P. Fitzgerald,

Director, International Policy and Analysis Division, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, as amended, and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following retransfer: RTD/CA(AU)-2 for the transfer of 596.2 kilograms of heavy water, containing approximately 5.5 ci/kilogram tritium, from Australia to Canada as part of the detritiation exchange, will be used by Ontario Hydro in the operation of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

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Notice of Intent to Provide Optional Prescreening Process for the National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³) Program

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, The Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to provide optional prescreening process for potential applicants under the DOE NICE³ program solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a State Grant Program entitled National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE³). The goals of the NICE³ Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry.

Background Information

The intent of the NICE³ program is to fund projects that have completed the research and development stage and are ready to demonstrate a fully integrated commercial unit. Some industrial technologies that the NICE³ program has funded follow: SO₂ Cleaning Process in the Manufacture of Semiconductors; Innovative Design of a Brick Kiln Using Low Thermal Mass Technology; Continuously Reform Electroless Nickel Plating Solutions; Recovery and Reuse of Water-Washed Overspray Paint; and HCl Acid Recovery System. For the past six years the NICE³ program has offered 65 grants (approximately \$20.5 million) to fund innovative industrial technologies.

Eligible applicants for funding include any authorized agency of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State agency applicants. Local governments, State and private universities, private non-profits, private businesses, and individuals, who are not eligible as direct applicants, must work with the appropriate State agencies in developing projects and forming participation arrangements. DOE strongly encourages and requires these types of cooperative arrangements in support of program goals.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.105. Up to \$6 million in Federal funds will be made available in FY 1998 by DOE for the August 1997 solicitation. Cost sharing is required by

all applicants and/or cooperating project participants. The Federal Government will provide up to 45 percent of the funds for the project in FY 1998. The remaining funds must be provided by the eligible applicants and/or cooperating project participants. In addition to direct financial contributions, cost sharing can include beneficial services or items, such as manpower equipment, consultants, and computer time that are allowable in accordance with applicable cost principles. The state applicant is required to have an industrial partner to be considered eligible for grant consideration.

Presolicitation

This notice is to advise potential applicants and project participants of the August 1997 solicitation and that DOE will accept presolicitation submissions that set out a brief description of the potential projects. The submissions should not exceed two pages and should adhere to the format laid out in the preproposal format. This format can be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of Energy's Golden Field Office contacts (listed below). All preproposal submissions will be reviewed by NICE³ project monitors at the Golden Field Office. The monitors will provide comments to the submitter on the proposed project's applicability to the NICE³ program. In addition, the reviewers will provide feedback which the applicant can use to formulate and refine their proposal.

The submission of a presolicitation description is not mandatory for submitting an application under the August 1997 solicitation. The DOE reviews and comments under the presolicitation process will not be used by DOE in evaluating or awarding applications under the solicitation. The only purpose of the presolicitation process is to assist potential applicants, who may need assistance, in refining their application.

DATES: A brief description of the proposed project can be submitted to the Golden Field Office on or before July 1, 1997. All summaries must be submitted through a state agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Hass, at (303) 275-4728, or Doug Hooker, at (303) 275-4780, at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office or State Agency. In addition, information on the NICE³ program can be located at <http://www.oit.doe.gov/>