

competitions. The Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition (CFDA #84.184N) is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under this program, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.

- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) after following these steps:

1. Print ED 424 from the -e-APPLICATION system.
2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the -e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right haNd corner of ED 424.

5. Fax ED 424 to the Application Control Center within three working days of submitting your electronic application. We will indicate a fax number in e-APPLICATION at the time of your submission.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition at:

<http://e-grants.ed.gov>

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see *Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications*) in the application package.

(A) If You Send Your Application by Mail:

You must mail the original and two copies of the application on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA #84.184N, Washington, DC 20202-4725.

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

- (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.

If you mail an 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.

(B) If You Deliver Your Application by Hand:

You or your courier must hand deliver the original and two copies of the application by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA #84.184N, Room 3633, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC.

The Application Control Center accepts application deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. The Center accepts application deliveries through the D Street entrance only. A person delivering an application must show identification to enter the building.

Notes: (1) 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.

(2) If you send your application by mail or deliver it by hand or by a courier service, the Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the date of mailing the application, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9493.

(3) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 3 of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424; revised November 12, 1999) the CFDA number—and suffice letter—of the competition under which you are submitting your application.

(4) If you submit your application through the Internet via the e-grants Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment when we receive your application.

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Michael Cohen,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of arbitration panel decision under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2000, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of *Donald Schone and Ray Fitzpatrick v. Illinois Office of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Human Services (Docket No. R-S/97-10)*. This panel was convened by the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(b) upon receipt of a complaint filed by petitioners, Donald Schone and Ray Fitzpatrick.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decision may be obtained from George F. Arsnow, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3230, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington DC 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-9317. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) you may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c)) (the Act), the Secretary publishes in the **Federal Register** a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

Background

This dispute concerns the alleged improper denial of the vendors' request to be transferred to another facility by the Illinois Office of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Human Services, the State licensing agency (SLA).

A summary of the facts is as follows: In 1990, complainants Mr. Donald Schone and Mr. Ray Fitzpatrick signed separate operating agreements with the SLA to manage vending facilities #405 and #406 at the Old Post Office Building, 433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois. In approximately 1992, the SLA was informed by the United States Postal Service that this location was to be closed and a New Post Office was to be constructed across the street at 433 West Harrison. Complainants contended that they should not be required to bid on other locations, but rather that the SLA should transfer them to the New Post Office at 433 West Harrison Street to operate the two vending facilities available at that location.

The complainants requested and received a State fair hearing concerning their complaint regarding the SLA's transfer and promotion policies. The

Hearing Officer ruled that the SLA was not required to transfer Mr. Schone and Mr. Fitzpatrick to the New Post Office vending facilities without the bidding process. On April 22, 1997, the SLA adopted the Hearing Officer's ruling as final agency action. It was this decision that the complainants sought to have reviewed by a Federal arbitration panel. An arbitration hearing on this matter was held on June 17, 1999.

Arbitration Panel Decision

The central issue before the arbitration panel was whether the SLA was required by the Act (20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.*), the implementing regulations (34 CFR part 395), and applicable State rules and regulations to transfer Mr. Donald Schone and Mr. Ray Fitzpatrick to the vending facilities in the New Post Office at 433 West Harrison Street without bidding or other procedures after the closing of the Old Post Office at 433 West Van Buren Street.

The majority of the panel found that the complainants' rights and entitlement flowed from the terms of their vendor operating agreements, which were very specific and limited. Those agreements provided rights to the operation of vending facilities located at the Old Post Office, 433 West Van Buren Street. The panel further determined that, for reasons unrelated to the actions of the SLA, the United States Postal Service closed this Federal property. Therefore, the majority of the panel ruled that the operating agreements signed by the complainants to operate vending facilities at the Old Post Office, 433 West Van Buren Street, did not give them transfer rights to the New Post Office vending facilities at 433 West Harrison.

Based upon the evidence presented, the majority of the panel rejected complainants' reliance upon the fact that a new permit had not been obtained by the SLA for the New Post Office location. The panel reasoned that the vendor operating agreements signed by the complainants in 1990 were not tied to a specific permit that would somehow give Mr. Schone and Mr. Fitzpatrick transfer rights to the New Post Office. Instead, the panel concluded that the 1990 agreements were tied to a specific location, the Old Post Office at 433 West Van Buren, which no longer existed.

One panel member dissented.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: October 6, 2000.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 2, 2000, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, November 3, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Double Tree Inn, 2525 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA (509) 547-0701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail McClure, Public Involvement Program Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550 (A7-75), Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 373-5647; Fax: (509) 376-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, November 2, 2000

1. Tri-Party Agreement (TPA):
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 - a. Discussion of the TPA in the context of the following programs: Spent Fuel Tanks, Waste Management and Environmental Restoration
 - b. For each program, there will be a discussion related to: 1) FY 2000 TPA Accomplishments; 2) Identification of important milestones in the next five years; and 3) Identification of potential schedule impacts
 - c. Discussion of recent modifications to the Tanks Interim Stabilization Consent Decree
 - d. Proposed Changes to M-45; Single Shell Tank Waste Retrieval Actions; Associated Leak Detection; Monitoring and Mitigation; and