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**Sue Betka,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.363A]

### School Leadership Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to fund down the fiscal year (FY) 2008 grant slate for the School Leadership Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed in FY 2008 for the School Leadership Program authorized by Title II, part A, subpart 5 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, to make new grant awards in FY 2009. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on last year's grant slate. We expect to use an estimated \$3 million for new awards in FY 2009. The actual level of funding depends on the amount of FY 2009 program funds that are available after the Department makes 22 expected continuation awards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beatriz Ceja, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., 4W210, Washington, DC 20202-5960. Telephone: (202) 205-5009 or via Internet: [beatriz.ceja@ed.gov](mailto:beatriz.ceja@ed.gov).

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Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Department published a notice inviting applications for new School Leadership Program awards for FY 2008 in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2008 (73 FR 11504).

In response to the March 3 notice inviting applications, we received a significant number of high-quality applications and made 22 new grant awards. However, many applications that were awarded high scores by peer reviewers did not receive funding in FY 2008 because of insufficient appropriations.

The Department's FY 2009 appropriation is sufficient to permit the Department to make continuation awards to each of these 22 grantees and make a small number of new School Leadership Program awards. Rather than using program funds for a new peer review process, the Department has decided to use the remaining funds (after continuation awards are made) to select grantees in FY 2009 from the existing slate of applications. This slate was developed during the FY 2008 competition using the selection criteria, application requirements, and definitions referenced in the March 3 notice inviting applications (73 FR 11504).

**Note:** To be eligible to receive a grant under this notice all applicants being considered for funding must meet all statutory eligibility criteria (i.e., be a high-need LEA, a consortium of high-need LEAs, or a partnership that includes one or more high-need LEAs), and be able to demonstrate a commitment to implement the scope and objectives of the project proposed in the application submitted in 2008. Only applications from the 2008 slate will be considered. Our intent is to fund down the slate from the last 2008 funded application until available funds are exhausted.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6651(b).

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Dated: April 30, 2009.

**James H. Shelton, III,**

*Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Notice of Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Virtual Public Forum for EAC Board of Advisors.

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, May 11, 2009, 9 a.m. EDT through Friday, May 15, 2009, 9 p.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** EAC Board of Advisors Virtual Meeting Room at [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov). Once at the main page of EAC's Web site, viewers should click the link to the Board of Advisors Virtual Meeting Room. The virtual meeting room will open on Monday, May 11, 2009, at 9 a.m. EDT and will close on Friday, May 15, 2009, at 9 P.M. EDT. The site will be available 24 hours per day during that 5-day period.

**PURPOSE:** The EAC Board of Advisors will review and provide comment on Phase I of the draft Election Operations Assessment. Phase I of the project is an information gathering and modeling phase designed to create the framework for the remaining two phases of the project. The scope of the document and the project that created it are geared toward the procedures and equipment that move the ballot through the electoral process. The end goal of the election operations assessment is to create a work product that will allow the EAC to evaluate security risks to various types of voting systems (i.e. hand counted paper ballots, Precinct Based Optical Scan, or Remote Electronic Systems, etc.) and in order to better inform their work with future iterations of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. In addition, the assessment will allow policy makers and election officials to assess the potential risks to systems that they are looking to purchase in the future.

The EAC Board of Advisors Virtual Meeting Room was established to enable the Board of Advisors to conduct business in an efficient manner in a public forum, including being able to review and discuss draft documents, when it is not feasible for an in-person board meeting. The Board of Advisors will not take any votes or propose any resolutions during the 5-day forum of May 11–15, 2009.

This activity is open to the public. The public may view the proceedings of this forum by visiting the EAC Board of Advisors Virtual Meeting Room at [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov) at any time between Monday, May 11, 2009, 9 a.m. EDT and Friday, May 15, 2009, 9 p.m. EDT. The public also may view the election operations assessment, which will be posted on EAC's Web site beginning May 11, 2009. The public may file written statements to the eac board of advisors at [boardofadvisors@eac.gov](mailto:boardofadvisors@eac.gov). Data on EAC's Web site is accessible to visitors with disabilities and meets the requirements of section 508 of The Rehabilitation Act.

This meeting will be open to the public.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:**  
Bryan Whitener; Telephone: (202) 566–3100.

**Thomas R. Wilkey,**  
*Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12626–002]

#### **Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

April 28, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Original License.
- b. *Project No.:* P–12626–002.
- c. *Date Filed:* April 1, 2009.
- d. *Applicant:* Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Dresden Island Project.

f. *Location:* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dresden Island Dam on the Illinois River, in the Town of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. The project will affect approximately 7.1 acres of Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Damon Zdunich, Northern Illinois Hydropower, LLC, 801 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, (312) 320–1610.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, (202) 502–6093.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of this notice, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* May 27, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment."

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Description of Project:* The Dresden Island Project utilize the Corps of Engineer's existing Dresden Island Dam and reservoir and would consist of: (1) A new 75-ft by 125-ft concrete powerhouse between headgate sections

10 through 16 containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 10.2 MW; (2) a 50-foot by 50-foot switchyard adjacent and to the north of the powerhouse building; (3) a new .08-mile-long transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of about 60,000 megawatt-hours.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA. Staff intends to give at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application.

*Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments:* September 2009.

*Notice of application ready for environmental analysis:* February 2010.

*Notice of the availability of the draft EA:* May 2010.

*Notice of the availability of the final EA:* August 2010.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance