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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Special Demonstration Programs— Projects for Orthotic and Prosthetic Research; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose of program: To provide one-time funding in response to the Department of Education Appropriations Act, as enacted by section G of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution for FY 2003 (ED Appropriations Act), for one or more projects designed to improve the quality of applied orthotic and prosthetic research and to help meet the increasing demand for provider services.

For FY 2003 the competition focuses on one or more projects designed to meet the priority described in the PRIORITY section of this application notice.

Eligible applicants: Public or nonprofit agencies or organizations, State vocational rehabilitation agencies, community rehabilitation programs, or Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

Applications available: July 28, 2003.

Deadline for transmittal of applications: August 27, 2003.

Deadline for intergovernmental review: September 26, 2003.

Available funds: \$993,500. This amount will be reduced by an estimated \$3,000 to \$12,000 to cover peer reviewer costs.

Note: In no case will we make an award greater than \$993,500 for a single budget period of 12 months.

Estimated number of awards: 1.

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

Project period: Up to 12 months.

Page limit: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. It is suggested that you limit Part III to 35 pages.

Applicable regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, and 99.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

Selection criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, we use selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.209 and 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

Priority

Background

The ED Appropriations Act includes \$993,500 in the Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research account for activities to improve the quality of applied orthotic and prosthetic research and to help meet the demand for provider services. In addition, the accompanying conference report states that the conferees intend that these funds be used to support an orthotics and prosthetics awareness campaign, consisting of an educational outreach initiative designed to recruit and retain professionals and a series of consensus conferences to develop best practices in the field. The Senate Committee's report accompanying the Senate bill states that the Committee expects the Department to award the funding included in the bill for this purpose through a grant competition.

Absolute Priority

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet a priority that the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) has chosen from allowable activities specified in the program statute (*see* 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v) and section 303(b)(4)(E) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (29 U.S.C. 773(b)). For FY 2003 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

Projects must improve the quality of applied orthotic and prosthetic research and assist in meeting the increasing demand for provider services.

To meet the absolute priority requirements for special demonstration projects, the application must explain—

(1) How the project will improve the quality of applied orthotic and prosthetic research, especially research relating to the development of clinical standards of practice or care;

(2) How the project will help move research knowledge into practice;

(3) How the project will help to meet the increasing demand for provider services;

(4) How the project will support an orthotics and prosthetics awareness campaign consisting of an educational outreach initiative designed to recruit and retain professionals; and

(5) How the project plans to provide a series of consensus conferences to develop and disseminate best practices in the field to be used by both training programs and practitioners.

For applications contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>.

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.235R.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8207. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Services (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce Libby, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2650. Telephone: (202) 205-5392; or Theresa DeVaughn, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3316, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2650. Telephone: (202) 205-5392. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Science; Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee; Renewal**

Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee has been renewed for a two-year period beginning November 2003. The Committee will provide advice to the Director, Office of Science, on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies for demonstrating the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy.

The Secretary has determined that the renewal of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee is essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), and implementing regulations.

Further information regarding this advisory committee can be obtained

from Ms. Rachel Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Interim Management of Nuclear Materials; Savannah River Site Waste Management**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Amended record of decision.

SUMMARY: In 1995 the Department of Energy (DOE) prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the stabilization, processing, and safe storage of nuclear materials at the Savannah River Site (SRS) entitled *Interim Management of Nuclear Materials* (IMNM EIS). The IMNM EIS analyzed several alternate methods of stabilizing, processing, or storing various types of nuclear materials. None of those alternatives envisioned disposing of any of the materials directly as waste. Based on the analysis in the IMNM EIS, DOE issued a series of records of decision (RODs) selecting a storage, stabilization, and/or processing strategy for each type of material, and DOE continues to carry out those actions.

In 1995 DOE also prepared an EIS for the treatment, storage and disposal of waste at SRS entitled *Savannah River Site Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement* (SRS WM EIS). The SRS WM EIS analyzed the management of SRS waste by general category, *i.e.*, hazardous waste, mixed waste (radioactive and hazardous), low level waste (LLW), transuranic waste (TRUW) and high level waste (HLW).

In this amended ROD, DOE is announcing that it has decided to dispose of as waste, pursuant to the SRS WM EIS, the majority of one type and a small portion of a second type of nuclear materials analyzed in the IMNM EIS. The materials will only be disposed of once it has been established that they meet the applicable waste criteria. This action will be taken in lieu of the earlier stabilization and processing decisions made for these materials. Because stabilization and processing activities result in the generation of additional waste, this decision will decrease by about 1,145 cubic meters (1,500 cubic yards) the amount of LLW, and by about 120 cubic meters (160 cubic yards) the amount of TRUW, to be managed at SRS as compared to the amounts that would

have been generated under DOE's previous decisions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the interim management of nuclear materials and radioactive waste management at the SRS, or to receive a copy of the IMNM or SRS WM EIS's, contact: Andrew R. Grainger, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Building 730B, Room 2418, Aiken, South Carolina 29802, (800) 881-7292, Internet: drew.grainger@srs.gov.

For further information on the DOE NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background***Programmatic Basis for the Revised Decision*

DOE's clean-up at the SRS is focused on an accelerated risk-based strategy. Under this strategy, the clean-up will be expedited by disposing of as waste all materials that are suitable for direct disposal, and by processing in the SRS canyon facilities only those materials that require such processing. This strategy will also allow DOE to reduce costs.

NEPA Reviews and Decisions

DOE prepared a final environmental impact statement, *Interim Management of Nuclear Materials* (IMNM EIS) (DOE/EIS-0220, October 1995), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*], Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA [40 CFR 1500-1508], and DOE implementing procedures [10 CFR 1021]. The IMNM EIS grouped the nuclear materials at the SRS into three categories: Stable (thousands of items in nine material types), Programmatic (three material types), and Candidates for Stabilization (seven material types). Some of the "Programmatic" and all of the "Candidates for Stabilization" materials could have presented environmental, safety, and health vulnerabilities in their then-current storage condition.

On December 12, 1995, DOE issued a ROD and Notice of Preferred Alternatives (60 FR 65300) on the interim management of several types of nuclear materials at the SRS. DOE decided to stabilize the Candidates for Stabilization material type known as