DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), and as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b, notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board’s (Board) public meeting and hearing described below. The Board invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:

Session I: 9:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m.; Session II: 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m., August 27, 2014.


STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in an open meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Government in the Sunshine Act and the Board’s enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

This public meeting and hearing is the second in a series of three hearings the Board will convene to address safety culture at Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities and the Board’s Recommendation 2011–1, Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant. The third hearing will be announced by a separate notice at a future date. In the first hearing, convened on May 28, 2014, the Board received testimony from recognized industry and federal government experts in the field of safety culture, with a focus on the tools used for assessing safety culture, approaches for interpreting the assessment results, and how results can be used for improving safety culture. This second hearing will also address important safety culture topics and will occur in two sessions. In the morning session, the Board will hear from a panel of current and former United States Navy officers concerning the Navy’s approach to ensuring the safety of its nuclear fleet operations. The two panelists, the current Commander of the Naval Safety Center and the former Chief Engineer and Deputy Commander for Naval Systems Engineering, will focus discussions on Navy safety policies and procedures. They will also provide testimony on the tools, metrics and practices used to sustain a strong safety culture, and safety culture lessons learned. In the afternoon session, the Board will receive testimony from government and academic subject matter experts concerning the role of organizational leaders in establishing and maintaining an effective, positive safety culture. The afternoon panel will be comprised of a Member of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and experts from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Southern California.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public participation in the hearing is invited. The Board is setting aside time at the end of the hearing for presentations and comments from the public. Requests to speak may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commenters describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on August 22, 2014, will be scheduled to speak at the conclusion of the hearing, at approximately 4:00 p.m. At the beginning of the hearing, the Board will post a schedule for speakers at the entrance to the hearing room. Commenters may also sign up to speak the day of the hearing at the entrance to the hearing room. Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the hearing or may be sent to the Board’s Washington, DC office. The Board will hold the record open until September 27, 2014, for the receipt of additional materials. The hearing will be presented live through Internet video streaming. A link to the presentation will be available on the Board’s Web site (www.dnfsb.gov). A transcript of the hearing, along with a DVD video recording, will be made available by the Board for inspection and viewing by the public at the Board’s Washington office and at DOE’s public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or abandon the meeting and hearing, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Rehabilitation Services Administration—Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Rehabilitation Services Administration—Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.224D.

DATES:

- Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 15, 2014.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Assistive Technology (AT) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) is to support programs that provide for the purchase of AT devices, such as a low-interest loan fund, an interest buy-down program, a revolving loan fund, a loan guarantee, or an insurance program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (the Act) requires applicants for these grants to provide an assurance that, and information describing the manner in which, the AFP will expand and emphasize consumer choice and control. It also specifies that State agencies and community-based disability organizations that are directed by and operated for individuals with disabilities shall be eligible to compete. In addition, language in the Manager’s Statement accompanying the Act provides that applicants should incorporate credit-building activities in their programs, including financial education and information about other possible funding sources. Successful applicants must emphasize consumer choice and control and build programs that will provide financing for the full array of AT devices and services and ensure that all people with disabilities, regardless of type of disability or health condition, age, level of income, and residence, have access to the program.

Priority: This priority is from the notice of final priority for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

Absolute Priority: For FY 2014 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

Note: The full text of this priority is included in the notice of final priority published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register and in the application package for this competition.

Competitive Preference Priorities: Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address the following priorities.

These priorities are from the notice of final priority for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

These priorities are:

1. Need to Establish an AFP (10 additional points): This applies to an applicant located in a State or outlying area where an AFP grant has not been previously awarded under title III of the AT Act of 1998 or under the Appropriations Acts for FYs 2012 and 2013.

2. Need to Expand an AFP (5 additional points): This applies to an applicant located in a State or outlying area where an AFP grant has been previously awarded under title III of the AT Act of 1998 or under the Appropriations Acts for FYs 2012 and 2013, but the State or outlying area has received less than a total of $1 million in Federal grant funds for the operation of its AFP under title III of the AT Act of 1998 during fiscal years 2000 through 2006 and the Appropriations Acts for FYs 2012 and 2013.


Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Education Department debarment and suspension regulations in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The notice of final priority published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

Note: In general, the provisions of EDGAR listed above apply to these grants except to the extent they are inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the requirements in this notice.

Specifically, grantees are exempt from 34 CFR 80.25(f) regarding interest earned on advances, and the addition method in 34 CFR 80.25(g)(2) applies to program income rather than the deduction method in 34 CFR 80.25(g)(1). Also, 34 CFR 75.560–75.564 do not apply to the extent that these sections of EDGAR are inconsistent with the AFP requirement that indirect costs cannot exceed 10 percent of the costs to administer the program.

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.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: $1,986,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2015 from the list of unfunded applicants for this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to $993,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $662,000.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding $993,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the Federal Register.

Estimated Number of Awards: 2 to 4.

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

Project Period: Up to 12 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: State agencies and community-based disability organizations that are directed by and operated for individuals with disabilities shall be eligible to compete. Under 34 CFR 75.127(a), eligible parties may apply for a grant as a group or consortium.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not require cost sharing or matching.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: You can obtain an application package via the Internet or from the Education Publications Center (ED Pubs). To obtain a copy via the Internet, use the following address: www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html. To obtain a copy from ED Pubs, write, fax, or call the following: ED Pubs, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box

Dated: August 12, 2014.

Peter S. Winokur, Chairman.