

disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify Ms. Hope M. Gray at 202-708-7439 or via e-mail at hope_gray@ed.gov no later than Monday, September 11, 2000. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATES AND TIMES: Monday, September 25, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, September 26, 2000, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The University of Vermont, Waterman Building, Memorial Lounge, 85 South Prospect Street, Burlington, Vermont 05405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20202-7852 (202) 708-7439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a third-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: promoting program integrity, eliminating or avoiding program complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs, and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flow logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes: (a) Discussion sessions on implementing the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and their impact on all Title IV programs, in particular, examining the condition of access for low- and middle-income students in the areas of federal, state and institutional early intervention programs, remediation and academic support services, and (b) the Committee's plans for fiscal year 2001. In addition, other Committee business will be addressed. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov or Tracy_Deanna_Jones@ED.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Friday, September 15, 2000.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Burlington, Vermont on Monday, September 25, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, September 26, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. The

meeting will be closed to the public on September 25, from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The ensuing discussions will relate to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552(b)(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b) will be available to the public within fourteen days after the meeting.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Brian K. Fitzgerald,
Staff Director, Advisory Committee on
Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Albuquerque Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation—natural gas vehicle exhaust particle sampling study.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Albuquerque Operations Office (AL), is seeking applications for research and development for natural gas-powered vehicle exhaust particle sampling study. Through this solicitation, DOE seeks to measure representative particle size distributions of both light-duty and heavy-duty natural gas powered vehicle exhaust and collect samples of toxicity panel sampling. A DOE technical panel will perform a scientific and engineering evaluation of each responsive application to determine the merit of the approach. DOE anticipates issuing one or more financial assistance instruments from this solicitation. A maximum of \$500,000 of DOE funding is anticipated to be available. Cost sharing by the applicant is desired.

DATE: Applications are to be received no later than 3 p.m. local prevailing time

on October 2, 2000. Any application received after the due date will not be evaluated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erwin E. Fragua, Contract Specialist, DOE/AL, at (505) 845-6442 or by e-mail at efragua@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The solicitation will be available on the internet on or about August 23, 2000 at the following web site: <http://www.doeal.gov/cpd/default.htm>. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. For profit and not-for-profit organizations, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher learning are eligible for awards under this solicitation. Collaboration between industry, industry organizations, and universities are encouraged.

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August 18, 2000.

Martha L. Youngblood,

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Branch, Contracts and Procurement Division.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 00-19: Outstanding Junior Investigator Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Division of High Energy Physics of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Outstanding Junior Investigator (OJI) Program. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty investigators who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research, and should be submitted through a U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers. Awards made under this program will help to maintain the vitality of university research and assure continued excellence in the teaching of physics.

DATES: To permit timely consideration for award in fiscal year 2001, formal applications submitted in response to this notice should be received before November 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 00-19 should be forwarded to: U.S.

Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 00-19. The above address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any other commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted. Due to the anticipated number of reviewers, it would be helpful for each applicant to submit an additional four copies of the application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Mandula, Division of High Energy Physics, SC-221 (GTN), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-4829. E-Mail: jeffrey.mandula@science.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Outstanding Junior Investigator program was started in 1978 by the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Research. A principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented new high energy physicists early in their careers and assist and facilitate the development of their research programs. Eligibility for awards under this notice is therefore restricted to non-tenured investigators who are conducting experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research. Since its debut, the program has initiated support for between five and ten new Outstanding Junior Investigators each year. The program has been very successful and contributes importantly to the vigor of the U.S. High Energy Physics program. Applicants should request support under this notice for normal research project costs as required to conduct their proposed research activities. The full range of activities currently supported by the Division of High Energy Physics is eligible for support under this program.

The DOE expects to make five to ten grant awards in fiscal year 2001 to meet the objectives of this program. It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be available in fiscal year 2001, subject to availability of appropriated funds. In the past, awards have averaged \$50,000 per year, with the number of awards determined by the number of excellent applications and the total funds available for this program. Multiple year funding of grant awards is

expected, including renewal beyond the initial project period, as long as the recipient's tenure status is unchanged. Funding will be provided on an annual basis subject to availability of funds.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR Part 605. Electronic access to the application guide and required forms is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 11, 2000.

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management, Office of Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Tanner Electric Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to construct 7 kilometers (4.5 miles) of new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in King County, Washington, which would supply a new substation to be built by its customer, Tanner Electric Cooperative (Tanner). BPA has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA)