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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Notice of Members

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to list the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (National Advisory Committee) and to give the public the opportunity to nominate candidates for the positions to be vacated by those members whose terms will expire on September 30, 2000. This notice is required under Section 114(c) of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended by Public Law 105-244.

What Is the Role of the National Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee is established under Section 114 of the HEA, as amended, and is composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Education from among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, including representatives of all sectors and type of institutions of higher education.

The National Advisory Committee meets at least twice a year and provides recommendations to the Secretary of Education pertaining to:

- The establishment and enforcement of criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.

As the Committee deems necessary or on request, the Committee also advises the Secretary about:

- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the

interim eligibility of those institutions to participate in Federally funded programs.

- The relationship between: (1) Accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

What Are the Terms of Office for Committee Members?

The term of office of each member is 3 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed is appointed for the remainder of the term. A member may be appointed, at the Secretary's discretion, to serve more than one term.

Who Are the Current Members of the Committee?

The current members of the National Advisory Committee are:

Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/00

Dr. David W. Adamany, president emeritus and distinguished professor of law and political science, Wayne State University, Michigan
 Mr. Robert L. Hawkins, superintendent, Colorado Mental Health Institute
 Dr. Tanya L. Pollard, assistant professor, English Department, Macalester College, Minnesota
 Dr. Eleanor P. Vreeland, chairman, Barland, Inc., New York
 Dr. John A. Yena, president, Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island

Members With Terms Expiring 09/30/01

Mrs. Wilhelmina R. Delco (committee chairperson), retired member of Texas House of Representatives
 Dr. Alfredo G. de los Santos, Jr., Vice Chancellor Emeritus, Maricopa Community Colleges, Arizona
 Dr. Kenneth B. Orr, president emeritus, Presbyterian College, South Carolina
 Dr. Robert L. Potts, president, University of North Alabama
 Dr. Richard F. Rosser, president of the Presidents' Group, Wisconsin

Members With Terms Expiring 9/30/02

Mr. Gordon M. Ambach (committee vice chairperson), executive director, Council of Chief State School Officers, Washington, DC
 Dr. Norman Francis, president, Xavier University of Louisiana

Dr. George A. Pruitt, president, Thomas A. Edison State College, New Jersey
 Dr. Norma S. Rees, president, California State University, Hayward
 Hon. Thomas P. Salmon, chair of the board, Green Mountain Power Corporation, Vermont

How Do I Nominate an Individual for Appointment as a Committee Member?

If you would like to nominate an individual for appointment to the Committee, send the following information to the Committee's Executive Director:

- a cover letter that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual; and
- contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, and business phone and fax numbers) and a copy of the nominee's resume.

The information must be sent by March 30, 2000 to the following address: Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Education, 7th Floor, Rm. 7107, 1990 K St., NW, Washington, DC 20006.

How Can I Get Additional Information?

If you have any specific questions about the nomination process or general questions about the National Advisory Committee, please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, the Committee's Executive Director, by phone at (202) 219-7009, by fax at (202) 219-7008, or by e-mail at Bonnie_LeBold@ed.gov between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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A. Lee Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities—National Programs—Federal Activities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Priority, Proposed Eligible Applicants, and Proposed Selection Criteria for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 and Subsequent Years.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces a proposed priority, proposed eligible applicants, and proposed selection criteria for FY 2000 and, at the discretion of the Secretary, for subsequent years under the Safe and

Drug-Free Schools and Communities—National Programs—Federal Activities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition. The Secretary takes this action to use Federal financial assistance to identify and disseminate models of alcohol and other drug (AOD) prevention at institutions of higher education (IHEs).

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before March 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about the proposed priority, proposed eligible applicants, and proposed selection criteria to Kimberly Light, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3E222, Washington, DC 20202-6123. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: comments@ed.gov

You must include the phrase "Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses" in the subject line of your electronic message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Light, (202) 260-2647. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation to Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding the proposed priority, proposed eligible applicants, and proposed selection criteria. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 3E222, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, the Department supplies an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability that needs assistance to review the comments. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, you may call (202) 205-8113 or (202) 260-9895. If you use a TDD, you

may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

General

Alcohol and other drug use are closely related problems that are frequently addressed together as part of comprehensive AOD prevention efforts. However, for the purposes of this competition, the Secretary is interested in making awards separately to IHEs that have innovative, effective programs aimed at alcohol prevention and to IHEs that have innovative, effective programs aimed at other drug prevention. These specific programs should be implemented within the context of a comprehensive AOD prevention effort on campus. IHEs that receive awards will use the funds to maintain, improve, or further evaluate their programs and disseminate information about these programs to other IHEs.

In making awards under this grant program, the Secretary may take into consideration the geographic distribution of the projects and the diversity of activities addressed by the projects in addition to the rank order of applicants.

We will announce the final priority in a notice in the **Federal Register**. We will determine the final priority after considering responses to this notice and other information available to the Department. This notice does not preclude us from proposing or funding additional priorities, subject to meeting applicable rulemaking requirements.

Note: This notice does *not* solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under this competition will be published in the **Federal Register** concurrently with or following the publication of the notice of final priority. The notice inviting applications will specify the date and time by which applications for this competition must be received by the Department. Applications received after that time will not be eligible for funding. Postmarked dates will not be accepted.

Absolute Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994, the Secretary proposes to give an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority and fund under this competition only those applications that meet this absolute priority:

Under this priority, an IHE that wishes to be considered for an award for a model program must identify, propose to maintain, improve, or further evaluate, and propose to disseminate information about an effective alcohol or other drug prevention program

currently being used on its campus.

Applications must:

(1) Describe an alcohol or other drug prevention program that has been implemented for at least one full academic year on the applicant's campus;

(2) Provide evidence of the effectiveness of the program;

(3) Provide a plan to maintain, improve, or further evaluate the program during the year following award; and

(4) Provide a plan to disseminate information to assist other IHEs in implementing a similar program.

Eligible Applicants

The Secretary proposes that institutions of higher education (IHEs) are the eligible applicants under this competition, and that to be eligible, an IHE must not have received an award under this competition (under either CFDA 84.116X or 84.184N) during the previous two (2) fiscal years.

Selection Criteria

The Secretary proposes to use the following selection criteria to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion or factor under that criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(1) Significance (25 points)

In determining the significance of the model, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the program involves the development or demonstration of innovative strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies. (15 points)

(b) The potential replicability of the program, including, as appropriate, the potential for implementation in a variety of settings. (5 points)

(c) The extent to which the results of the program are to be disseminated in ways that will enable others to use the information or strategies. (5 points)

(2) Quality of the Program Design (40 points)

In determining the quality of the design of the program, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the design of the program reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (20 points)

(b) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the program are clearly specified and measurable. (5 points)

(c) The extent to which the design of the program is appropriate to, and

successfully addresses, the needs of the target population or other identified needs. (10 points)

(d) The quality of the plan to maintain, improve, or further evaluate the program. (5 points) In applying the above criteria, the following information is considered:

(1) The quality of the needs assessment and how well this assessment relates to the goals and objectives of the program.

(2) How well the program is integrated within a comprehensive alcohol and other drug prevention effort.

(3) The level of institutional commitment, leadership and support for alcohol and other drug prevention efforts.

(4) The clarity and strength of the institution's alcohol or other drug policies and the extent to which those policies are broadly disseminated and consistently enforced.

(5) The extent to which students and employees are involved in the program design and implementation process.

(6) The extent to which the institution has joined with community leaders to address AOD issues.

(7) If applying to be considered as an alcohol prevention model, what steps the institution is taking to limit alcoholic beverage sponsorship, advertising, and marketing on campus; and what steps are being taken to establish or expand upon alcohol-free living arrangements for students.

(3) Quality of the project evaluation. (35 points)

In determining the quality of the evaluation, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives and outcomes of the program. (10 points)

(b) The extent to which the evaluation data provide evidence of the effectiveness of the program in reducing either alcohol or other drug use, in reducing the problems resulting from either alcohol or other drug use, or in meeting outcome objectives that are associated with reductions in alcohol or other drug use or resulting problems. (25 points)

In applying the above criteria, the following information is considered:

(1) The quality of the evaluation methodology and evaluation instruments.

(2) Whether both process (formative) and outcome (summative) data are included for each year that the program has been implemented, including data

collected both before and after initiation of the program.

(3) How evaluation information has been used for continuous improvement of the program.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

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Michael Cohen,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Federal Activities—Grant Competition To Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Priorities, Proposed Definitions, and Proposed Selection Criteria for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 and Subsequent Years.

SUMMARY: The Secretary proposes priorities, definitions, and selection criteria for FY 2000 and, at the discretion of the Secretary, for subsequent years under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs—Federal Activities—Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students. The Secretary takes this action to focus Federal financial assistance on an identified national need. This competition seeks to prevent high-risk drinking and violent behavior among college students.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning these proposed priorities, proposed definitions, and proposed selection criteria should be addressed to Richard Lucey, Jr., U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW—Room 3E252, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Comments also may be sent via the Internet: comments@ed.gov. You must include the phrase "High-Risk Drinking and Violence Prevention for IHEs" in the subject line of your electronic message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Lucey, Jr., (202) 205-5471. Individuals who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339. Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation To Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit comments and recommendations regarding the proposed priorities, proposed definitions, and proposed selection criteria. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW—Room