

pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through your agency's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available.

Contact the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Diversity Office (EEOCD) to make contact with an EEO Counselor; or the Manpower, Personnel and Security Directorate (MPS1) for additional information concerning administrative or negotiated grievances. (See contact information below).

#### *Whistleblower Protection Laws*

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C.

2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

Contact the DISA, Office of Inspector General (IG) for additional information concerning or to report fraud, waste and abuse. (See contact information below).

#### *Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity*

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

For additional information, contact the OSC (see contact information above); or the appropriate DISA office (see contact information below).

#### *Disciplinary Actions*

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to

discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

Contact MPS1 for additional information concerning disciplinary actions. (See contact information below).

#### *Additional Information*

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (e.g., EEO/civil rights office, human resources office or legal office). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

| DISA office                                                            | Phone No. (DSN 327)                 | Web site                                                                              | E-mail address                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Diversity (EEOCD). | (703) 607-6458 .....                | <a href="http://www.disa.mil/main/eeo.html">http://www.disa.mil/main/eeo.html</a>     |                                                    |
| Office of General Counsel (GC) ....                                    | (703) 607-6091 .....                | <a href="http://www.disa.mil/main/gc.html">http://www.disa.mil/main/gc.html</a> ..    | Generalcounsel@disa.mil<br>IG-Hotline@ncr.disa.mil |
| Office of Inspector General (IG) ....                                  | 24 Hr Hotline: (703) 607-6317 ..... | <a href="http://www.disa.mil/mail/ig.html">http://www.disa.mil/mail/ig.html</a> ..... |                                                    |
|                                                                        | Main: (703) 607-6300 .....          | .....                                                                                 |                                                    |
| Manpower, Personnel and Security (MPS1).                               | (703) 607-4740 or 4403 .....        | <a href="http://www.disa.mil/main/mps.html">http://www.disa.mil/main/mps.html</a>     |                                                    |

#### *Existing Rights Unchanged*

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

##### **Office of the Secretary**

##### **Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates**

**AGENCY:** DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised non-foreign overseas per diem rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 250. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government

employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 250 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 1, 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 249.

Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem

rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

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| LOCALITY                                                                                | MAXIMUM |      | MAXIMUM  |   | EFFECTIVE<br>DATE |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|----------|---|-------------------|------------|
|                                                                                         | LODGING | M&IE | PER DIEM |   |                   |            |
|                                                                                         | AMOUNT  | RATE | RATE     |   |                   |            |
|                                                                                         | (A)     | +    | (B)      | = | (C)               |            |
| THE ONLY CHANGE IN CIVILIAN BULLETIN 250 IS AN UPDATE TO THE RATE FOR OTHER,<br>HAWAII. |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| ALASKA                                                                                  |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| ADAK                                                                                    | 120     |      | 79       |   | 199               | 07/01/2003 |
| ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES]                                                                |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/15                                                                           | 170     |      | 93       |   | 263               | 05/01/2006 |
| 09/16 - 04/30                                                                           | 95      |      | 85       |   | 180               | 05/01/2006 |
| BARROW                                                                                  | 159     |      | 95       |   | 254               | 05/01/2002 |
| BETHEL                                                                                  | 125     |      | 78       |   | 203               | 05/01/2006 |
| BETTLES                                                                                 | 135     |      | 62       |   | 197               | 10/01/2004 |
| CLEAR AB                                                                                | 90      |      | 82       |   | 172               | 10/01/2006 |
| COLD BAY                                                                                | 90      |      | 73       |   | 163               | 05/01/2002 |
| COLDFOOT                                                                                | 165     |      | 70       |   | 235               | 10/01/2006 |
| COPPER CENTER                                                                           |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/30                                                                           | 129     |      | 75       |   | 204               | 04/01/2006 |
| 10/01 - 04/30                                                                           | 89      |      | 71       |   | 160               | 04/01/2006 |
| CORDOVA                                                                                 |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/30                                                                           | 95      |      | 74       |   | 169               | 05/01/2006 |
| 10/01 - 04/30                                                                           | 85      |      | 72       |   | 157               | 04/01/2005 |
| CRAIG                                                                                   |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 04/15 - 09/14                                                                           | 125     |      | 67       |   | 192               | 04/01/2006 |
| 09/15 - 04/14                                                                           | 95      |      | 64       |   | 159               | 04/01/2006 |
| DEADHORSE                                                                               | 95      |      | 67       |   | 162               | 05/01/2002 |
| DELTA JUNCTION                                                                          | 90      |      | 82       |   | 172               | 04/01/2006 |
| DENALI NATIONAL PARK                                                                    |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 06/01 - 08/31                                                                           | 122     |      | 66       |   | 188               | 04/01/2006 |
| 09/01 - 05/31                                                                           | 70      |      | 61       |   | 131               | 04/01/2006 |
| DILLINGHAM                                                                              | 114     |      | 69       |   | 183               | 06/01/2004 |
| DUTCH HARBOR-UNALASKA                                                                   | 121     |      | 84       |   | 205               | 04/01/2006 |
| EARECKSON AIR STATION                                                                   | 90      |      | 82       |   | 172               | 10/01/2006 |
| EIELSON AFB                                                                             |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/15                                                                           | 169     |      | 88       |   | 257               | 04/01/2006 |
| 09/16 - 04/30                                                                           | 75      |      | 79       |   | 154               | 04/01/2006 |
| ELMENDORF AFB                                                                           |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/15                                                                           | 170     |      | 93       |   | 263               | 05/01/2006 |
| 09/16 - 04/30                                                                           | 95      |      | 85       |   | 180               | 05/01/2006 |
| FAIRBANKS                                                                               |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/15                                                                           | 169     |      | 88       |   | 257               | 04/01/2006 |
| 09/16 - 04/30                                                                           | 75      |      | 79       |   | 154               | 04/01/2006 |
| FOOTLOOSE                                                                               | 175     |      | 18       |   | 193               | 06/01/2002 |
| FT. GREELY                                                                              | 90      |      | 82       |   | 172               | 04/01/2006 |
| FT. RICHARDSON                                                                          |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/15                                                                           | 170     |      | 93       |   | 263               | 05/01/2006 |
| 09/16 - 04/30                                                                           | 95      |      | 85       |   | 180               | 05/01/2006 |
| FT. WAINWRIGHT                                                                          |         |      |          |   |                   |            |
| 05/01 - 09/15                                                                           | 169     |      | 88       |   | 257               | 04/01/2006 |
| 09/16 - 04/30                                                                           | 75      |      | 79       |   | 154               | 04/01/2006 |
| GLENNALLEN                                                                              |         |      |          |   |                   |            |

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|----------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
|                | (A)                          | + |                     |   | (C)                                |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30  | 129                          |   | 75                  |   | 204                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30  | 89                           |   | 71                  |   | 160                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| HAINES         | 90                           |   | 69                  |   | 159                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| HEALY          |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 06/01 - 08/31  | 122                          |   | 66                  |   | 188                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 09/01 - 05/31  | 70                           |   | 61                  |   | 131                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| HOMER          |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/15 - 09/15  | 139                          |   | 80                  |   | 219                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| 09/16 - 05/14  | 79                           |   | 74                  |   | 153                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| JUNEAU         |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30  | 129                          |   | 89                  |   | 218                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30  | 79                           |   | 84                  |   | 163                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| KAKTOVIK       | 165                          |   | 86                  |   | 251                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| KAVIK CAMP     | 150                          |   | 69                  |   | 219                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| KENAI-SOLDOTNA |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 08/31  | 129                          |   | 92                  |   | 221                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 09/01 - 04/30  | 79                           |   | 87                  |   | 166                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| KENNICOTT      | 189                          |   | 85                  |   | 274                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| KETCHIKAN      |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30  | 135                          |   | 82                  |   | 217                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| 10/01 - 04/30  | 98                           |   | 78                  |   | 176                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| KING SALMON    |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 10/01  | 225                          |   | 91                  |   | 316                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| 10/02 - 04/30  | 125                          |   | 81                  |   | 206                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| KLAWOCK        |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 04/15 - 09/14  | 125                          |   | 67                  |   | 192                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 09/15 - 04/14  | 95                           |   | 64                  |   | 159                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| KODIAK         |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30  | 123                          |   | 91                  |   | 214                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30  | 99                           |   | 88                  |   | 187                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| KOTZEBUE       |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/15 - 09/30  | 151                          |   | 90                  |   | 241                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 05/14  | 135                          |   | 89                  |   | 224                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| KULIS AGS      |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/15  | 170                          |   | 93                  |   | 263                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| 09/16 - 04/30  | 95                           |   | 85                  |   | 180                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| MCCARTHY       | 189                          |   | 85                  |   | 274                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| MCGRATH        | 165                          |   | 69                  |   | 234                                |  | 10/01/2006        |
| MURPHY DOME    |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/15  | 169                          |   | 88                  |   | 257                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 09/16 - 04/30  | 75                           |   | 79                  |   | 154                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| NOME           | 125                          |   | 86                  |   | 211                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| NUIQSUT        | 180                          |   | 53                  |   | 233                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| PETERSBURG     | 80                           |   | 62                  |   | 142                                |  | 06/01/2005        |
| POINT HOPE     | 130                          |   | 70                  |   | 200                                |  | 03/01/1999        |
| POINT LAY      | 105                          |   | 67                  |   | 172                                |  | 03/01/1999        |
| PORT ALSWORTH  | 135                          |   | 88                  |   | 223                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| PRUDHOE BAY    | 95                           |   | 67                  |   | 162                                |  | 05/01/2002        |
| SEWARD         |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |

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|                                  | (A)                          | + |                     |   | (C)                                |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 171                          |   | 79                  |   | 250                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 69                           |   | 69                  |   | 138                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| SITKA-MT. EDGE CUMBE             |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 119                          |   | 75                  |   | 194                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 99                           |   | 73                  |   | 172                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| SKAGWAY                          |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 135                          |   | 82                  |   | 217                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 98                           |   | 78                  |   | 176                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| SLANA                            |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 139                          |   | 55                  |   | 194                                |  | 02/01/2005        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 99                           |   | 55                  |   | 154                                |  | 02/01/2005        |
| SPRUCE CAPE                      |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 123                          |   | 91                  |   | 214                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 99                           |   | 88                  |   | 187                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| ST. GEORGE                       | 129                          |   | 55                  |   | 184                                |  | 06/01/2004        |
| TALKEETNA                        | 100                          |   | 89                  |   | 189                                |  | 07/01/2002        |
| TANANA                           | 125                          |   | 86                  |   | 211                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| TOGIAK                           | 100                          |   | 39                  |   | 139                                |  | 07/01/2002        |
| TOK                              | 90                           |   | 65                  |   | 155                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| UMIAT                            | 350                          |   | 35                  |   | 385                                |  | 10/01/2006        |
| VALDEZ                           |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 10/01                    | 129                          |   | 80                  |   | 209                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/02 - 04/30                    | 79                           |   | 75                  |   | 154                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| WASILLA                          |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 134                          |   | 84                  |   | 218                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 80                           |   | 79                  |   | 159                                |  | 04/01/2006        |
| WRANGELL                         |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| 05/01 - 09/30                    | 135                          |   | 82                  |   | 217                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| 10/01 - 04/30                    | 98                           |   | 78                  |   | 176                                |  | 04/01/2005        |
| YAKUTAT                          | 110                          |   | 68                  |   | 178                                |  | 03/01/1999        |
| [OTHER]                          | 90                           |   | 82                  |   | 172                                |  | 10/01/2006        |
| AMERICAN SAMOA                   |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| AMERICAN SAMOA                   | 122                          |   | 73                  |   | 195                                |  | 12/01/2005        |
| GUAM                             |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| GUAM (INCL ALL MIL INSTAL)       | 135                          |   | 90                  |   | 225                                |  | 06/01/2005        |
| HAWAII                           |                              |   |                     |   |                                    |  |                   |
| CAMP H M SMITH                   | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| EASTPAC NAVAL COMP TELE AREA     | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| FT. DERUSSEY                     | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| FT. SHAFTER                      | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| HICKAM AFB                       | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| HONOLULU (INCL NAV & MC RES CTR) | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| ISLE OF HAWAII: HILO             | 112                          |   | 93                  |   | 205                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| ISLE OF HAWAII: OTHER            | 150                          |   | 95                  |   | 245                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| ISLE OF KAUAI                    | 188                          |   | 102                 |   | 290                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| ISLE OF MAUI                     | 159                          |   | 95                  |   | 254                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| ISLE OF OAHU                     | 149                          |   | 100                 |   | 249                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| KEKAHA PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FAC | 188                          |   | 102                 |   | 290                                |  | 05/01/2006        |
| KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP            | 112                          |   | 93                  |   | 205                                |  | 05/01/2006        |

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|                                  | (A)                          | + | (B)          | = | (C)                         |                   |
| LANAI                            | 175                          |   | 130          |   | 305                         | 05/01/2006        |
| LUALUALEI NAVAL MAGAZINE         | 149                          |   | 100          |   | 249                         | 05/01/2006        |
| MCB HAWAII                       | 149                          |   | 100          |   | 249                         | 05/01/2006        |
| MOLOKAI                          | 153                          |   | 95           |   | 248                         | 05/01/2006        |
| NAS BARBERS POINT                | 149                          |   | 100          |   | 249                         | 05/01/2006        |
| PEARL HARBOR [INCL ALL MILITARY] | 149                          |   | 100          |   | 249                         | 05/01/2006        |
| SCHOFIELD BARRACKS               | 149                          |   | 100          |   | 249                         | 05/01/2006        |
| WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD            | 149                          |   | 100          |   | 249                         | 05/01/2006        |
| [OTHER]                          | 112                          |   | 93           |   | 205                         | 12/01/2006        |
| MIDWAY ISLANDS                   |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| MIDWAY ISLANDS                   |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| INCL ALL MILITARY                | 100                          |   | 45           |   | 145                         | 06/01/2006        |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS         |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| ROTA                             | 129                          |   | 91           |   | 220                         | 05/01/2006        |
| SAIPAN                           | 121                          |   | 94           |   | 215                         | 05/01/2006        |
| TINIAN                           | 85                           |   | 80           |   | 165                         | 06/01/2005        |
| [OTHER]                          | 55                           |   | 72           |   | 127                         | 04/01/2000        |
| PUERTO RICO                      |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| AGUADILLA                        | 87                           |   | 70           |   | 157                         | 07/01/2006        |
| BAYAMON                          | 195                          |   | 77           |   | 272                         | 08/01/2006        |
| CAROLINA                         | 195                          |   | 77           |   | 272                         | 08/01/2006        |
| CEIBA                            |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 05/01 - 11/30                    | 155                          |   | 57           |   | 212                         | 08/01/2006        |
| 12/01 - 04/30                    | 185                          |   | 57           |   | 242                         | 08/01/2006        |
| FAJARDO [INCL ROOSEVELT RDS NAVS |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 05/01 - 11/30                    | 155                          |   | 57           |   | 212                         | 08/01/2006        |
| 12/01 - 04/30                    | 185                          |   | 57           |   | 242                         | 08/01/2006        |
| FT. BUCHANAN [INCL GSA SVC CTR,  | 195                          |   | 77           |   | 272                         | 08/01/2006        |
| HUMACAO                          |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 05/01 - 11/30                    | 155                          |   | 57           |   | 212                         | 08/01/2006        |
| 12/01 - 04/30                    | 185                          |   | 57           |   | 242                         | 08/01/2006        |
| LUIS MUNOZ MARIN IAP AGS         | 195                          |   | 77           |   | 272                         | 08/01/2006        |
| LUQUILLO                         |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 05/01 - 11/30                    | 155                          |   | 57           |   | 212                         | 08/01/2006        |
| 12/01 - 04/30                    | 185                          |   | 57           |   | 242                         | 08/01/2006        |
| MAYAGUEZ                         | 109                          |   | 73           |   | 182                         | 07/01/2006        |
| PONCE                            |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 01/01 - 05/31                    | 139                          |   | 73           |   | 212                         | 07/01/2006        |
| 06/01 - 07/31                    | 230                          |   | 82           |   | 312                         | 07/01/2006        |
| 08/01 - 11/30                    | 139                          |   | 73           |   | 212                         | 07/01/2006        |
| 12/01 - 12/31                    | 230                          |   | 82           |   | 312                         | 07/01/2006        |
| SABANA SECA [INCL ALL MILITARY]  | 195                          |   | 77           |   | 272                         | 08/01/2006        |
| SAN JUAN & NAV RES STA           | 195                          |   | 77           |   | 272                         | 08/01/2006        |
| [OTHER]                          | 62                           |   | 57           |   | 119                         | 01/01/2000        |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.)            |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| ST. CROIX                        |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 04/15 - 12/14                    | 135                          |   | 92           |   | 227                         | 05/01/2006        |
| 12/15 - 04/14                    | 187                          |   | 97           |   | 284                         | 05/01/2006        |

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| ST. JOHN      |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 04/15 - 12/14 | 163                          |   | 98           |   | 261                         | 05/01/2006        |
| 12/15 - 04/14 | 220                          |   | 104          |   | 324                         | 05/01/2006        |
| ST. THOMAS    |                              |   |              |   |                             |                   |
| 04/15 - 12/14 | 240                          |   | 105          |   | 345                         | 05/01/2006        |
| 12/15 - 04/14 | 299                          |   | 111          |   | 410                         | 05/01/2006        |
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Small Business Innovative Research Program (SBIR)—Phase I; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.133S-1.

**Dates: Applications Available:** November 17, 2006. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: January 31, 2007.

**Eligible Applicants:** Entities that are, at the time of award, small business concerns as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA). This definition is included in the application package.

All technology, science, or engineering firms with strong research capabilities in any of the priority areas listed in this notice are encouraged to participate.

Consultative or other arrangements between these firms and universities or other non-profit organizations are permitted, but the small business concern must serve as the grantee. For Phase I projects, at least two-thirds of the research and/or analytic activities must be performed by the proposing firm. Furthermore, the total of all consultant fees, facility leases or usage fees, and other subcontracts or purchase agreements may not exceed one-third of the total funding award.

If it appears that an applicant organization does not meet the

eligibility requirements, we will request an evaluation by the SBA. Under circumstances in which eligibility is unclear, we will not make an SBIR award until the SBA makes a determination.

**Estimated Available Funds:** The Administration has requested \$5,000,000 for the SBIR program for FY 2007, of which we intend to use an estimated \$1,125,000 for new Phase I awards. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

**Note:** The estimated amount of funds available for new Phase I awards is based upon the estimated threshold SBIR allocation for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), minus prior commitments for Phase II continuation awards.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$70,000–75,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$72,000.

**Maximum Award:** We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$75,000 for a single budget period of six months. The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

**Note:** The maximum award amount includes direct and indirect costs and fees.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 15.

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

**Project Period:** Up to six months for Phase I awards.

## Full Text of Announcement

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of this program is to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector, strengthen the role of small business in meeting Federal research or research and development (R/R&D) needs, increase the commercial application of the U.S. Department of Education (ED or the Department) supported research results, and improve the return on investment from federally funded research for economic and social benefits to the Nation.

**Note:** This program is in concert with President George W. Bush's New Freedom Initiative (NFI) and NIDRR's Final Long-Range Plan for FY 2005–2009 (Plan). The NFI can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/newfreedom>

The Plan, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2006 (71 FR Doc 8165), can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/policy.html>

Through the implementation of the NFI and the Plan, NIDRR seeks to—(1) Improve the quality and utility of disability and rehabilitation research; (2) Foster an exchange of expertise, information, and training to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the unique needs of traditionally underserved populations; (3) Determine best strategies and programs to improve rehabilitation outcomes for underserved populations; (4) Identify research gaps; (5) Identify mechanisms of integrating research and practice; and (6) Disseminate findings.