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Applicable Regulations: The following regulations apply to these programs:

(1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668.

(2) General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR part 673.

(3) Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR part 674.

(4) Federal Work-Study Program, 34 CFR part 675.

(5) Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR part 676.

(6) Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600.

(7) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR part 82.

(8) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension Nonprocurement and Government Requirement for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 part 85.

(9) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR part 86.

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Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Student Financial Assistance; Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for receipt of State applications for Award Year 2002-2003 funds.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the closing date for receipt of State applications for Award Year 2002-2003 funds under the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) programs.

The LEAP and SLEAP programs, authorized under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 4 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended (HEA), assist States in providing aid to students with substantial financial need to help them pay for their postsecondary education costs through matching formula grants to States. Under section 415C(a) of the

HEA, a State must submit an application to participate in the LEAP and SLEAP programs through the State agency that administered its LEAP Program as of July 1, 1985, unless the Governor of the State has subsequently designated, and the Department has approved, a different State agency to administer the LEAP Program.

DATES: To receive an allotment under the LEAP and SLEAP programs for Award Year 2002-2003, applications submitted electronically must be received by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) May 31, 2002. Paper applications must be received by May 24, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Greg Gerrans, LEAP Program Manager, Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance, 830 First Street, NE., Room 111H1, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 377-3304.

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Individuals with disabilities also may obtain a copy of the application in an alternative format by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Only the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands may submit an application for funding under the LEAP and SLEAP programs.

State allotments for each award year are determined according to the statutorily mandated formula under section 415B of the HEA and are not negotiable. A State may also request its share of reallocation, in addition to its basic allotment, which is contingent upon the availability of such additional funds.

In Award Year 2001-2002, 47 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands received funds under the LEAP Program. Additionally, 37 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands received funds under the SLEAP Program.

On-Line Application Submitted Electronically

The Financial Partners Channel within Student Financial Assistance has automated the LEAP and SLEAP application process in the Financial Management System (FMS). Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the web-based form (Form 1288-E OMB 1845-0028) which is available on the FMS LEAP on-line system at the following Internet address: <http://fms.sfa.ed.gov>.

Paper Application Delivered by Mail

States or territories may request a paper version of the application (Form 1288 OMB 1845-0028) by calling Mr. Greg Gerrans, LEAP Program Manager, at (202) 377-3304. A paper version will be mailed to you. An application sent by mail must be addressed to: Mr. Greg Gerrans, LEAP Program Manager, Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance, 830 First Street, NE., Room 111H1, Washington, DC 20202.

The Department of Education encourages applicants that are completing a paper application to use certified or at least first-class mail when sending the application by mail to the Department. Applications that are mailed must be received by the Department no later than May 24, 2002.

A late applicant cannot be assured that its application will be considered for Award Year 2002-2003 funding.

Paper Applications Delivered by Hand

Applications that are hand-delivered must be delivered to Mr. Greg Gerrans, LEAP Program Manager, Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance, 830 First Street, NE., Room 111H1, Washington, DC. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Applications that are hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations are applicable to the LEAP and SLEAP programs:

- (1) The LEAP and SLEAP Program regulations in 34 CFR part 692.
- (2) The Student Assistance General Provisions in 34 CFR part 668.
- (3) The Regulations Governing Institutional Eligibility in 34 CFR part 600.
- (4) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR 75.60 through 75.62 (Ineligibility of Certain Individuals to

Receive Assistance), part 76 (State-Administered Programs), part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations), part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities), part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying), part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)), part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses) and part 99 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 02-22; Integrated Assessment of Climate Change Research

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces interest in receiving applications for the Integrated Assessment of Climate Change Research Program. This notice is a follow on to previous notices published in the **Federal Register**. The program funds research that contributes

to integrated assessment of climate change, and in particular, research to develop and improve methods and tools that focus on specialized topics of importance to integrated assessments. The research program supports the Administration's Climate Change Research activities and the U.S. Global Change Research Program goals to understand, model, and assess the effects of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere. The program supports research to evaluate the economic costs and predicted responses to options that would mitigate the long-term increase in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

DATES: Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to submit a brief preapplication for programmatic review. Early submission of preapplications is suggested to allow time for meaningful dialogue.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., May 14, 2002, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2002 and early Fiscal Year 2003.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications, referencing Program Notice 02-22, should be sent E-mail to john.houghton@science.doe.gov.

Formal applications, referencing Program Notice 02-22, should be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 02-22. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Houghton, Environmental Sciences Division, SC-74, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-8288, E-mail:

john.houghton@science.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903-8519. The full text of Program Notice 02-22, is available via the World Wide Web using the following web site address: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An integrated assessment of climate change is defined here as the analysis of the human (including economics), physical, and biological aspects of climate change from the cause, such as greenhouse gas emissions, through impacts, such as changes to unmanaged ecosystems, sea level rise, and altered growing conditions for crops. The primary