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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of dates of submission of State revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year 2003 and of revisions to those reports.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces dates for the submission by State educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey) for fiscal year (FY) 2003. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census is the data collection agent for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2005 appropriated funds.

DATES: The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 15, 2004. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any

revisions to previously submitted data, is September 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION: SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800.

SEAs may submit data via the World Wide Web using the interactive survey form at <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/npefs.html>. If the Web form is used, it includes a digital confirmation page where a pin number may be entered. A successful entry of the pin number serves as a signature by the authorizing official. A certification form may also be printed from the Web site, and signed by the authorizing official and mailed to the Governments Division of the Bureau of the Census, at the address listed in the previous paragraph. This signed form must be mailed within five business days of web form data submission.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 7, 2004, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharon J. Meade, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 763-7316. 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, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20208-5651. Telephone: (202) 502-7362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-279), 20 U.S.C. 9543, which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average State per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (currently 20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to utilizing the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as the Educational Technology State Grants program (Title II, Part D), the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Teacher Quality State Grants (Title II, Part A) Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (Title IV, Part A) Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 2004, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 2004, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 7, 2004.

Having accurate and consistent information on time is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES

establishes, for allocation purposes, September 7, 2004, as the final date by which the NPEFS web form or ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 7, 2004, the data may also be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Funding Opportunity Announcement

AGENCY: National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a funding opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue funding opportunity announcement no. DE-PS26-04NT42092 entitled "Solid State Lighting Core Technologies". The Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL),

on behalf of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), announces that it intends to conduct a competitive funding opportunity announcement. DOE has set aggressive goals for solid state lighting (SSL) research and development: by 2015, to develop advanced solid state lighting technologies that, compared to conventional lighting technologies, are much more energy efficient, longer lasting, and cost-competitive. The SSL operational plan features two avenues: core technology research and product development. The core technology program will focus on breakthrough technologies that are typically longer-term in nature. These technology breakthrough projects will enable the product development organizations to continue their development process in parallel in order to advance the SSL technology and meet the goals of the program. Subject to approval of an exceptional circumstance determination pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act, (covering inventions of small business, non-profit and educational institutions) core technology project recipients will be required to enter into good faith negotiations intended to lead to the licensing of inventions conceived or first actually reduced to practice under the project to product development organizations on a non-exclusive, royalty bearing basis for a defined field of use. In addition, DOE plans to competitively solicit a SSL Partnership composed of manufacturers and allies that broadly represent the industry. The partnership will, among other things, provide input and prioritization of the core technology needs.

The intent of this announcement is to solicit and receive applications for the core technology research area. This research will support multiple enabling or fundamental solid state lighting technology areas for general illumination applications. Applications should support the established mission of the 2003 Solid State Lighting Workshop (<http://www.netl.doe.gov/ssl/>) held in Washington, DC in November 2003. Applications will be subjected to a comprehensive technical review and awards will be made to a select number of applicants based upon the evaluation criteria, relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

DATES: The funding opportunity announcement will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about February 27, 2004. Applicants can obtain access to the funding opportunity announcement from the address above

or through DOE/NETL's Web site at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Questions and comments regarding the content of the announcement should be submitted through the "Submit Question" feature of IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Locate the announcement on IIPS and then click on the "Submit Question" button. You will receive an electronic notification that your question has been answered. Responses to questions may be viewed through the "View Questions" feature. If no questions have been answered, a statement to that effect will appear. You should periodically check "View Questions" for new questions and answers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Miltenberger, MS 107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 880, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880. E-mail address: Susan.Miltenberger@netl.doe.gov; telephone number: (304) 285-4083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is anticipated that \$6.0 million of Federal funding will be available for awards under this program. The anticipated funding would be available over multiple Federal fiscal years. Three to six awards are expected to be made in the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2004. Consistent with the recommendations and conclusions of the November 2003, Solid State Lighting Workshop, applications will be considered in the following areas: *Topic Area 1—Inorganic*; Subtopic (1a) High efficiency visible and near UV (>380nm) semiconductor materials for LED based on general illumination technology; Subtopic (1b) Advanced architecture and high power conversion efficiency emitters; Subtopic (1c) High temperature, efficient, long-life phosphors, luminescent materials for wavelength conversion and encapsulants; *Topic Area 2—Organic*; Subtopic (2a) High efficiency, low voltage, stable materials for OLED-based general illumination technology (hosts, dopants, and transport layers); Subtopic (2b) Strategies for improved light extraction and manipulation; and Subtopic (2c) Novel device structures for improved performance and low cost. Only research that is consistent with these needs and represents fundamental advancements in the price and performance relationship for solid state lighting for general illumination applications will be considered for award.

Once released, the funding opportunity announcement will be available for downloading from the IIPS