

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Nominations for Membership on Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel****AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) is soliciting nominations for new members.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted no later than June 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted via e-mail to Mr. John H. Beadling, at john.beadling.ctr@navy.mil. Contact Information: Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1425, ATTN: ONR Code 322B Room 1075, Arlington, VA 22203-1995, telephone: 703-696-4395.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Charles L. Vincent, Office of Naval Research, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 1425, Arlington, VA 22203-1995, telephone 703-696-4118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ORRAP, previously named the Ocean Research Advisory Panel, is a statutorily mandated federal advisory committee that provides senior scientific advice to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council (NORLC), the governing body of the National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP). ORRAP advises the NORLC on policies, procedures, selection of projects and allocation of funds, as well as other responsibilities that NORLC considers appropriate.

Panel Member Duties and Responsibilities: Members of the panel represent the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, ocean industries, state governments, academia, and others including individuals who are eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy, or related fields. Members are appointed for not more than four years, and are not normally compensated except for travel expenses and per diem while away from their homes in performance of services for the panel.

The panel meets for at least one two-day public meeting per year, but possibly meets three times per year, on dates agreed to by the panel members; attendance at meetings is expected. Intercessional activities may be carried out electronically, and the panel may establish sub-panels composed of less than full membership to carry out panel duties.

Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership on the panel. Nominated individuals should have extended expertise and experience in the field of ocean science. Nominations should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and a brief paragraph describing their qualifications in the context of the ORRAP Charter (<http://www.nopp.org/Dev2Go.web?id=207773>). A resume or curriculum vitae should be included.

Process a Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Submit nominations via e-mail to john.beadling.ctr@navy.mil no later than June 30, 2008. Nominations will be acknowledged and nominators will be informed of the new panel members which are ultimately selected and approved. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** Notice, the ORRAP Nominations Committee will down-select to a short-list of available candidates (150% of the available open positions for consideration). These selected candidates will be required to fill out the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Report" OGE form 450. This confidential form will allow Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between the person's public responsibilities and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by federal regulation. The form and additional guidance may be viewed from the following URL address: http://www.usoge.gov/pages/forms_pubs_otherdocs/fpo_files/forms/o450_2006/o450_automated_06.pdf.

In accordance with section 7903 of title 10, United States Code, the short-list of candidates will then be submitted for approval by the Secretary of the Navy with concurrence by the Secretary of Defense. In order to have the collective breadth of experience in the panel and maintain full panel membership, six new candidates are expected to be selected with terms to begin in December 2008.

The selection of new panel members will be based on the nominees' qualifications to provide senior scientific advice to the NORLC; the availability of the potential panel member to fully participate in the panel meetings; absence of any conflict of interest or appearance of lack of impartiality, and lack of bias; the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications; and achieving an overall balance of different

scientific perspectives and expertise on the panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Overview Information; Promoting Rigorous Career and Technical Education Programs of Study Through Statewide or Multi-State Articulation Agreements**

Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards Using Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Funds.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.051C.

DATES:

Applications Available: May 20, 2008.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: May 30, 2008.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 7, 2008.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 2, 2008.

Full Text of Announcement**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

Purpose of the Program: Section 114(c)(1) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Act), 20 U.S.C. 2324(c)(1), authorizes the Secretary to carry out research, development, dissemination, evaluation and assessment, capacity building, and technical assistance with regard to the career and technical education (CTE) programs under the Act. Under that authority, the Secretary plans to support State efforts to offer rigorous CTE programs of study and to institutionalize those rigorous CTE programs of study using articulation agreements.

Background Information

The current Act continues the commitment to high-quality CTE embodied in the previous Perkins Act. The Act also continues the previous law's focus on developing challenging academic and technical standards and assisting students in meeting such standards, including through preparation for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in current or emerging professions and in nontraditional fields.

Through this competition, the Department continues its efforts to