

States submitted their Reading First applications to the Department in 2002 and 2003. Currently, the Department has approved the Reading First applications of all applicants but one. The Committee will evaluate this remaining application and, at the request of the Department, may review issues identified in other State applications.

States submitted their third-year progress reports to the Department on or before November 30, 2006. The reports include, among other things, information on the progress State educational agencies and local educational agencies are making in reducing the number of students served under the Reading First program in grades 1, 2, and 3 who are reading below grade level. By statute, the Committee will review these reports. In addition, the Committee may advise the Secretary on other issues that the Secretary deems appropriate.

By statute, the Committee will consist, at a minimum, of three individuals selected by each of the following: the Secretary of Education, the National Institute for Literacy, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Any non-Federal members of the Committee will serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs). Committee members will serve for a period of three years or until the date of reauthorization of the ESEA, whichever is earlier. The Committee will choose one of its members to serve as the chairperson. The Team Leader of the Reading First program will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Committee. As appropriate, the Committee may form one or more subcommittees to assist it with its functions.

For Additional Information: Contact Maria Worthen, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 205-5632.

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Margaret Spellings,

Secretary of Education.

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Office of Innovation and Improvement, Voluntary Public School Choice Program

ACTION: Notice announcing a technical assistance workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information about a technical assistance workshop the Department will be holding to assist eligible applicants interested in preparing grant applications for fiscal year (FY) 2007 new awards under the Voluntary Public School Choice (VPSC) program. Staff will present information about the purpose of the VPSC program, selection criteria, application content, submission procedures, and reporting requirements.

The notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2007 for the VPSC program was published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2007 (72 FR 4700).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Iris A. Lane, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5970. Telephone: (202) 205-1999. E-mail: vpssc@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technical assistance workshop will be conducted on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Hotel telephone: (202) 479-4000. This site is in Washington, DC, across the street from the U.S. Department of Education headquarters at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. This site is accessible by Metro on the Blue, Orange, Green, and Yellow lines at the 7th Street and Maryland Avenue exit of the L'Enfant Plaza station. Please contact the U.S. Department of Education contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** if you have any questions about the details of the workshop.

Individuals interested in attending this workshop are encouraged to pre-register by e-mailing their name, organization, and contact information to vpssc@ed.gov. There is no registration fee for this workshop. We encourage attendance from those who will be

responsible for submitting program applications or providing technical support for submission of program applications.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities Attending the Technical Assistance Workshop

The technical assistance workshop site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the workshop (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternative format), notify the contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native-Serving Institutions, and Native Hawaiian- Serving Institutions programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.031T, 84.031N and 84.031W.

Dates:

Applications Available: March 1, 2007.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 16, 2007.