

Permit No. 917 (File No. P77-4#2) authorizes the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NMFS) to conduct three projects: 1) aerial and boat surveys, biopsy sampling and photo-identification of various cetacean species during stock assessment research; 2) capture, sample, tag and release pinnipeds during pinniped stock assessment research; and 3) collection of samples from animals of the Orders Cetacea and Pinnipedia [except walrus] for deposit into a scientific collection for research.

The amendment now authorizes the Northeast Fisheries Science Center to extend the permit to December 31, 2000.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Ann Terbush,

Chief, Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Open Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Program Subcommittee.

Date of Meeting: 11-13 July 2000.

Place: Sheraton Inn, Tacoma, Washington.

Time: 0800-1700 hours, 11 July; 0800-1200 hours 13 July.

Proposed Agenda: Review and discuss status of Army ROTC since the February 2000 meeting held at the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee. For further information contact: Commander, HQ U.S. Army Cadet Command, ATTN: ATCC-TT (MAJ Hewitt), Fort Monroe, VA 23651 (757) 728-5456.

John W. Corbett,

Colonel, GS, Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education

[CFDA No. 84.347]

Community Scholarship Mobilization Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Under the Community Scholarship Mobilization Program

Purpose of Program: The Community Scholarship Mobilization Program is designed to establish and support regional, State, or community program centers, and to enable such centers to foster the development of local entities in high poverty areas that promote higher education goals for students from low-income families by:

(1) Providing academic support, including guidance, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and recognition; and (2) Providing scholarship assistance for the cost of postsecondary education.

Eligible Applicants: National organizations as defined in the statute. A National organization may receive funds on a competitive basis to enable it to support the establishment or ongoing work of regional, State or community program centers. These centers foster the development of local entities in high poverty areas to improve secondary school graduation rates and postsecondary attendance through the provision of academic support services, including guidance, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and recognition, and scholarship assistance for the cost of postsecondary education.

Applications Available: July 10, 2000.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: August 16, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 15, 2000.

Estimated Available Funds: The amount referenced below is advisory and represents the Department's best estimate at this time. This will be the first year for the program. The estimated FY 2000 average size of an award will be \$990,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$990,000.

Estimated Size of Awards: Up to \$990,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1 or more.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: Regulations applicable to this program are the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99 and the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, Title VIII, Part C.

That statute defines several key terms used in this notice.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria under 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The Secretary informs applicants in the application package of the selection criteria and factors, if any, to be used for this competition and of the maximum weight assigned to each criterion.

For Further Information or Applications Contact: Ms. Marion Steward, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8517. Telephone: (202) 502-7594. The e-mail address for Ms. Steward is: Marion_Steward@ed.gov.

We encourage applicants to send facsimile requests for applications to (202) 502-7861.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Program Authority: Pub. L. 105-244, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, Title VIII, Part C.