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Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 13, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment

addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Perkins Annual Levels of Performance.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 2,800.

Abstract: This collection solicits proposed annual levels of performance from States and outlying areas in accordance with section 113(b)(3)(A)(v) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act (PL 105-332).

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila_Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.170]

Office of Postsecondary Education, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (JKJ) Program is to award fellowships to eligible students of superior ability, selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) at accredited institutions of higher education in selected fields of the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Eligible Applicants: Individuals who at the time of application have not yet completed their first full year of graduate study or will be entering graduate school in academic year 2001-2002, and who are eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance pursuant to section 484 of the Higher Education Act, as amended, and intend to pursue a doctoral degree or MFA in fields selected by the JKJ Board at accredited U.S. institutions of higher education. Individuals must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or citizens of any one of the Freely Associated States.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 17, 2000.

Applications Available: September 29, 2000.

Available Funds: \$1,179,330. The estimated amount of funds available under this competition is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$27,200.

Estimated Number of Awards: 42 individual fellowships.

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

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department, General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75 (except as provided in 34 CFR 650.3(b)), 77, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Stipend Level:* The Secretary will determine the JKJ fellowship stipend for the academic year 2001-2002 based on the level of support provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate fellowships, except that the amount will

be adjusted as necessary so as not to exceed the JKJ fellow's demonstrated level of financial need.

Institutional Payment: The Secretary will determine the institutional payment for the academic year 2001–2002 by adjusting the academic year 2000–2001 institutional payment, which is \$10,500 per fellow, by the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for the previous year. The institutional payment will be reduced by the amount an institution charges and collects from a fellowship recipient for tuition and fees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn Proctor, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K St., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7542. The e-mail address for the Javits Program is: ope_javits_program@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the appropriate contact person listed in the preceding paragraph. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794–1398. Telephone (toll free): 1–877–433–7827. FAX: (301) 470–1244. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (toll free): 1–877–576–7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov. If you request an application from ED Pubs be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA 84.170.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1134–1134d.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

Lee A. Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.200]

Office of Postsecondary Education, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Program: GAANN provides fellowships through academic programs and departments of institutions of higher education to assist graduate students with excellent records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their course of study.

Eligible Applicants: Academic programs and departments of institutions of higher education that meet the requirements in 34 CFR 648.2.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 15, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: February 13, 2001.

Applications Available: October 10, 2000.

Available Funds: \$13,353,640. The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under this competition is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on congressional action.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$110,040–\$750,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$165,060.

Estimated Number of Awards: 80.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, 99; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stipend Level: The Secretary will determine the GAANN fellowship

stipend for the academic year 2001–2002 based on the level of support provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate fellowships, except that the amount will be adjusted as necessary so as not to exceed the GAANN fellow's demonstrated level of financial need.

Institutional Payment: The Secretary will determine the institutional payment for the academic year 2001–2002 by adjusting the academic year 2000–2001 institutional payment, which is \$10,500 per fellow, by the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year.

Priorities

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 648.33 the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds only applications that meet this absolute priority:

A project funded under this priority must propose to provide fellowships in one or more of the following areas of national need: Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Engineering, Geological and Related Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics.

Invitational Priority: Within the absolute priority specified in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications from programs in one or more of the academic areas of national need that will provide students with the opportunity for research or training in a foreign country. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive preference over other applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cosette H. Ryan, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006–8521.

Telephone: (202) 502–7637. The e-mail address for the GAANN Program is: ope_gaann_program@ed.gov.

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