

Beneficiary Cost-Share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$149 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed

charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2000.
Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high

TRICARE volume is \$702 per day for FY 2001.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent for FY 2001.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2001

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	\$225	\$169
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	242	182
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	213	160
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	213	160
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL)	231	173
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS)	249	187
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK)	249	187
West:		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV)	252	189
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI)	246	185

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

DoD Dependent Schools; Eligibility Requirements

AGENCY: DoD, DoDDS.

ACTION: Notice.

On September 8, 2000, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy (ASD(FMP)), signed a memorandum to the Interim Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), changing DoD Directive 1342.12 “Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas,” dated July 8, 1982.

The change designates for enrollment on a space-available, tuition-free basis the class of dependents of NATO forces assigned to the NATO site at Larissa, Greece, excluding the host nation. This class waiver will be effective for school years 2000–2001 and 2001–2002, to the extent space is available, in order to allow sufficient time for the NATO command to explore other education options. This waiver will permit the enrollment of approximately 30 dependents of NATO forces. No

Department of Defense (DoD) funds may be used to hire additional English as a Second Language instructors. Either the NATO forces or the NATO families must ensure the students are prepared for English language instruction.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DoD Directive 1342.13, “Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas,” dated July 2, 1982, is published at 32 CFR Pt. 71, and copies are available at cost from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, or the DoDEA web site: www.ododedea.edu. Questions can be addressed to DoDEA Attention: Ms. Gail Terres, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203–1635.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

DoD Dependent Schools; Eligibility Requirements

AGENCY: DoD, DoDDS.

ACTION: Notice.

On August 17, 2000, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy (ASD(FMP)), signed a memorandum to change Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 1342.13,

“Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas,” dated July 8, 1982. The change provides financial assistance for the education of certain Defense dependents overseas in areas in which the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) does not operate a school. Sponsors must obtain approval for the allowance from the cognizant DoDDS approval authority prior to incurring any expense, with the amount of the educational allowance normally not to exceed the “at post” rate authorized by the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) (Government Civilians in Foreign Areas), Sections 031.1 and 277.1, for the overseas location to which the DoD sponsor is assigned. No allowance will be provided to defray the educational expenses of dependents of eligible sponsors stationed in overseas areas where local, tax-supported schools provide an educational program in the English language. In such instances, sponsors are expected either to send their dependents to local public schools or to be personally responsible for their private school tuition. The only exception to this policy will be for those dependents whose DoD sponsors are either assigned to a Department of State Activity or independently assigned as an exchange officer to a host nation program. In these cases, the DoD sponsor will be afforded the same educational allowance provided to Department of State employees, or to members of the host nation program to which the DoD sponsor is assigned or attached, up to the published DSSR rate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DoD Directive 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas," dated July 2, 1982, is published at 32 CFR part 71 and copies are available, at cost, from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) web site: www.odedodea.edu. Questions can be addressed to the Department of Defense Education Activity, Attention: Ms. Gail Terres, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC), Operations Section, announces the proposed renewal of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to AFROTC/DOJ, 551 East Maxwell Blvd, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this

proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call AFROTC/DOJO at (334) 953-5116.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Establishment of Air Force Junior ROTC Unit, AFOATS Form 59, OMB Number 0701-0114.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information about schools which would like to host an Air Force Junior ROTC unit.

Affected Public: Schools which desire to establish an Air Force Junior ROTC unit.

Annual Burden Hours: 20.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 Minutes.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection:

Respondents are high school officials who provide information about their school which is interested in hosting an Air Force JROTC unit. The completed form is used to determine the eligibility of the school to host an Air Force JROTC unit. If the form is not included in the file, a school cannot be offered the opportunity to host an AFJROTC unit.

Janet A. Long,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE-PS03-01SF22221 and Program Announcement LAB NE-2001-1 Under the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI)

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Oakland Operations Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office intends to issue a Solicitation and a Program Announcement on or about October 17, 2000, seeking applications/proposals for innovative scientific and engineering research and development in the field of nuclear energy as part of the Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI). NERI is designed to support innovative research that can address the principal technical and scientific obstacles to future use of nuclear power in the U.S. NERI is also intended to reinvigorate the vital nuclear scientific

and engineering infrastructure within U.S. universities, industry and DOE national laboratories.

The Solicitation will invite financial assistance applications from universities or other institutions of higher learning, industry, non-profit and R&D organizations and collaborations among organizations, including those in which DOE national laboratories are participating, but not as the lead organization. The Program Announcement will be issued simultaneously for applications in which a DOE national laboratory is the sole or lead performing organization.

The fields of research include: (1) Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems; (2) Proliferation Resistant Reactors and Fuel Technology; (3) Advanced Nuclear Fuels and; (4) Fundamental Science.

Up to \$6 million of Government Fiscal Year 2001 Federal funds are expected to be available for awards under the Solicitation and the complementary Program Announcement. Typical funding of individual awards is expected to be in the range of \$200,000 to \$400,000 per year. Collaborative research projects involving two or more organizations may receive larger awards, where merited. The period of performance for individual projects is expected to be one to three years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Funds are not presently available for these financial assistance awards. Any financial assistance awarded as a result of the Solicitation shall be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. No legal liability on the part of the Government for the payment of any money shall arise unless and until appropriated funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these awards. We anticipate the receipt of funding for the Solicitation and Program Announcement under the authority of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2001.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.121.

The Solicitation text and Program Announcement is expected to be posted on the Oakland Operations Web Site: http://www.oak.doe.gov/financial/sol_page.html on or about October 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise Berry, Contract Specialist; Financial Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, 700N, Oakland, California 94612-5208; telephone (510) 637-1873.