

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing****AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent No. 6,393,327 entitled "Microelectronic Stimulator Array", Navy Case No. 82,449.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine M. Cotell, Ph.D., Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230. Due to temporary U.S. Postal Service delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, E-Mail: [cotell@nrl.navy.mil](mailto:cotell@nrl.navy.mil) or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Local Flexibility Demonstration Program: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; Notice Inviting Applications for the Local Flexibility Demonstration Program**

**Purpose of the Program:** To provide local educational agencies (LEAs) with high-quality local flexibility demonstration proposals an opportunity to enter into local flexibility demonstration agreements ("Local-Flex" agreements) with the Secretary. The LEAs that the Secretary selects to participate in the Local-Flex program will have the flexibility to consolidate certain Federal formula grant funds in order to assist them in meeting the State's definition of adequate yearly progress and the LEA's specific measurable goals for improving student

achievement and narrowing achievement gaps.

**Eligible Applicants:** LEAs in the following States are eligible to apply for Local-Flex: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

By statute, the Secretary may enter into Local-Flex agreements with no more than three LEAs in a State. Therefore, any consortium that seeks a Local-Flex agreement may include no more than three LEAs. Furthermore, only LEAs that receive formula grant funds from their State educational agency (SEA) under the Federal programs subject to consolidation may seek Local-Flex authority.

LEAs in the following States may not apply at this time because their SEA indicated, by May 8, 2002, an intent to apply for State-Flex authority: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas. In addition, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the outlying areas are not eligible to apply for Local-Flex because, for purposes of this program, the legislation considers a state-wide LEA to be an SEA.

Under the legislation, a State generally cannot receive State-Flex authority if one of its LEAs has entered into a Local-Flex agreement with the Secretary. If an LEA enters into a Local-Flex agreement with the Secretary, its SEA may subsequently seek State-Flex authority only if that LEA agrees to be part of the SEA's State-Flex proposal.

**Applications Available:** September 17, 2002.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** September 17, 2002.

**Notification of Intent to Apply for Local-Flex:** We will be able to develop a more efficient process for reviewing Local-Flex applications if we have a better understanding of the number of LEAs that intend to seek participation in the program. Therefore, we strongly encourage each potential applicant to send, by August 19, 2002, a notification of its intent to apply for participation in the Local-Flex program to the following address: [LocalFlex@ed.gov](mailto:LocalFlex@ed.gov).

The notification of intent to apply for participation in Local-Flex is *optional* and should not include information regarding the potential applicant's

Local-Flex proposal. LEAs that fail to provide the notification may still submit an application by the application deadline.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Sections 6151 through 6156 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), authorize the Secretary of Education to enter into local flexibility demonstration agreements ("Local-Flex" agreements) with up to eighty LEAs. The Secretary will select Local-Flex LEAs on a competitive basis in accordance with the selection criteria contained in a notice published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**. The application requirements and a description of the application process are also provided in that notice.

The Secretary intends to select up to forty LEAs for participation in Local-Flex under this competition, and will select the remaining LEAs in a subsequent competition.

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[LocalFlex@ed.gov](mailto:LocalFlex@ed.gov).

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**Applications:** You may obtain a copy of the application on the Department's Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/flexibility/#prog>.

You may also obtain a copy of the application from the contact person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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