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| Weave | Plain |
| Average Yarn No. | 43 to 48 |
| Fabric 6 | |
| HTSUS | 5210.51.40 |
| Fiber Content | 51 to 60% cotton, 49 to 40% polyester |
| Grams/ Square Meter | 107 to 113 |
| Finish | Printed |
| Weave | Plain |
| Average Yarn No. | 33 to 37 |
| Fabric 7 | |
| HTSUS | 5208.42.40 |
| Fiber Content | 100% cotton |
| Grams/ Square Meter | 100 to 105 |
| Finish | Yarn Dyed |
| Weave | Plain |
| Average Yarn No. | 47 to 53 |
| Fabric 8 | |
| HTSUS | 5208.41.40 |
| Fiber Content | 100% cotton |
| Grams/ Square Meter | 95 to 100 |
| Finish | Yarn Dyed |
| Weave | Plain |
| Average Yarn No. | 37 to 42 |
| Fabric 9 | |
| HTSUS | 5208.52.30 |
| Fiber Content | 100% cotton |
| Grams/ Square Meter | 112 to 118 |
| Finish | Printed |
| Weave | Plain |
| Average Yarn No. | 38 to 42 |
| Fabric 10 | |
| HTSUS | 5208.51.40 |
| Fiber Content | 100% cotton |
| Grams/ Square Meter | 93 to 97 |
| Finish | Printed |
| Weave | Plain |
| Average Yarn No. | 38 to 42 |

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether the woven fabrics

described above can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

Comments must be received no later than April 29, 2005. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these woven fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of woven fabrics stating that it produces one or more of the woven fabrics that are the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Threat Reduction Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics).
ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Threat Reduction Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), and on Friday, April 8, 2005 in the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

The Committee meets twice per year to advise the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) on reducing the threat from weapons of

mass destruction. The Committee will receive classified briefings on chemical and biological warfare defense, nuclear deterrence transformation, combating weapons of mass destruction, and intelligence requirements. The Committee will hold classified discussions on these and related national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix II), it has been determined that this Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: Thursday, April 7, 2005, (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Friday, April 8, 2005, (8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)

ADDRESSES: Institute for Defense Analyses, Board Room, 4850 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia and the USD (AT&L) Conference Room (3D1019), the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Colonel Don Culp, USAF, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/AST, 8725 John J. Kingman Road MS 6201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201. *Phone:* (703) 767-5717.

Dated: March 23, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

ACTION: Notice of revised non-foreign overseas *per diem* rates.

SUMMARY: The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 238. This bulletin lists revisions in the *per diem* rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 238 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid *per diem* at the most current rates.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 1, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in *per diem* rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel

Per Diem Bulletin Number 237. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in *per diem*

rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about *per diem* rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

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Maximum Per Diem Rates for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States by Federal Government civilian employees.

| LOCALITY | MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT | | M&IE RATE | | MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|---|------------------------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
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| THE ONLY CHANGE IN CIVILIAN BULLETIN 238 ARE UPDATES TO THE RATES FOR ALASKA. | | | | | | |
| ALASKA | | | | | | |
| ADAK | 120 | | 79 | | 199 | 07/01/2003 |
| ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES] | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 170 | | 89 | | 259 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 95 | | 81 | | 176 | 06/01/2004 |
| BARROW | 159 | | 95 | | 254 | 05/01/2002 |
| BETHEL | 119 | | 77 | | 196 | 06/01/2004 |
| BETTLES | 135 | | 62 | | 197 | 10/01/2004 |
| CLEAR AB | 80 | | 55 | | 135 | 09/01/2001 |
| COLD BAY | 90 | | 73 | | 163 | 05/01/2002 |
| COLDFOOT | 135 | | 71 | | 206 | 10/01/1999 |
| COPPER CENTER | | | | | | |
| 05/16 - 09/15 | 109 | | 63 | | 172 | 07/01/2003 |
| 09/16 - 05/15 | 99 | | 63 | | 162 | 07/01/2003 |
| CORDOVA | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 110 | | 74 | | 184 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 85 | | 72 | | 157 | 04/01/2005 |
| CRAIG | | | | | | |
| 04/15 - 09/14 | 95 | | 61 | | 156 | 04/01/2005 |
| 09/15 - 04/14 | 125 | | 64 | | 189 | 04/01/2005 |
| DEADHORSE | 95 | | 67 | | 162 | 05/01/2002 |
| DELTA JUNCTION | 89 | | 75 | | 164 | 06/01/2004 |
| DENALI NATIONAL PARK | | | | | | |
| 06/01 - 08/31 | 114 | | 60 | | 174 | 04/01/2005 |
| 09/01 - 05/31 | 80 | | 57 | | 137 | 04/01/2005 |
| DILLINGHAM | 114 | | 69 | | 183 | 06/01/2004 |
| DUTCH HARBOR-UNALASKA | 121 | | 73 | | 194 | 04/01/2005 |
| EARECKSON AIR STATION | 80 | | 55 | | 135 | 09/01/2001 |
| EIELSON AFB | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 159 | | 88 | | 247 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 75 | | 79 | | 154 | 06/01/2004 |
| ELMENDORF AFB | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 170 | | 89 | | 259 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 95 | | 81 | | 176 | 06/01/2004 |
| FAIRBANKS | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 159 | | 88 | | 247 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 75 | | 79 | | 154 | 06/01/2004 |
| FOOTLOOSE | 175 | | 18 | | 193 | 06/01/2002 |
| FT. GREELY | 89 | | 75 | | 164 | 06/01/2004 |
| FT. RICHARDSON | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 170 | | 89 | | 259 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 95 | | 81 | | 176 | 06/01/2004 |
| FT. WAINWRIGHT | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 159 | | 88 | | 247 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 75 | | 79 | | 154 | 06/01/2004 |
| GLENNALLEN | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 125 | | 73 | | 198 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 89 | | 69 | | 158 | 04/01/2005 |

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HEALY | | | | | | |
| 06/01 - 08/31 | 114 | | 60 | | 174 | 04/01/2005 |
| 09/01 - 05/31 | 80 | | 57 | | 137 | 04/01/2005 |
| HOMER | | | | | | |
| 05/15 - 09/15 | 125 | | 73 | | 198 | 04/01/2005 |
| 09/16 - 05/14 | 76 | | 68 | | 144 | 04/01/2005 |
| JUNEAU | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 109 | | 80 | | 189 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 79 | | 77 | | 156 | 04/01/2005 |
| KAKTOVIK | 165 | | 86 | | 251 | 05/01/2002 |
| KAVIK CAMP | 150 | | 69 | | 219 | 05/01/2002 |
| KENAI-SOLDOTNA | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 08/31 | 129 | | 82 | | 211 | 04/01/2005 |
| 09/01 - 04/30 | 79 | | 77 | | 156 | 04/01/2005 |
| 11/01 - 03/31 | 69 | | 75 | | 144 | 04/01/2003 |
| KENNICOTT | 189 | | 85 | | 274 | 04/01/2005 |
| KETCHIKAN | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 135 | | 82 | | 217 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 98 | | 78 | | 176 | 04/01/2005 |
| KING SALMON | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 10/01 | 225 | | 91 | | 316 | 05/01/2002 |
| 10/02 - 04/30 | 125 | | 81 | | 206 | 05/01/2002 |
| KLAWOCK | | | | | | |
| 04/15 - 09/14 | 95 | | 61 | | 156 | 04/01/2005 |
| 09/15 - 04/14 | 125 | | 64 | | 189 | 04/01/2005 |
| KODIAK | 112 | | 80 | | 192 | 04/01/2005 |
| KOTZEBUE | | | | | | |
| 05/15 - 09/30 | 141 | | 86 | | 227 | 02/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 05/14 | 135 | | 85 | | 220 | 02/01/2005 |
| KULIS AGS | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 170 | | 89 | | 259 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 95 | | 81 | | 176 | 06/01/2004 |
| MCCARTHY | 189 | | 85 | | 274 | 04/01/2005 |
| METLAKATLA | | | | | | |
| 05/30 - 10/01 | 98 | | 48 | | 146 | 05/01/2002 |
| 10/02 - 05/29 | 78 | | 47 | | 125 | 05/01/2002 |
| MURPHY DOME | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/15 | 159 | | 88 | | 247 | 06/01/2004 |
| 09/16 - 04/30 | 75 | | 79 | | 154 | 06/01/2004 |
| NOME | 120 | | 84 | | 204 | 04/01/2005 |
| NUIQSUT | 180 | | 53 | | 233 | 05/01/2002 |
| PETERSEBURG | 90 | | 64 | | 154 | 06/01/2004 |
| POINT HOPE | 130 | | 70 | | 200 | 03/01/1999 |
| POINT LAY | 105 | | 67 | | 172 | 03/01/1999 |
| PORT ALSWORTH | 135 | | 88 | | 223 | 05/01/2002 |
| PRUDHOE BAY | 95 | | 67 | | 162 | 05/01/2002 |
| SEWARD | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 145 | | 79 | | 224 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 62 | | 71 | | 133 | 04/01/2005 |
| SITKA-MT. EDGE CUMBE | | | | | | |

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 119 | | 66 | | 185 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 99 | | 64 | | 163 | 04/01/2005 |
| SKAGWAY | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 135 | | 82 | | 217 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 98 | | 78 | | 176 | 04/01/2005 |
| SLANA | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 139 | | 55 | | 194 | 02/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 99 | | 55 | | 154 | 02/01/2005 |
| SPRUCE CAPE | 112 | | 80 | | 192 | 04/01/2005 |
| ST. GEORGE | 129 | | 55 | | 184 | 06/01/2004 |
| TALKEETNA | 100 | | 89 | | 189 | 07/01/2002 |
| TANANA | 120 | | 84 | | 204 | 04/01/2005 |
| TOGIAC | 100 | | 39 | | 139 | 07/01/2002 |
| TOK | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 90 | | 66 | | 156 | 06/01/2004 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 60 | | 63 | | 123 | 06/01/2004 |
| UMIAT | 180 | | 107 | | 287 | 04/01/2005 |
| UNALAKLEET | 79 | | 80 | | 159 | 04/01/2003 |
| VALDEZ | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 10/01 | 129 | | 74 | | 203 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/02 - 04/30 | 79 | | 69 | | 148 | 04/01/2005 |
| WASILLA | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 134 | | 78 | | 212 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 80 | | 73 | | 153 | 04/01/2005 |
| WRANGELL | | | | | | |
| 05/01 - 09/30 | 135 | | 82 | | 217 | 04/01/2005 |
| 10/01 - 04/30 | 98 | | 78 | | 176 | 04/01/2005 |
| YAKUTAT | 110 | | 68 | | 178 | 03/01/1999 |
| [OTHER] | 80 | | 55 | | 135 | 09/01/2001 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | | | | | | |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 135 | | 67 | | 202 | 06/01/2004 |
| GUAM | | | | | | |
| GUAM (INCL ALL MIL INSTAL) | 135 | | 89 | | 224 | 09/01/2004 |
| HAWAII | | | | | | |
| CAMP H M SMITH | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| EASTPAC NAVAL COMP TELE AREA | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| FT. DERUSSEY | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| FT. SHAFTER | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| HICKAM AFB | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| HONOLULU (INCL NAV & MC RES CTR) | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| ISLE OF HAWAII: HILO | 100 | | 80 | | 180 | 06/01/2003 |
| ISLE OF HAWAII: OTHER | 150 | | 79 | | 229 | 06/01/2003 |
| ISLE OF KAUAI | 158 | | 93 | | 251 | 06/01/2004 |
| ISLE OF MAUI | 159 | | 95 | | 254 | 06/01/2004 |
| ISLE OF OAHU | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| KEKAHA PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FAC | 158 | | 93 | | 251 | 06/01/2004 |
| KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP | 100 | | 80 | | 180 | 06/01/2003 |
| LANAI | 400 | | 148 | | 548 | 06/01/2004 |
| LUALUALEI NAVAL MAGAZINE | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| MCB HAWAII | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| MOLOKAI | 93 | | 91 | | 184 | 06/01/2004 |
| NAS BARBERS POINT | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| PEARL HARBOR [INCL ALL MILITARY] | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| SCHOFIELD BARRACKS | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD | 129 | | 91 | | 220 | 06/01/2004 |
| [OTHER] | 72 | | 61 | | 133 | 01/01/2000 |
| JOHNSTON ATOLL | | | | | | |
| JOHNSTON ATOLL | 0 | | 14 | | 14 | 05/01/2002 |
| MIDWAY ISLANDS | | | | | | |
| MIDWAY ISLANDS [INCL ALL MILITAR | 150 | | 47 | | 197 | 02/01/2000 |
| NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS | | | | | | |
| ROTA | 129 | | 90 | | 219 | 09/01/2004 |
| SAIPAN | 121 | | 92 | | 213 | 09/01/2004 |
| TINIAN | 85 | | 70 | | 155 | 09/01/2004 |
| [OTHER] | 55 | | 72 | | 127 | 04/01/2000 |
| PUERTO RICO | | | | | | |
| BAYAMON | | | | | | |
| 04/11 - 12/23 | 155 | | 71 | | 226 | 01/01/2000 |
| 12/24 - 04/10 | 195 | | 75 | | 270 | 01/01/2000 |
| CAROLINA | | | | | | |
| 04/11 - 12/23 | 155 | | 71 | | 226 | 01/01/2000 |
| 12/24 - 04/10 | 195 | | 75 | | 270 | 01/01/2000 |
| FAJARDO [INCL CEIBA & LUQUILLO] | 82 | | 54 | | 136 | 01/01/2000 |
| FT. BUCHANAN [INCL GSA SVC CTR, | | | | | | |
| 04/11 - 12/23 | 155 | | 71 | | 226 | 01/01/2000 |
| 12/24 - 04/10 | 195 | | 75 | | 270 | 01/01/2000 |
| HUMACAO | 82 | | 54 | | 136 | 01/01/2000 |
| LUIS MUNOZ MARIN IAP AGS | | | | | | |
| 04/11 - 12/23 | 155 | | 71 | | 226 | 01/01/2000 |
| 12/24 - 04/10 | 195 | | 75 | | 270 | 01/01/2000 |
| MAYAGUEZ | 85 | | 59 | | 144 | 01/01/2000 |
| PONCE | 96 | | 69 | | 165 | 01/01/2000 |
| ROOSEVELT RDS & NAV STA | 82 | | 54 | | 136 | 01/01/2000 |
| SABANA SECA [INCL ALL MILITARY] | | | | | | |
| 04/11 - 12/23 | 155 | | 71 | | 226 | 01/01/2000 |
| 12/24 - 04/10 | 195 | | 75 | | 270 | 01/01/2000 |
| SAN JUAN & NAV RES STA | | | | | | |
| 04/11 - 12/23 | 155 | | 71 | | 226 | 01/01/2000 |
| 12/24 - 04/10 | 195 | | 75 | | 270 | 01/01/2000 |
| [OTHER] | 62 | | 57 | | 119 | 01/01/2000 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.) | | | | | | |
| ST. CROIX | | | | | | |
| 04/15 - 12/14 | 98 | | 83 | | 181 | 08/01/2003 |
| 12/15 - 04/14 | 135 | | 87 | | 222 | 08/01/2003 |
| ST. JOHN | | | | | | |
| 04/15 - 12/14 | 110 | | 91 | | 201 | 08/01/2003 |
| 12/15 - 04/14 | 185 | | 98 | | 283 | 08/01/2003 |
| ST. THOMAS | | | | | | |
| 04/15 - 12/14 | 163 | | 95 | | 258 | 08/01/2003 |
| 12/15 - 04/14 | 220 | | 99 | | 319 | 08/01/2003 |

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|-------------|------------------------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
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| WAKE ISLAND | | | | | | |
| WAKE ISLAND | 60 | | 32 | | 92 | 09/01/1998 |

Dated: March 23, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Program

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final priority, requirements, and definitions.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement announces a priority, requirements, and definitions under the Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination program. We may use this priority, and these requirements and definitions for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2005 and later years. We take this action to focus Federal financial assistance on an identified national need for the enhancement, expansion, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative, cohesive models that are based on research and have demonstrated that they effectively: (1) Integrate standards-based arts education into the core elementary and middle school curricula; (2) strengthen standards-based arts instruction in these grades; and (3) improve students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing, and responding to the arts. We intend the priority, requirements, and definitions to enable the Department to award grants that increase the amount of information on effective models for arts education that is available nationally and that integrate the arts with standards-based education programs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This priority and these requirements and definitions are effective April 29, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Grant program is authorized by Title V, Part D, Subpart 15 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (ESEA). It provides resources that local educational agencies (LEAs) and other eligible applicants can use in pursuit of the objectives of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), which aims for all elementary and secondary students to achieve to high standards. This program provides an opportunity for eligible entities to implement and expand effective model programs in schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Title I, Part A of the ESEA.

We published a notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions for this program in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2005 (70 FR 2397). The notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions included a discussion of the significant issues and analysis carried out in the determination of the priority, definitions, and application requirements. (See pages 2398 through 2399 of that notice.)

Except for minor editorial revisions, there are no differences between the notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions and this notice of final priority, requirements, and definitions.

Analysis of Comments and Changes

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed priority, requirements, and definitions, nine parties submitted comments. An analysis of the comments we received and our responses follows.

We discuss substantive issues under the title of the priority, requirement, or definition to which they pertain. Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes—and suggested changes that we are not authorized to make under the applicable statutory authority.

A. Proposed Priority

Comment: One commenter stated that the priority should give preference to applicants in rural areas because, the commenter believes, rural areas with migrant populations and large second language populations are overlooked while a great deal of funding is directed to urban areas.

Discussion: This program provides an opportunity for eligible entities to

develop programs in schools, including schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Title I, Part A of the ESEA. One of the application selection criteria requires applicants to describe the extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses. This criterion provides an opportunity for applicants, both urban and rural, to provide evidence of need. The criterion should thus give both urban and rural applicants an opportunity to receive funding.

Change: None.

Comment: One commenter suggested that the priority include professional development for teachers and teaching artists.

Discussion: We agree that professional development for both teachers and teaching artists can be an important component of an arts education program. However, requiring that applicants include professional development for teachers and teaching artists would be too prescriptive. For example, not all high-quality projects might include the involvement of teaching artists in the project design, and not all projects might include professional development for both teachers and teaching artists. A broader priority is more appropriate.

Change: None.

Comments: One commenter suggested that the program be expanded to include high schools as well as elementary and middle schools to avoid the “disconnect” between middle and high school arts programs. Two additional comments, however, supported the priority as written.

Discussion: We agree that arts education is important in high school, but believe that this program should continue to serve elementary and middle school only. High school students more frequently have the opportunity to take art classes from teachers who are highly qualified in their subject area. Elementary and middle school teachers often are required to include the arts standards as a part of the core curriculum even if they have little or no pre-service arts instruction. The priority as proposed, therefore, would increase the opportunity for students in elementary and middle school grades to receive high-quality arts-infused instruction.

Change: None.