

deliver the original and two copies of your application, by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.066A), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications: If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department:

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 4 of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (SF 424) the CFDA number—and suffix letter, if any—of the competition under which you are submitting your application.

(2) The Application Control Center will mail a grant application receipt acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the grant application receipt acknowledgment within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

V. Application Review Information

1. **Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria for this program are from 34 CFR 644.21 and are listed in the application package.

Note: Under the "Objectives" selection criterion, 34 CFR 644.21(b), applicants must address both outcome and process objectives that are related to each of the purposes of the EOC Program as described in 34 CFR 644.1. The application package for this program specifies the following four objectives related to the purposes of the EOC program: Increasing enrollment in continuing education programs, increasing applications for student financial aid, increasing applications for postsecondary education admissions, and increasing postsecondary education enrollment. The EOC Program Profile page in the application package details more specific information that applicants must submit regarding these four objectives. Applicants may, but are not required to, develop additional objectives for their project.

2. **Review and Selection Process:** The Secretary will select an application for funding in rank-order, based on the application's total score for the selection criteria and prior experience, pursuant to 34 CFR 644.20 through 644.22. If there are insufficient funds for two or more applications with the same total scores, the Secretary will choose among

the tied applications so as to serve geographical areas and eligible populations that have been underserved by the EOC Program.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. **Award Notices:** If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notice (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. **Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. **Reporting:** At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditures information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. **Performance Measures:** The success of the EOC Program is measured by the EOC Program participants' success in enrollment in continuing education programs, completion of applications for student financial aid, submission of applications for postsecondary admission, and postsecondary education enrollment. All EOC Program grantees will be required to submit an annual performance report.

VII. Agency Contacts

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margaret Wingfield or Rachael Couch, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006-8510. Telephone: (202) 502-7600 or by e-mail: TRIO@ed.gov

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VIII. Other Information

Electronic Access to This Document: You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: www.ed.gov/news/fedregister.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC area at (202) 512-1530.

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Dated: December 20, 2005.

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Overview Information; Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.184H.

Dates/Applications Available: December 23, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 6, 2006.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 7, 2006.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education (IHEs), consortia thereof, public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, and individuals.

Estimated Available Funds: \$1,750,000. Contingent upon the availability of funds, we may make additional awards in FY 2007 and subsequent years from the list of nonfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Number of Awards: 14.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000—\$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$125,000.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months. Projects will be funded for one year with an option for an additional year, contingent upon substantial progress by the grantee and the availability of funds.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior Among College Students provides awards to develop or enhance, implement, and evaluate campus-and/or community-based strategies to prevent high-risk drinking or violent behavior among college students.

Priorities: These priorities are from the notice of final priorities and selection criteria for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2000 (65 FR 82224–82226), and the correction notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 2001 (66 FR 1963) (collectively, the Notice of Final Priorities and Selection Criteria).

Absolute Priorities: For FY 2006 and any subsequent year in which we make awards on the basis of the list of nonfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are absolute priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet either of the absolute priorities.

These priorities are:

Absolute Priority One—Develop or Enhance, Implement, and Evaluate Campus—and/or Community-Based Strategies To Prevent High-Risk Drinking Among College Students

Under this priority, applicants are required to:

- (1) Identify a specific student population to be served by the grant and provide a justification for its selection;
- (2) Provide evidence that a needs assessment has been conducted on campus to document prevalence rates related to high-risk drinking by the population selected;
- (3) Set measurable goals and objectives for the proposed project and provide a description of how progress toward achieving the goals and objectives will be measured annually;
- (4) Design and implement prevention strategies, using student input and participation, that research has shown to be effective in preventing high-risk drinking by the target population;
- (5) Use a qualified evaluator to design and implement an evaluation of the project using outcomes-based (summative) performance indicators related to behavioral change and process

(formative) measures that assess and document the strategies used; and

- (6) Demonstrate the ability to start the project within 60 days after receiving Federal funding in order to maximize the time available to show impact within the grant period.

Absolute Priority Two—Develop or Enhance, Implement, and Evaluate Campus—and/or Community-Based Strategies To Prevent Violent Behavior Among College Students

Under this priority, applicants are required to:

- (1) Identify a specific student population to be served by the grant and provide a justification for its selection;
- (2) Provide evidence that a needs assessment has been conducted on campus to document prevalence rates related to violent behavior;
- (3) Set measurable goals and objectives for the proposed project and provide a description of how progress toward achieving the goals and objectives will be measured annually;
- (4) Design and implement prevention strategies, using student input and participation, that research has shown to be effective in preventing violent behavior among college students;
- (5) Use a qualified evaluator to design and implement an evaluation of the project using outcomes-based (summative) performance indicators related to behavioral change and process (formative) measures that assess and document the strategies used; and
- (6) Demonstrate the ability to start the project within 60 days after receiving Federal funding in order to maximize the time available to show impact within the grant period.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Notice of Final Priority and Selection Criteria.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to IHEs only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$1,750,000. Contingent upon the availability of funds, we may make additional awards in FY 2007 and subsequent years from the list of nonfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$100,000—\$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$125,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 14.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months. Projects will be funded for one year with an option for an additional year, contingent upon substantial progress by the grantee and the availability of funds.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* IHEs, consortia thereof, public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, and individuals.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This program does not involve cost sharing or matching.

IV. Application Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794–1398. Telephone (toll-free): 1–877–433–7827.0 Fax: 1–301–470–1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1–877–576–7734.

You also may contact ED Pubs at its Web site: www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

You may also access the electronic version of the application at the following Web site: www.ed.gov/programs/dvphighrisk/index.html.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA Number 84.184H.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this competition.

Page Limit: The program narrative section should not exceed 25 double-spaced pages using a standard font no smaller than 12-point, with 1-inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right). The narrative should follow the format and sequence of the selection criteria.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:* Applications Available: December 23, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 6, 2006.

Applications for grants under this competition may be submitted

electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) accessible through the Department's e-Grants system, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery, please refer to section IV. 6. *Other Submission Requirements* in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 7, 2006.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:* Applications for grants under this competition may be submitted electronically or in paper format by mail or hand delivery.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.* If you choose to submit your application to us electronically, you must use e-Application available through the Department's e-Grants system, accessible through the e-Grants portal page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

While completing your electronic application, you will be entering data online that will be saved into a database. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

Please note the following:

- Your participation in e-Application is voluntary.
- You must complete the electronic submission of your grant application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, on the application deadline date. The e-Application system will not accept an application for this competition after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, on the application deadline date. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process.

- The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday, Washington, DC, time. Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and between 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 6 a.m. on Thursdays, Washington, DC, time, for maintenance. Any

modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications. If you choose to submit your application electronically, you must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified above or submit a password protected file, we will not review that material.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.

- Prior to submitting your electronic application, you may wish to print a copy of it for your records.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement that will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the ED 424 to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

- (1) Print ED 424 from e-Application.

- (2) The applicant's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.

- (3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard-copy signature page of the ED 424.

- (4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 245-6272.

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on other forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability: If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if—

- (1) You are a registered user of e-Application and you have initiated an electronic application for this competition; and

- (2)(a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, on the application deadline date; or

- (b) The e-Application system is unavailable for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** (see VII. Agency Contact) or (2) the e-Grants help desk at 1-888-336-8930. If the system is down and therefore the application deadline is extended, an e-mail will be sent to all registered users who have initiated an e-Application.

Extensions referred to in this section apply only to the unavailability of the Department's e-Application system. If the e-Application system is available, and, for any reason, you are unable to submit your application electronically or you do not receive an automatic acknowledgment of your submission, you may submit your application in paper format by mail or hand delivery in accordance with the instructions in this notice.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.* If you submit your application in paper format by mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier), you must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

By mail through the U.S. Postal Service: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.184H), 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4260; or

By mail through a commercial carrier: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center—Stop 4260, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.184H), 7100 Old Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785-1506.

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark,

- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service,

- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or

- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark, or
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

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V. Application Review Information

1. **Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria for this program are from the Notice of Final Priorities and Selection Criteria and are listed in the application package.

2. **Review and Selection Process:** An additional factor we may consider in selecting an application for an award is the geographic distribution of the projects, in addition to the rank order of applicants.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. **Award Notices:** If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification

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2. **Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. **Reporting:** If funded, you are expected to collect data on the key GPRA performance measures for this program and report those data to the Department in your annual performance report and final performance report. At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118. We also may require more frequent performance reports in accordance with 34 CFR 75.720(c).

4. **Performance Measures:** We have identified the following key GPRA performance measures for assessing the effectiveness of this program at the end of these two-year grants: (1) The percentage of grantees that achieve a five percent decrease in high-risk drinking among students served by the project (Absolute Priority One) and (2) the percentage of grantees that achieve a five percent decrease in violent behavior among students served by the project (Absolute Priority Two).

VII. Agency Contact

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Lucey, Jr., U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E335, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Telephone: (202) 205-5471 or by e-mail: richard.lucey@ed.gov.

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Dated: December 20, 2005.

Deborah A. Price,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 1 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Jemez Complex, Santa Fe Community College, 6401 Richards Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: msantistevan@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is