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Dated: January 21, 1999.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader,

Information Management Group,

Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for Grants under Bilingual Education: Training for all Teachers.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 7,080.

Abstract: The Department needs and uses this information to make grants. The respondents are local educational agencies, State educational agencies and institutions of higher education and are required to provide this information in applying for grants.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos.: 84.320A, 84.321A, and 84.322A]

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Notice Inviting Application for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1999

SUMMARY: The Secretary invites applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1999 under three direct grant programs for Alaska Natives and announces deadline dates for the transmittal of application under these programs.

Date Applications Available: January 27, 1999.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 26, 1999.

Estimated Available Funds: Up to \$2 million.

Note: The Secretary will hold a single competition for projects under all three programs described in this notice. These funds will be allocated among the highest-quality applications received. Applicants must submit a separate application for each program for which they apply.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000 to \$2,000,000.

Project Period for all Programs: 36 months.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Funding estimates are for the first year of the project period only. Funding for the second and third years is subject to the availability of funds and the approval of continuation awards (see 34 CFR 75.253).

84.320A—Alaska Native Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program

Purpose of Program: To support projects that recognize and address the unique educational needs of Alaska Native students through consolidation, development, and implementation of educational plans and strategies to improve schooling for Alaska, Natives, development of curricula, and the training and recruitment of teachers. This program is authorized by section 9304 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs or programs of instruction conducted in Alaska Native languages, or partnerships involving Alaska Native organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7934.

84.321A—Alaska Native Home-Based Education for Preschool Children.

Purpose of Program: To support home instruction programs for preschool Alaska Native children that develop

parents as educators for their children and ensure the active involvement of parents in the education of their children from the earliest ages. This program is authorized by section 9305 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs, or partnerships involving Alaska Native organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7935.

84.322A—Alaska Native Student Enrichment Programs.

Purpose of Program: To support projects that provide enrichment programs and family support services for Alaska Native students from rural areas who are preparing to enter village high schools so that they may excel in sciences and mathematics. This program is authorized by section 9306 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Eligible Applicants: Alaska Native educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs, or partnerships including Alaska Native organizations.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7936.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary uses the selection criteria published in 34 CFR 75.209 and 75.210 to evaluate applications for the Alaska Native Educational Planning, Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program; the Alaska Native Home-Based Education for Preschool Children Program; and the Alaska Native Student Enrichment Programs. The application package includes the selection criteria and the points assigned to each criterion.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

For Applications or Information Contact: Mrs. Lynn Thomas, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, FOB6, Room 3C124, Mail Stop 6140, Washington, D.C. 20202. Telephone (202) 260-1541, or FAX: (202) 250-5630. Internet: Lynn_Thomas@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 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also, by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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Dated: January 22, 1999.

Gerald N. Tirozzi,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Transuranic Waste Treatment Facility at Oak Ridge, TN

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations on the proposed construction, operation, and decontamination/decommissioning of a Transuranic (TRU) Waste Treatment Facility at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The four types of TRU waste that would be treated at the facility are remote-handled (RH)-TRU waste sludge, low-level radioactive waste supernatant associated with the sludge, contact-handled (CH)-TRU/alpha low-level radioactive waste solids, and RH-TRU/alpha low-level radioactive waste solids. Because much of the waste displays Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) characteristics, the

proposed facility would be permitted under RCRA. All the waste DOE proposes to treat currently is stored at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The proposed site for the treatment facility is adjacent to the Melton Valley Storage Tanks, where the waste sludge and supernatant are being stored.

DOE invites the public, organizations, and agencies to present oral or written comments concerning the scope of the EIS, including the issues the EIS should address and the alternatives it would analyze.

DATES: The public scoping period begins on the date of this publication and continues until February 26, 1999. Written comments submitted by mail should be postmarked by the closing date to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

DOE will conduct public scoping meetings to assist in defining the appropriate scope of the EIS and to identify significant environmental issues to be addressed. These meetings will be held at the following time(s) and location:

February 11, 1999, American Museum of Science and Energy, 300 South Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830; Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

February 16, 1999, American Museum of Science and Energy, 300 South Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830; Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Please direct comments or suggestions on the scope of the EIS, requests to speak at the public scoping meetings, requests for special accommodations to enable participation at scoping meetings (e.g., interpreter for the hearing-impaired), and questions concerning the project to: Gary L. Riner, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, telephone: (423) 241-3498, facsimile: (423) 576-5333, or e-mail riner@oro.doe.gov.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0119, telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Research and development activities supporting national defense and energy initiatives have been performed at ORNL since its construction in eastern Tennessee in 1943, generating

radioactive and hazardous waste legacies that now pose environmental concerns. Meeting the cleanup challenges associated with legacy TRU waste is a high priority for the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and stakeholders. The TRU waste treatment project at the ORNL will be an important component of DOE cleanup efforts at the site.

TRU waste is radioactive waste that is not classified as high-level radioactive waste and that contains more than 100 nanocuries per gram of alpha-emitting transuranic (atomic numbers greater than 92) isotopes with half-lives greater than 20 years. Alpha low-level radioactive waste contains alpha-emitting transuranic isotopes with half-lives greater than 20 years at concentrations less than 100 nanocuries per gram.

The TRU waste to be treated also contains beta- and gamma-emitting isotopes in addition to alpha-emitting isotopes, which result in its classification as either CH (surface dose rate of 200 mrem/hr or less) or RH (surface dose rate of greater than 200 mrem/hr).

Solid waste at ORNL is a heterogeneous mixture consisting of paper, glass, rubber, cloth, plastic, and metal from glove boxes, fuel processing, hot cells, and reactors. Solid waste is currently packaged in metal boxes, drums and concrete overpacks, and stored in RCRA permitted facilities. Most of the solid waste containers do not meet current Department of Transportation regulations and would require repackaging prior to shipment.

Based on generator records, the solid waste has been classified as either TRU or alpha low-level radioactive waste. However, because the nature of the solid waste can only be confirmed after retrieval and characterization, solid wastes addressed in this Notice of Intent are characterized as "TRU/alpha low-level radioactive waste" to note the current uncertainty. The solid waste may contain RCRA characteristic metals, but generator records do not indicate the presence of any RCRA listed constituents. The supernatant, the liquid layer covering the sludge in the tanks, is considered a low-level waste but is not considered hazardous under the RCRA definitions.

Approximately 62 percent of the legacy TRU wastes are currently stored in 50 year-old tanks. The remaining 38 percent of the legacy TRU wastes are currently stored in subsurface trenches, vaults, and metal buildings.

Approximate quantities of the four primary waste streams needing