

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Palm Beach Harbor Lake Worth Access Channel Expansion, Section 107 Small Navigation Project; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District published a notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Palm Beach Harbor Lake Worth Access Channel Expansion, Section 107 Small Navigation Project on February 25, 2003 (68 FR 8744). Due to a typographical error, the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources was identified as a cooperating agency and local sponsor of the project. The correction states that the preparation of the DEIS will be completed solely by the Corps, and that the local sponsor of the project is Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James McAdams, 904-232-2117, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville FL 32232-0019.

**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of February 25, 2003 (68 FR 8744) concerning intent to prepare a DEIS for the Palm Beach Harbor Lake Worth Access Channel Expansion, Section 107 Small Navigation Project on page 8744 third column, under the subheading "Agency Role" the statement should read as follows:

"The DEIS will be completed solely by the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, and that the local sponsor of the project is the Florida Inland Navigation District."

Dated: March 7, 2003.

**Loren M. Mason,**

*Chief, Environmental Branch.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, (National Advisory Committee); Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

**What Is the Purpose of This Notice?**

The purpose of this notice is to announce the public meeting of the National Advisory Committee and invite third-party oral presentations before the Committee. This notice also presents the proposed agenda and informs the public of its opportunity to attend this meeting. The notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?**

We will hold the public meeting on June 9, 2003 from 8:45 a.m. until 6 p.m., and on June 10, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202. You may call the hotel on (703) 415-5000 to inquire about rooms.

**What Assistance Will Be Provided to Individuals With Disabilities?**

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

**Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?**

Please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, the Executive Director of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, room 7007, MS 7592, 1990 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail: [Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov](mailto:Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**What Is the Authority for the National Advisory Committee?**

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c.

**What Are the Functions of the National Advisory Committee?**

The Committee advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the interim eligibility of those institutions to participate in Federally funded programs.
- The relationship between: (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

**What Items Will Be on the Agenda for Discussion at the Meeting?**

Agenda topics will include the review of agencies that have submitted petitions for initial recognition or renewal of recognition, submitted a progress report, or submitted interim reports. In addition, the National Advisory Committee will discuss its recommendations pertaining to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, as amended.

**What Agencies Will the Advisory Committee Review at the Meeting?**

The Advisory Committee will review the following agencies during its June 9-10, 2003 meeting.

### Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

#### *Petition for Initial Recognition*

1. Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary English language programs and institutions in the United States.)

2. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and pre-accreditation throughout the United States of graduate-level, four-year naturopathic medical educational programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D. or N.M.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.) degree.)

3. Teacher Education Accreditation Council (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation throughout the United States of professional education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of teachers K-12.)

#### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (Current scope of recognition: the accreditation of Montessori teacher education institutions and programs throughout the United States evaluated by the following review committees: the American Montessori Society Review Committee and the Independent Review Committee only.)

2. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools (Current scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of adult and postsecondary schools that offer programs below the degree level in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.)

*Interim Reports* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency.)

1. Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Commission on Accreditation.

2. American Academy for Liberal Education.

3. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission.

4. American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on

Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

5. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education.

6. Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission.

7. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

*Progress Report:* A report on the agency's implementation of its new accreditation process.

1. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

### State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

#### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Missouri State Board of Education

### State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

#### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Missouri State Board of Nursing

### Who Can Make Third-Party Oral Presentations at This Meeting?

We invite you to make a third-party oral presentation before the National Advisory Committee concerning the recognition of any agency published in this notice.

### How Do I Request to Make an Oral Presentation?

You must submit a written request to make an oral presentation concerning an agency listed in this notice to the contact person *so that the request is received via mail, fax, or e-mail no later than May 16, 2003*. Your request (*no more than 6 pages maximum*) must include:

1. The names, addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers of all persons seeking an appearance,

2. The organization they represent, and

3. A brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation.

If you wish, you may attach documents illustrating the main points of your oral testimony. Please keep in mind, however, that *any attachments are included in the 6-page limit*. Please do not send materials directly to Committee members. Only materials submitted by the deadline to the contact person listed in this notice and in accordance with these instructions become part of the official record and are considered by the Committee in its deliberations. Documents received after the May 16, 2003 deadline will not be distributed to the Advisory Committee for their consideration. Individuals

making oral presentations may not distribute written materials at the meeting.

### *If I Cannot Attend the Meeting, Can I Submit Written Comments Regarding an Accrediting Agency in Lieu of Making an Oral Presentation?*

This notice requests third-party oral testimony, not written comment. A request for written comments on agencies that are being reviewed during this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2003. The Advisory Committee will receive and consider only written comments submitted by the deadline specified in that **Federal Register** notice.

### *How Do I Request to Present Comments Regarding General Issues Rather Than Specific Accrediting Agencies?*

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee, at its discretion, may invite attendees to address the Committee briefly on issues pertaining to the functions of the Committee, which are listed earlier in this notice. If you are interested in making such comments, you should inform Ms. LeBold before or during the meeting.

### *How May I Obtain Access to the Records of the Meeting?*

We will record the meeting and make a transcript available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. It is preferred that an appointment be made in advance of such inspection.

### *How May I Obtain Electronic Access to This Document?*

You may view this document, as well as all other Department of Education documents published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/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.

**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>.

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Dated: March 24, 2003.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands: Strategic and Energy Resource Planning, Capacity Building, and Organizational Development

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is soliciting applications for financial assistance from Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Corporations for strategic planning, energy options analysis or resource planning, human capacity building, and organizational development related to sustainable energy efficiency implementation or renewable energy development.

**DATES:** Issuance of the solicitation is planned for early March 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the solicitation, once issued, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office home page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations," and then access the solicitation number identified above. The DOE Golden Field Office home page will provide a link to the solicitation synopsis in the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site and provides instructions on using IIPS. The solicitation will be available directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing opportunities by Contract Activity, for those solicitations issued by the Golden Field Office. To be notified when the solicitation is issued, join the Solicitation Mailing List specific to this notice through IIPS. DOE will not issue paper copies of the solicitation. For questions regarding the operation of IIPS, contact the IIPS Help Desk at [IIPS\\_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov) or at (800) 683-0751.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammie Lawler, Contract Specialist, via facsimile at 303-275-4788 or

electronically at [tribalgo93003@go.doe.gov](mailto:tribalgo93003@go.doe.gov). Responses to questions will be made by amendment to the solicitation and posted on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE's Tribal Energy Program promotes tribal energy self-sufficiency and fosters employment and economic development on tribal lands through financial assistance to Federally-recognized Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations. Under this solicitation, DOE is soliciting applications from Federally-recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Corporations (hereafter referred to as "tribes") for strategic planning, energy options analysis or resource planning, human capacity building, and organizational development related to sustainable energy efficiency implementation or renewable energy development.

DOE will only consider applications from Federally-recognized tribes on whose tribal lands the project will be located. Applications from a consortium will be accepted but must be submitted by a single tribe representing the consortium. A Statement of Commitment from an authorized representative of the tribe (Chief, Governor, President, Chairperson or other representative authorized to commit the tribe), that includes a Statement of Commitment from each participant, will be required as a part of the application.

Awards under this solicitation are anticipated to be grants with terms of one year. Subject to funding availability, the total DOE funding available under this solicitation will be between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. DOE anticipates selecting 5 to 20 applications for negotiation toward award. No cost share is required in order to be considered for awards under this solicitation. Solicitation number DE-PS36-03GO93003 will include complete information including technical aspects, funding, application preparation instructions, evaluation criteria, and other factors that will be considered when selecting applications for funding. Issuance of the solicitation is planned for early March 2003, with applications due approximately 50 days after the solicitation has been issued. Information on Financial Assistance Regulations (10 CFR part 600), proposal forms, award format, or post award forms can be obtained through the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 11, 2003.

**Jerry L. Zimmer,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Department of Energy's Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Department of Energy's annual report on its Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisitions for fiscal year 2001.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Executive Order 13149, this notice announces the availability of the 2001 report which summarizes the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) compliance with the annual alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirement for its vehicle fleet. Additionally, this report includes data concerning DOE's efforts to reduce petroleum consumption.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies, EE-2G, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shabnam Fardanesh on (202) 586-7011 or [shabnam.fardanesh@ee.doe.gov](mailto:shabnam.fardanesh@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211-13219) as amended by the Energy Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-388, section 310(b)(3)(b)) and Executive Order 13149 (April 2000) were intended to decrease the country's dependence on petroleum for transportation purposes. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires Federal fleets to make 75 percent of their new covered vehicles acquisitions alternative fueled vehicles. In fiscal year 2001, DOE acquired 109 percent of its new covered vehicles as alternative fueled vehicles, exceeding the 75 percent requirement by 34 percent. DOE also exceeded its alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements in fiscal years 1999 and 2000, and expects a similarly high level of compliance for fiscal years 2002 and 2003.