

a timeline and a narrative that explains the costs requested for each budget period. Under the Character Education program, State educational agencies provide technical and professional assistance to local educational agencies in the development and implementation of curriculum materials, teacher training, and other activities related to character education. You must propose projects designed to develop character education programs that incorporate the following elements of character:

- (a) Caring.
- (b) Civic virtue and citizenship.
- (c) Justice and fairness.
- (d) Respect.
- (e) Responsibility.
- (f) Trustworthiness.
- (g) Any other elements deemed

appropriate by the members of the partnership. Other program requirements are described in the application package.

Please note that the following States are no longer eligible to apply to this grant competition because the State has been awarded a grant for the total amount allowed by law: California, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

*For Applications Contact:* Judy Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., room 502, Washington, DC 20202-5645. Telephone: (202) 219-2116; FAX: (202) 219-2053; or via Internet: judy\_collins@ed.gov

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Farrar, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., room 502J, Washington, DC 20208-5645. Telephone: (202) 219-1301; or via Internet at: beverly\_farrar@ed.gov

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**C. Kent McGuire,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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#### Office of Postsecondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Notice Announcing Technical Assistance Workshops on Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 Programs

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information about workshops to assist individuals interested in learning more about the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 programs of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). Program staff will present program information and answer questions about FIPSE's programs. The workshops will focus primarily on the Comprehensive Program, which provides grants for innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of important issues and problems in postsecondary education. Additional information about FIPSE's programs can be found on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/FIPSE>

Although the Department has not yet announced in the **Federal Register** a closing date for any of its FY 2001 grant

competitions, the Department is holding these workshops to give potential applicants relevant background information on FIPSE programs for which grant competitions are expected to be held in FY 2001. Specific requirements for grant competitions will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The technical assistance workshops will be held as follows:

1. Charlotte, North Carolina: Friday, November 3, 2000, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.

2. Washington, District of Columbia: Monday, November 6, 2000, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC.

3. Chicago, Illinois: Monday, November 13, 2000, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.

4. San Bernardino, California: Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., California State University, San Bernardino, CA.

#### Registration

Space at the workshops is limited. Interested individuals are invited to register by sending an e-mail message with the subject "Workshop 2000" to: [levenia\\_ishmell@ed.gov](mailto:levenia_ishmell@ed.gov)

Indicate the location you are requesting. You will receive an e-mail reply confirming the status of your registration along with exact information on workshop locations. All confirmed registrants are asked to bring their printed e-mail confirmation to the workshop.

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., assistive listening device, sign language interpreter, or materials in an alternative format) should notify the listed contact person at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested service may not be available due to insufficient time to arrange it.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Levenia Ishmell, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW., room 8031, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7668 or by e-mail: [levenia\\_ishmell@ed.gov](mailto:levenia_ishmell@ed.gov)

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**A. Lee Fritschler,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**
**Idaho Operations Office; Hydropower Turbine Technology: Cost-Shared Testing to Determine Biological Performance of Large Turbines**

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Program Interest (NPI) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID) is soliciting interest and comments for cost-shared testing of the biological performance of new hydropower turbine technology. The primary objective of this project is to determine the fish passage characteristics of the turbine technology and to verify the environmentally friendliness of the turbine. Qualified participants must own the rights to the turbine technology. The technology must also be advanced to the stage that hardware exists or can be readily constructed; *i.e.*, the equipment design has been completed. This project is limited to hydropower turbines which are greater than 1 MW. This work will be in support of the U.S. DOE Advanced Hydropower Turbine System Program.

**DATES:** The responses to this NPI should be received by November 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The NPI responses should not exceed two pages and should be

sent to the following address: U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563, ATTN: Peggy Brookshier, MS 1220, or e-mail: [brookspa@id.doe.gov](mailto:brookspa@id.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Depending on the availability of Program funding, approximately \$2.5 million for each of two years will be available to support at least one or more testing projects. DOE seeks a cost sharing goal of 50% on these new projects. However, the awardee will be required to provide a minimum of 30% cost share for the related testing activities. DOE's cost share is limited to work associated with measuring biological performance and cannot be used for facility construction or modifications. The testing portion of the work will be cost-shared between DOE and the awardee. The results of these projects will be made public through the publication of DOE reports. All cost sharing shall be in the form of cash or labor. DOE may request from the awardee additional procedure development, equipment development testing, or testing support activities that may not be cost sharing by DOE.

The anticipated contract deliverables will include:

- (1) specification of testing protocol, criteria, guidelines, procedures, and plan;
- (2) documentation of the appropriate testing; and
- (3) analysis and reporting of the results.

An independent group may be assigned to review the reports and activities prior to their finalization.

Failure to respond to this notice will not disqualify anyone from participating in the solicitation, but those that do respond to this notice will be issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) and notification of related activities, if they indicate that desire. DOE is interested in the comments on the proposed solicitation, particularly with regard to the cost-share limitation. Expressions of interest and comments must be in writing; no telephone calls will be accepted. The expression of interest or comments should include the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of the primary contact person, and an indication of whether or not the respondent wishes to receive a copy of the RFP. **Do not send a proposal. This is not a request for proposals.** The RFP will not be open to DOE agencies or DOE national laboratories, and these agencies and laboratories will not be

allowed to participate as a potential team member in any responses.

Issued in Idaho Falls on October 12, 2000.

**Dallas L. Hoffer,**

*Contracting Officer, Procurement Services Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**
**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, November 14, 2000—8 a.m.—6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000—8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Public participation sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, November 14, 2000—12:15–12:30 p.m., 5:45–6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000—11:45–12 noon, 4–4:15 p.m.

These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses, please check with the meeting facilitator.

**ADDRESSES:** Ameritel Inn, 645 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wendy Lowe, INEEL Cab Facilitator, Jason Associates Corporation, 477 Shoup Avenue, Suite 205, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, Phone (208) 522-1662 or visit the Board's Internet home page at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the INEEL.

**Tentative Agenda:** (Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting. Please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the CAB's Internet site at [www.ida.net/users/cab](http://www.ida.net/users/cab)).

Presentations on the following:

- Natural and biological resources at the INEEL
- Closure Plan for the New Waste Calcining Facility
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes perspectives and concerns regarding the INEEL