

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to review annually the programs of the National Fire Academy (NFA) and advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the United States Fire Administrator, of the operation of the NFA and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board examines NFA programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions that are approved by the Administrator of FEMA, examines the physical plant of the NFA to determine the adequacy of the NFA's facilities, and examines the funding levels for NFA programs. The Board submits an annual report through the United States Fire Administrator to the Administrator of FEMA, in writing. The report provides detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the NFA.

Agenda

On the first day of the meeting, the Board will swear in new members, select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2014, and review and approve the minutes of the May 15, 2013, teleconference meeting.

The Board will then review and give feedback on NFA program activities, including: NFA Online, the NFA's web-based learning platform for distance learning courses; NFA's mediated course deliveries, which provide NFA training through an instructor facilitated web-based learning environment; NFA's course material download for the Regions and States, which enables direct access to NFA course materials through a web-based interface; NFA's Bring-Your-Own-Device initiative, which allows students to download the student manual to their own personal electronic devices and eliminates the use of paper-based student materials; the American Council on Education's report on its academic review of Academy classes and courses; NFA's curriculum for emergency medical services; NFA's curriculum Enterprise Shared Workspace, a database system developed to capture and track course development and revision activities; and Company Officer Development, a proposal for an on- and off-campus company officer development program modeled after the current Executive Fire Officer Program. The Board will also review and give feedback on NFA's status of course development at the end of FY 2013; NFA's curriculum

development plan for the FY 2014 curriculum; and NFA's Smart Practices/ Lessons Learned Report to Congress, which provides Congress with a snapshot of the lessons learned and best practices that have been incorporated into the NFA's curriculum and program areas.

The Board will discuss the Professional Development Subcommittee activities, including the Professional Development Symposium that will bring national training and education audiences together for their annual conference and support initiatives, the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE)/ Professional Development Subcommittee restructuring, and the FESHE Recognition Update that will include a list of the colleges and universities that have been approved and that have adopted the FESHE curriculum.

The Board will receive updates on U.S. Fire Administration data, research, and response support initiatives, and discuss deferred maintenance and capital improvements on the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) campus and FY 2014 Budget Request/ Budget Planning.

On the second day, the Board will engage in an annual report working session.

Dated: November 22, 2013

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Superintendent, National Fire Academy, United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5629-FA-01]

Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2013 Research Partnerships Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for the Fiscal Year (FYs) 2012-2013 Authority to Accept Unsolicited Research Proposals. The purpose of this document is to announce the names and addresses of the award winners and the

amount of the awards to address one of the following research priorities: (1) HUD demonstrations; (2) using housing as a platform for improving quality of life; (3) the American Housing Survey data; or (4) housing technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madlyn Wohlman-Rodriguez, Office of University Partnerships, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8226, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, Telephone (202) 402-5939. To provide service for persons who are hearing- or speech-impaired, this number may be reached via TTY by dialing the Federal Information Relay Service on (800) 877-8339 or (202) 708-1455. (Telephone numbers, other than "800" TTY numbers, are not toll free).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriation Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-55, approved November 18, 2011, and the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 Pub. L. 113-6 enacted March 26, 2013, (The 2012 Appropriations Act) authorizes the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) to enter into non-competitive cooperative agreements for projects that are aligned with PD&R's research priorities and where HUD can gain value by having substantial involvement in the research activity.

The Office of University Partnerships under the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research (PD&R) administers this program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.506.

On Friday, April 13, 2012, a Notice of Authority to Accept Unsolicited Research Proposals was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 77, No. 72. The Department reviews and evaluates the proposals based on the criteria in the **Federal Register**. As a result, HUD has funded the applications announced below, and in accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545). More information about the winners can be found at www.huduser.org.

Dated: November 21, 2013.

Jean Lin Pao,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Development and Research.

List of Awardees For Research Partnerships Under the Fiscal Year (Fy) 2012–2013 Authority To Accept Unsolicited Research Proposals for Funding by Name of Institution or Funded Agency, Address and Grant Amount

Region I

1. Middlebury College, “High Cost of Lending in Rural America and the Great Recession.” Dr. Peter Nelson, Principal Investigator, 38 College Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. Grant Award: \$21,519.

2. Boston Medical Center, “Bringing Life Course Home: Improving Health Through Housing Stability and Support.” Dr. Emily Feinberg, Principal Investigator, 1 Boston Medical Place, Boston, MA 02118. Grant Award: \$222,904.

Region II

3. Mayor’s Fund to Advance NYC, “Jobs-Plus Cost Study.” Kate Dempsey, Recipient Project Manager, 253 Broadway 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Grant Award: \$343,100.

4. MDRC, “Re-Thinking How to Increase Work and Self-Sufficiency Among Recipients of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.” Dr. James Riccio, Principal Investigator, 16 East 34th Street, New York, NY 10016. Grant Award: \$100,000.

Region III

5. Urban Institute, “Mining MTO: Housing Assistance Leavers and Vulnerable Female Youth.” Robin Smith, Principal Investigator, 2100 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20037. Grant Award: \$25,000.

6. Urban Institute, “The Housing Opportunity and Service Together (HOST) Demonstration.” Elsa Falkenburger, Principal Investigator, 2100 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20037. Grant Award: \$100,000.

7. University of Maryland—College Park, “The Impact of Children’s Housing on the Long-Term Economic Outlook.” Dr. John Haitiwanger, Principal Investigator, 3112 Lee Building, College Park, MD 20742. Grant Award: \$246,197.

8. John Hopkins University/Bloomberg School of Public Health, “The Effects of Housing on Young Children.” Dr. Sandra Newman, Principal Investigator, 615 North Wolfe Street, W1600, Baltimore, MD 21205. Grant Award: \$2,000,000.

9. John Hopkins University/Harvard University, “Brokering the Geography of Opportunity: How Landlords Affect Access to Housing and Neighborhood Quality Among HUD Assisted Renters.” Dr. Stephanie DeLuca, Principal Investigator, Wyman Park Center Suite N600, Baltimore, MD 21218. Grant Award: \$401,104.

Region IV

10. University of Florida, Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, “Using Parcel and Household Data to Evaluate the Low-Income Housing Choice Voucher Programs: Accessibility, Opportunity and Tenant Choice.” Dr. Anne Ray, Principal Investigator, 219 Ginter Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611. Grant Award: \$170,000.

Region V

11. Ohio State University, “Aging in Place: Managing the Use of Reverse Mortgages to Enable Housing Stability.” Dr. Stephanie Moulton, Principal Investigator, 1960 Kenny Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Grant Award: \$555,004.

Region IX

12. RAND Corporation, “Evaluation of the Chicago Regional Housing Choice Initiative.” Heather Schwartz, Principal Investigator, 650 Poydras Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130. Grant Award: \$10,000.

Region X

13. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, “Relationship Between Receipt of Housing Assistance and Social and Health Outcomes.” Dr. Martha Galvez, Principal Investigator, 1115 Washington Street SE., Olympia, WA 98504. Grant Award: \$16,000.

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INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: December 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Baker & McKenzie, 815 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20006.

STATUS: Open session.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Approval of the Minutes of the June 24, 2013, Meeting of the Board of Directors
- Management Report
- Advisory Council Report
- Donor Engagement

PORTIONS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Environmental Documents Prepared for Oil, Gas, and Mineral Operations by the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for OCS mineral proposals by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

SUMMARY: BOEM, in accordance with Federal regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs). These documents were prepared during the period July 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013, for oil, gas, and mineral-related activities that were proposed in the Gulf of Mexico, and are more specifically described in the Supplementary Information Section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (GM 250E), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, or by calling 1–800–200–GULF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BOEM prepares SEAs and FONSIs for certain proposals that relate to exploration, development, production, and transport of oil, gas, and mineral resources on the Federal OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of the proposed activities and any alternatives and present BOEM conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. SEAs are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of