

Minority Business Development Agency

Business Development Center Applications: Charleston, South Carolina

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.
ACTION: Amendment.

SUMMARY: On page 29737, Federal Register, dated Wednesday, June 12, 1996, solicitation to operate the Charleston Minority Business Development Center is amended to read: Pre-Application Conference: Wednesday, June 26, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., at the Atlanta Regional Office, 401 W. Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 1715, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3516. The closing date for applications is July 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: Robert Henderson at (404) 730-3300.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.800 Minority Business Development Center)

Dated: June 24, 1996.

Frances B. Douglas,
Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Minority Business Development Agency.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council was established in December 1991 to advise and assist the Secretary of Commerce in the development and implementation of the comprehensive management plan for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

TIME AND PLACE: July 12, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment. The meeting location will be at the Monroe County Government Center, Conference Room, 2696 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida.

AGENDA: .

1. Update on the status of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

2. Discussion of water quality issues in the Florida Keys.

3. Discussion of the Site Characterization of the Florida Keys compiled by Kathleen Sullivan and Dr. Mark Chiappone.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation; the time period from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., will be set aside for oral comments and questions. Seats will be set aside for the public and the media. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Cradick at (305) 743-2437.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: June 24, 1996.

W. Stanley Wilson,
Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 2, 1996.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

Matter to be Considered

FY 1998 Budget

The staff will brief the Commission on issues related to the Commission's budget for fiscal year 1998.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Relocation of the 1111th Signal Battalion, the 1108th Signal Brigade and a Portion of the Information Systems Engineering Command-CONUS From Fort Ritchie, Maryland, to Fort Detrick, Maryland

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the relocation of the 1111th Signal Battalion, the 1108th Signal Brigade and a portion of the Information Systems Engineering Command-CONUS from Fort Ritchie, Maryland, to Fort Detrick, Maryland. The Army will also relocate the Technical Applications Office and associated Base Operations support personnel to Fort Detrick, Maryland, pursuant to this recommendation.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the environmental impacts associated with the transfer of approximately 1,147 personnel and the renovation and construction projects required to accommodate these transferring personnel. Of these positions, approximately 636 military will be attached to Fort Detrick for quarters, rations, and UCMJ purposes only. These 636 military and 158 civilian personnel will continue to work at the Alternate National Military Command Center, control of which will be transferred from the Military District of Washington to the Medical Command as a result of this action. The remaining personnel will be attached to Fort Detrick for all purposes.

No significant project environmental impacts were identified. Potential for only minor or insignificant impacts in anticipated in the areas of noise, water quality, stormwater, geology, soils, traffic, asbestos and radon management, visual and aesthetic values, on-post housing, and shops and services. Minor impacts from the construction of new facilities and the renovation of existing buildings are not expected to be significant with the implementation of Best Management Practices, other required procedures, surveys and studies. Potential asbestos or random impacts will be mitigated by conducting the proper testing and taking action as necessary. Traffic impacts are not expected to be significant, and any

minor impacts at the Oppossumtown Gate will be minimized by adopting traffic study recommendations. Visual impacts will be avoided by grading and landscaping construction that may be visible from the Nallin Farm complex. Therefore, based on the analysis found in the EA, which is hereby incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI), it is determined the implementation of the proposed action will not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or the human environment. Because no significant environmental impacts would result from implementation of the proposed action, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA/FNSI may be obtained by writing to, and any inquires concerning the same should be addressed to, the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, ATTN: CENAB-PL-EM (Mr. Larry Eastman), P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, or by calling (410) 962-3208, or by sending a telefax to 410-962-2948. Copies of the EA will also be available at the Fort Detrick Post Library (Building 501) and the Fort Detrick U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters Public Affairs Office (Building 810). There will be a 15-day comment period on the EA/FNSI before the Army proceeds with the proposed action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Eastman, 410-962-3208.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Magnet Schools Assistance— Innovative Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1996

Purpose of Innovative Programs

To award grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) or consortia of LEAs to enable them to conduct innovative programs that will assist in the desegregation of schools served by the LEA or LEAs.

Eligible Applicants

An LEA or consortium of LEAs that (1) is implementing a plan undertaken

pursuant to a final order issued by a court of the United States, a court of any State, or any other State agency or official of competent jurisdiction that requires the desegregation of minority-group-segregated children or faculty in elementary and secondary schools of that agency; or (2) has voluntarily adopted and is implementing, or, if assistance is made available under the Innovative Programs section of the Magnet Schools Assistance statute, will voluntarily implement such a plan that has been approved by the Secretary of Education as adequate under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 2, 1996.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: October 1, 1996.

Applications Available: July 2, 1996.

Available Funds: \$3 million.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300,000–\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$400,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 6–9.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

General Requirements

Innovative Programs are authorized under the Magnet Schools Assistance (MSA) statute. However, while these programs must carry out the purpose of the MSA statute, (i.e., assist in the desegregation of schools served by an eligible LEA or consortium of LEAs), they must involve strategies other than magnet schools, such as neighborhood or community model schools. In addition, they must be organized around a special emphasis, theme, or concept and involve extensive parent and community involvement.

In order to be eligible for an Innovative Programs grant, an LEA or consortium of LEAs must be implementing a required desegregation plan or have adopted and implemented, or will implement if assistance is made available under the MSA statute, a voluntary desegregation plan. Accordingly, an applicant that is eligible due to a required desegregation plan shall submit a copy of its plan including, if the applicant is submitting a desegregation plan ordered by a State agency or official, documentation showing that the plan was ordered based on a determination that State law was violated. An applicant that is

eligible due to a voluntary desegregation plan also shall submit a copy of its plan. In addition, the applicant shall submit evidence of final official action adopting and implementing the desegregation plan or agreeing to adopt and implement the desegregation plan upon award of assistance.

Innovative Programs are exempt from certain provisions of the MSA statute, including section 5106 (Applications and Requirements), section 5107 (Priority), and section 5108 (Use of Funds). Other MSA statute requirements apply to applications submitted under Innovative Programs. Under section 5109, grants may not be used for transportation or any activity that does not augment academic improvement. In addition, an LEA or consortium may not expend funds for planning activities associated with its Innovative Programs grant after the third year of Federal funding. Under section 5110, a grantee may expend for planning not more than 50 percent of the funds received for the first year of the project, 15 percent of the grant funds for the second year, and 10 percent of the grant funds for the third year.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are included in full in the application package for this competition. These selection criteria were established based on the regulations for evaluating discretionary grants found in 34 CFR 75.200 through 75.210 (as amended December 12, 1995).

For Applications or Information Contact: Carolyn N. Andrews, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Portals 4500, Washington, D.C. 20202-6140. Telephone (202) 260-2670. 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.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/money.html>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7211.