

U.S.C. section 12501 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (45 CFR part 2500 *et seq.*), and grant application guidelines. In addition to being thoroughly familiar with the statute and its implementing regulations, prospective applicants should read the application carefully because, in some cases, more specific information is provided there.

AmeriCorps Program Fund Availability.

AmeriCorps engages thousands of Americans on a full and part-time basis to help communities address their toughest challenges while earning support for college, graduate school, or job training.

A. AmeriCorps National

Approximately \$40 million is available for new and renewal grants through the AmeriCorps National program competition.

(1) Eligible Applicants

National nonprofit organizations, Indian Tribes, public or private nonprofit organizations (including labor organizations), subdivisions of states, and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for AmeriCorps National program funds. For the purpose of this grant process, a national nonprofit organization is any nonprofit organization whose mission, membership, activities, or constituencies are national in scope. However, an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for Member placements, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program.

Eligible applicants that propose programs in more than one State are encouraged to seek funding directly from the Corporation. These applicants may operate programs directly or provide subgrants to local chapters or affiliates. The Corporation strongly encourages applicants that propose programs in a single State to apply to that State's Commission on National and Community Service.

(2) Estimated Amount and Quantity of Awards

The Corporation expects to make fewer than forty (40) awards for new and renewal AmeriCorps National operating programs in the Fiscal Year 1998 grant cycle. The grant size will vary by circumstance, need, and program model. The Corporation anticipates that it will not be able to

fund AmeriCorps National programs at the same level as it has in the past because of a congressionally-imposed cap and a lack of available carryover funds. For this reason, grantees that have previously received AmeriCorps funding should consider significantly reducing the amount of requested support.

B. AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories

Approximately \$2.27 million is available for new and renewal AmeriCorps Indian Tribe program grants, and approximately \$2.27 million is available for new and renewal AmeriCorps U.S. Territories program grants under a population-based formula.

(1) Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories. For the purposes of this grant program an Indian Tribe is an (a) Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, as defined in 43 U.S.C. section 1602(c), whether organized traditionally or pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the "Indian Reorganization Act," 26 U.S.C. section 1461 *et seq.*); (b) any Regional Corporation or Village Corporation, as defined in 43 U.S.C. section 1602 (g) or (j), respectively, that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States under Federal law to Indians because of their status as Indians; and (c) any tribal organization controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by an entity described in (a) or (b) of this paragraph. For the purposes of this grant program, U.S. Territories are (a) American Samoa, (b) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, (c) Guam, and (d) the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(2) Estimated Amount and Quantity of Awards

Eligible applicants may apply for operating funds to establish AmeriCorps programs. The Corporation expects to make fewer than ten (10) AmeriCorps Indian Tribe program grants, and fewer than ten (10) AmeriCorps U.S. Territories program grants. The average award under each program will be under \$300,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

These patents cover a wide variety of technical arts including: A method for simulating an image in real time under turbulent atmospheric conditions; an armed-state detector for land mines; a lead-acid battery desulfator/rejuvenator and a natural computing system.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Device for and Method of Real-Time Simulation of Atmospheric Effects on an Image.

Inventors: Walter B. Miller, Jennifer C. Ricklin and Mikhail A. Vorontsov.

Patent Number: 5,663,832.

Issue Date: September 2, 1997.

Title: Armed-States Detector for Antitank Mines.

Inventor: John E.B. Tuttle.

Patent Number: 5,665,934.

Issue Date: September 1997.

Title: Lead-Acid Battery Desulfator/Rejuvenator.

Inventors: Carl Campagnuolo, Louis P. Jarvis, Anthony Pellegrino, Joseph DiCarlo and William Keane.

Patent Number: 5,677,612.

Issue Date: October 14, 1997.

Title: Natural Computer System.

Inventor: Somayajulu D. Karamchetty.

Patent Number: 5,680,557.

Issue Date: October 21, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Fossil Energy; National Coal Council Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1007, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 22, 1999. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy, on a continuing basis, regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

Council members are chosen to assure a well balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has members who represent interests outside the coal industry, including environmental interests, labor, research, academia, and minorities. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon in the Department of Energy by law. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

Further information regarding this advisory committee may be obtained from Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Fossil Energy; National Petroleum Council Renewal

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1007, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Petroleum Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 22, 1999. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and gas or the oil and gas industry.

Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the petroleum industry, and from large and small companies. The Council also has members who represent interests outside the petroleum industry, including representatives from environmental, labor, research, academia, minorities, and State utility regulatory commissions. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

Further information regarding this advisory committee may be obtained from Rachel M. Samuel at 202/586-3279.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Deviation From the Department of Energy Assistance Regulations

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of class deviation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, hereby announces two deviations from its

Financial Assistance Rules for cooperative agreement awards to commercial organizations resulting from the Program Research and Development Announcement for Integrated Fuel Cell Systems and Components. The first deviation will allow for monthly submissions of financial and progress reports. The second deviation will allow for an original and four copies of technical reports. It is anticipated that approximately 20 cooperative agreement awards will be made to commercial entities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this notice, the Department of Energy announces that, pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management has made a determination of the need for a class deviation to the Department's Financial Assistance Rules. A deviation to 10 CFR 600.151(b) has been approved which provides that recipients of cooperative agreement awards resulting from the Program Research and Development Announcement for Integrated Fuel Cell Systems and Components for Transportation and Buildings, will be required to submit to DOE monthly instead of quarterly reports for the Milestone Report, Project Status Report, and Financial Status Report. The fuel cell program requires these reports on a monthly basis for the purpose of coordinating and comparing project performance and costs among fuel cell program-participants to avoid not only duplication of research effort, but to coordinate any shared testing equipment, and to provide timely and meaningful technical direction as required.

The deviation at 10 CFR 600.151(e) will allow for submission of an original and 4 copies of the Program Management Plan, Quarterly Technical Progress Reports, Topical Reports, and Final Technical Report. The program reviewers of the technical reports are located at both DOE Headquarters and Argonne National Laboratory.

Approval of these deviations ensures that the program goals and objectives are achieved and that public funds are conserved.

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