located or from contiguous areas; (3) carries out programs to make postsecondary educational opportunities more accessible to residents of the urban area or contiguous areas; (4) has the present capacity to provide resources pertinent to the needs and priorities of the urban area or contiguous areas; (5) offers a range of professional, technical or graduate programs sufficient to sustain the capacity of the institution to provide these resources; and (6) has demonstrated and sustained a sense of responsibility to the urban area and adjoining areas and the people in those areas

On August 29, 1994 the Secretary published a notice of proposed priority for this program in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 44580).

Note: This notice of final priority does *not* solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under the FY 1995 competition will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Analysis of Comments

Two parties submitted comments in response to the Secretary's invitation in the notice of proposed priority. An analysis of the comments follows:

Comment: One party commented that designations will be limited due to funding restraints and suggested expanding the definition of designated Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities to include areas that submitted Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community designation requests.

Discussion: The Secretary believes that the Urban Community Service Program would be most effective in communities that are actually designated and have embarked on implementing their strategic plans.

Change: None.

Comment: The second party suggested giving a competitive preference to proposals that show partnerships with AmeriCorps.

Discussion: The program regulations already give an absolute preference (34 CFR 636.23) to applications that propose to conduct joint projects with other Federal, State or local programs. This would include partnerships with AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is a new national initiative to foster communitybased service and includes a wide variety of programs operated by grantees, the National Civilian Community Corps and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

Change: None.

Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following priority:

Projects that use 75 percent or more of the project budget to address pressing and severe problems in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

The proposed project must contribute to the strategic plan of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community and be made an integral component of the Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community activities. The Secretary awards five points to an application that meets this priority. These points will be added to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on procedures developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for this program.

Applicable Program Regulations: 34 CFR Part 636.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1136–1136h. Dated: March 2, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Community Outreach

Pre-Application Conference and Notice of Availability of Cooperative Agreement Solicitation to Establish and Support the International Center for Applied Research (ICAR)

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River (SR) Office. **ACTION:** Notice of pre-application conference and availability of grant solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at SR is announcing a Pre-Application Conference for organizations wishing to be considered as the entity to establish and support the ICAR. The conference is scheduled for April 11, 1995 at the Savannah River Site (SRS), Aiken, SC, commencing at 8:30 a.m. and completing by 5 p.m. In addition to discussion regarding the objectives of ICAR and the criteria which will be used to select the ICAR Manager, the conference will also offer a tour of the Savannah River Technology Center whereby participants will have the opportunity to become familiar with available technologies. A solicitation for the ICAR Manager will be made available on or about March 20, 1995; applications are expected to be due May 11, 1995. Interested parties should note that funds are not presently available for this project.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ICAR is intended to facilitate private and public sector access to the technical and scientific capabilities of the SRS. ICAR will be responsible for organizational support (including incubation, maturation, and commercialization) for various technologies, to be identified through separate solicitations, that are available at SRS for development of commercial products and services. ICAR is to be established at or adjacent to the SRS and is to operate under a cooperative agreement with the DOE.

The objectives of ICAR are: (1) To stimulate economic

development in the regional area through the application of science and technology.

(2) To establish a technology development and incubation center utilizing SRS technologies and processes.

(3) To promote as a minimum, activities related to the following:

- The application in the United States of hydrogen technology research derived from tritium production;
- The development of beneficial uses of nuclear materials;
- The research and development of innovative methods for the treatment and disposal of nuclear materials; and
 Bioremediation of environmental hazards.
- (4) To leverage applied research activities (of the nature listed above) to provide maximum dual-use benefit for the Government.

The ICAR Manager must be a nonprofit entity or a consortium of nonprofits chartered to accomplish economic development through applied science and technology. The ICAR Manager must have also demonstrated experience in management of diverse teams of organizations who have technical experience in industrial