

This program supports the National Education Goals that every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and that the Nation's teaching force will have access to programs for the continued improvement of their professional skills and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to instruct and prepare all American students for the next century.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is authorized by section 9206 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by section 101 of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-382, enacted October 20, 1994, to be codified at 20 U.S.C. 7906.

Eligible Applicants: Native Hawaiian private nonprofit educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction conducted in the Native Hawaiian language are eligible, as defined in section 9212 of the ESEA.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 28, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 14, 1995.

Applications Available: June 19, 1995.

Available Funds: From \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$1,400,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$467,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 2-4.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: This program is governed by sections 9206 and 9212 of the ESEA and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this program, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in EDGAR, 34 CFR 75.210.

These regulations provide that the Secretary may award up to 100 points for the selection criteria, including a reserved 15 points. For this competition, the Secretary distributes the 15 points as follows:

Plan of Operation (34 CFR 75.210(b)(3)). Ten points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 25 points.

Quality of Key Personnel (34 CFR 75.210(b)(4)). Three points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 10 points.

Adequacy of Resources (34 CFR 75.210(b)(7)). Two points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 5 points.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION

CONTACT: Karen W. Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Portals, Suite C-80) Washington, D.C. 20202-5329. The Department encourages you to FAX requests for this application to (202) 260-7615. 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; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7905 SEC. 9206.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Financial Assistance Award (Grant)

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Grant solicitation awards for laser fusion research applications.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 10 CFR 600.15, the U.S. DOE announces that it plans to conduct a technically competitive solicitation for basic research experiments in high energy density and laser matter interaction studies at the National Laser Users' Facility (NLUF) located at the University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics (UR/LLE). Grant Solicitation No. DE-PS03-96SF20761. Universities or other higher education institutions, private sector not-for-profit organizations, or other entities are invited to submit grant applications. The total amount of

funding expected to be available for the Fiscal Year 1996 (FY96) program cycle is \$700,000. Multiple awards are anticipated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James H. Solomon, Contracting Officer, DOE Oakland Operations Office, 1301 Clay Street, Room 700N, Oakland, CA 94612-5208, (510) 637-1865.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties can obtain a 3½" computer floppy disk of the solicitation document by submitting a written request; specify WordPerfect 5.0 for DOS Microsoft Word 5.0 for Macintosh. The solicitation document contains all the information relative to this action for prospective applicants. The solicitation is targeted for release in June 1995.

The actual work to be accomplished will be determined by the experiments and diagnostic techniques that are selected for award. Proposed experiments and diagnostic techniques will be evaluated through scientific peer review against predetermined, published and available criteria. Final selection will be made by the DOE. It is anticipated that multiple grant will be awarded within available funding. The Unique resources of the NLUF are available to scientists for state-of-the-art experiments primarily in the area of interial confinement fusion (ICF) and related plasma physics. Other areas such as spectroscopy of highly ionized atoms, laboratory astrophysics, fundamental physics, materials science, and biology and chemistry will be considered on a secondary basis.

The LLE was established in 1970 to investigate the interaction of high power lasers with matter. Available at the LLE for NLUF researchers is the upgraded OMEGA LASER, a 30 kJ UV 60 beam laser system (at 0.35 um) suitable for direct-drive ICF implosions, and the Glass Development Laser (GDL), a 1 trillion watt, single beam prototype for the OMEGA (at 0.35um). The systems are suitable for a variety of experiments including laser-plasma interactions and atomic spectroscopy. The NLUF program for FY96 is to concentrate on experiments that can be done with the OMEGA laser at the University of Rochester and development of diagnostic techniques suitable for the OMEGA system. Measurements of the laser coupling, laser-plasma interactions, core temperature, and core density are needed to determine the characteristics of the target implosions. Diagnostic techniques could include either new instrumentation, development of analysis tools, or development of targets that are applicable for 30 kJ implosions.