

not a suggestion (or requirement) that the applicant address issues of both. Rather, it was intended to allow flexibility for applicants in selecting their target populations. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

Substance Abuse

Comment: Several commenters urged NIDRR to co-fund research activities with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SMHSA), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the area of substance abuse and co-existing disabilities.

Discussion: While co-funding of research in the area of substance abuse may have merit, this is not a subject for comment relative to the priority.

Changes: None.

Comment: Many commenters suggested that the unique needs of persons with disabilities who have co-occurring substance abuse disorders be addressed exclusively.

Discussion: The priority is clear that the target population is people with disabilities who are recovering from substance abuse problems. The priority also states that the applicants may or may not focus on individuals with co-occurring disorders such as mental illness. However, NIDRR has no basis to determine that all applicants should be required to focus on the unique needs of persons with disabilities who have co-occurring disorders such as mental illness. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

Comment: Several commenters encouraged substance abuse research that is policy oriented at Federal and State levels.

Discussion: Nothing in the priority precludes an applicant from focusing on policy issues at the Federal and State level. However, NIDRR has no basis to determine that all applicants should be required to focus on policy issues. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

Comment: One commenter suggested that the substance abuse priority require research on approaches for modifying treatment modalities to support the integration of patients with co-existing disabilities into community-based treatment programs rather than emphasize specialized programs. The commenter further suggested that the priority focus on employment outcomes, including retention.

Discussion: The priority does not preclude research focusing on either treatment modalities or employment outcomes for persons with disabilities who have substance abuse disorders. However, NIDRR has no basis to require that all applicants focus on these topics. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

Comment: Two commenters suggested the priority require research in cross-training of program staff and community-based staff involved in providing services to individuals with disabilities who have substance abuse problems.

Discussion: The priority requires an applicant to provide training that improves community-integration outcomes for person with disabilities who are recovering from substance abuse problems. The applicant has the discretion to identify the specific target populations to be trained and the manner in which they will be trained. However, NIDRR has no basis to require all applicants to conduct cross-training of staff. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

Health and Function

General

Comment: One commenter expressed concern that the Health and Function priorities do not specifically target the health needs of individuals with disabilities who are American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Discussion: NIDRR is aware of the critical health care issues facing American Indians and Alaskan Natives with disabilities. Nothing in the priority precludes an applicant from including these populations in proposed research. However, NIDRR has no basis for requiring that all applicants focus on these populations in responding to these priorities. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

Comment: One commenter suggested adding Parkinson's Disease to the list of possible RRTC topics or expanding the neuromuscular disease priority to include Parkinson's Disease.

Discussion: Parkinson's Disease is often categorized as a neuromuscular disease. Nothing in the priority precludes an applicant from proposing Parkinson's Disease as a topic under the neuromuscular disease category. The peer review process will evaluate the merits of the proposal.

Changes: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 03-24: High Energy Physics Outstanding Junior Investigator Program

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

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of High Energy Physics of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Outstanding Junior Investigator (OJI) Program. Applications should be from tenure-track faculty investigators who are currently involved in experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research, and should be submitted through a U.S. academic

institution. The purpose of this program is to support the development of individual research programs by outstanding scientists early in their careers. Awards made under this program will help to maintain the vitality of university research and assure continued excellence in the teaching of physics.

DATES: To permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2004, formal applications submitted in response to this notice should be received before November 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Applications for OJI Awards referencing Program Notice DE-FG01-03ER03-24 must be submitted electronically by an authorized institutional business official through the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site at: <http://pr.doe.gov> (see also <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>). IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS your business official will need to register at the IIPS website. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS. IIPS offers the option of submitting multiple files—please limit submissions to only one file within the volume if possible, with a maximum of no more than four files. Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific application as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be E-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: HelpDesk@pr.doe.gov, or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jeffrey Mandula, Office of High Energy Physics, SC-221/Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585-1290. Telephone: (301) 903-4829. E-mail: jeffrey.mandula@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Outstanding Junior Investigator program was started in 1978 by the Department of Energy's Office of Science. A

principal goal of this program is to identify exceptionally talented high energy physicists early in their careers and assist and facilitate the development of their research programs. Eligibility for awards under this notice is therefore restricted to non-tenured investigators who are conducting experimental or theoretical high energy physics or accelerator physics research. Since its debut, the program has initiated support for between five and ten new OJIs each year. The program has been very successful and contributes importantly to the vigor of the U.S. High Energy Physics program. Applicants should request support under this notice for normal research project costs as required to conduct their proposed research activities. The full range of activities currently supported by the Division of High Energy Physics is eligible for support under this program.

The DOE expects to make five to ten grant awards in Fiscal Year 2004, to meet the objectives of this program. It is anticipated that approximately \$500,000 will be available in Fiscal Year 2004, subject to availability of appropriated funds. In the recent past, awards have averaged \$60,000 per year, with the number of awards determined by the number of excellent applications and the total funds available for this program. Multiple-year funding of grant awards is expected, including renewal beyond the initial project period, as long as the recipient's tenure status is unchanged. Funding will be provided on an annual basis subject to availability of funds. Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project;
2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach;
3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources; and
4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection processes, and other policies and procedures are contained in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program and 10 CFR part 605. Electronic access to the application guide and required forms is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation

to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Federal Energy Management Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Federal Energy Management Advisory Committee (FEMAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the eighth meeting of FEMAC, an advisory committee established under Executive Order 13123—"Greening the Government through Efficient Energy Management." FEMAC provides public and private sector input to the Secretary of Energy on achieving mandated energy efficiency goals for Federal facilities. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of the Federal Energy Management Program, coordinates FEMAC activities.

DATES: Tuesday, August 19, 2003; 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Wyndham Palace Resort and Spa, 1900 Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830-2206. The FEMAC meeting will be held in the Wyndham's Cloister Room (lobby level).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Huff, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of the Federal Energy Management Program, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-3507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: This FEMAC meeting is an open forum for communicating with FEMAC members and Federal Energy Management Program officials.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include an open discussion on the following topics:

- Implementation of Executive Order 13123
- Innovative Financing Mechanisms (Energy Saving Performance Contracts and Utility Energy Service Contracts)
- Incorporating New Technologies, Products, and Services in Federal Facilities
- Sustainable Design in Federal Facilities
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Other Energy Management Issues and Topics
- Barriers and Opportunities
- Public Comment

Public Participation: For this discussion session, FEMAC invites members of the public to help identify possible solutions in achieving the goals of reducing energy use and increasing energy efficiency in Federal facilities. No advance registration is required for the meeting. Those wishing to address the committee will be heard based on a "first-come, first-served" sign-up list for the session. With the limited time available, the committee also encourages written recommendations, suggestions, position papers, etc., combined with a short oral summary statement.

Documents may be submitted either before or after the meeting. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of the meeting.

If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the agenda topics, you should contact Steven Huff at (202) 586-3507 or by e-mail to steven.huff@ee.doe.gov.

Members of the FEMAC are: Stuart Berjansky, Advance Transformer Company; Jared Blum, Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association; Robert Collins, Jr., Tampa Electric Company; Richard Earl, PB Facilities, Inc., Parsons Brinckerhoff Company; Terrel Emmons, Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Richard Hays, City of San Diego; Brian Henderson, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Erbin Keith, Sempra Energy Solutions, LLC; Vivian Loftness, Carnegie Mellon University; Anne Marie McShea, The Center for Resource Solutions; Get Moy, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; Mary Palomino, Salt River Project; James Rispoli, U.S. Department of Energy; Mitchell Rosen, Liberty Total Comfort