

rearing areas, and additional fish supplementation. The no action alternative will also be evaluated.

Alternatives for flood risk management include evaluation of the current levee system. Actions under this alternative may include setback levees to improve flood containment. Another alternative would study the effects of sediment removal and actions could include: sediment traps, dredging and selective gravel removal. Another alternative would focus on nonstructural actions such as flood proofing and education. The no action alternative will also be evaluated.

These alternatives are not final and may change and/or new alternatives may develop during the scoping and NEPA process. A range of ecosystem restoration and flood risk management actions will be investigated and more than one option may be included in the preferred alternative. Additionally, a number of potential ecosystem restoration actions could meet ancillary flood risk management goals.

3. *Scoping and Public Involvement:* This notice of intent formally commences the scoping process under NEPA. As part of the scoping process, all affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Native American tribes, interested private organizations, including environmental interest groups and the general public are invited to comment on the scope of the draft FR/EIS. Comments are requested concerning problems in the basin, possible project alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant environmental impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required. The environmental review process will be comprehensive and will satisfy the requirements of NEPA and other relevant Federal, state, and local environmental laws. The public scoping period will occur over a 30-day period to commence on September 24, 2010 and will extend through October 25, 2010. The Draft FR/EIS is expected to be available in November of 2011.

4. *Scoping Meeting:* One public scoping meeting will be held on October 7, 2010 to identify issues of major concern and obtain public input on the range and acceptability of alternatives. This meeting will be held at Mason County Public Works, 100 West Public Works Drive, Shelton, Washington, 98584. An informal open house will be held between 4 and 5:30 p.m. A presentation to summarize the purpose of scoping and existing information will be made between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Then, verbal testimony (maximum 4 minutes) will be taken between 6 and 7 p.m. Written comments may be sent by

regular or electronic mail to EIS Scoping Comments c/o Patrick Cagney (*see ADDRESSES*). Ongoing communication with agencies, Native American tribes, public interest groups, and interested citizens will take place throughout the EIS development through the use of public meetings, mailings and the Internet. Additional meetings will be scheduled upon completion of the draft EIS.

Anthony Wright,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; DQE, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy. The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to DQE, Inc. a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned invention described below: U.S. Patent 6,895,871 (Navy Case 84072): Issued May 24, 2005, entitled "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DECONTAMINATION PLATFORM".

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone 812-854-4100.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: September 17, 2010.

D. J. Werner,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.334A (Partnership grants)]

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of intent to fund down the fiscal year (FY) 2008 grant slate for the GEAR UP Program.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed in FY 2008 for the GEAR UP Program authorized by Title IV, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to make new grant awards in FY 2010. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on the FY 2008 grant slate. We expect to use an estimated \$4,481,799 for new awards in FY 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Davis, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8524. *Telephone:* (202) 502-7676 or *via Internet:* James.Davis@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 5, 2007, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 62449) inviting applications for new awards under the GEAR UP Program.

In response to this notice, we received a significant number of high-quality applications for grants under the GEAR UP Program and made seven new State grant awards and 31 new Partnership grant awards. Additionally, after determining that the amount of FY 2009 funding available for new GEAR UP awards was too small to warrant a new competition, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2009 (74 FR 21671), of our intent to make FY 2009 GEAR UP program awards by funding down the FY 2008 funding slate. Accordingly, the Department awarded new FY 2009 GEAR UP program awards to the next highest scoring State proposal and the five next highest scoring partnership proposals.