

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](mailto: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.

However, many applications that were awarded high scores by peer reviewers still did not receive funding.

We have recently learned that very limited funding is available for new awards under this program in FY 2010. Because any new awards must be made by September 30, 2010, we have decided to select grantees in FY 2010 from the existing slate of applicants from the FY 2008 competition. This slate was developed during the FY 2008 competition using the selection criteria, application requirements, and definitions referenced in the 2007 **Federal Register** notice.

**Note:** To be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this notice, all applicants being considered for funding based on the funding slate for the FY 2008 competition must meet all statutory and regulatory eligibility criteria and other requirements for this program.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1070a–21–1070–28.

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Dated: September 21, 2010.

**Eduardo M. Ochoa,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9206–7]

#### 2010 Release of CADDIS (Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public release.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the public release of the 2010 version of the Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System (CADDIS). This Web site was developed to help scientists find, develop, organize, and use environmental information to improve causal assessments of biological impairment. The CADDIS Web site was developed and prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), in the Office of Research and Development (ORD), and is available at <http://www.epa.gov/caddis>.

**DATES:** The 2010 CADDIS Web site will become publically available on September 24, 2010.

*Additional Information:* For additional information on the CADDIS Web site, please contact the Information Management Team via mail: Mailcode 8601P, National Center for Environmental Assessment, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 703–347–8561; facsimile: 703–347–8691; or e-mail: [caddis@epa.gov](mailto:caddis@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Over a thousand water bodies in the United States are listed by states as biologically impaired. For many of these sites, the cause of impairment is reported as “unknown.” Before appropriate management actions can be formulated for impaired water bodies, the causes of biological impairment (e.g., excess fine sediments, nutrients, toxics, and other stressors) must be identified. Effective causal analyses require knowledge of the mechanisms, symptoms, and stressor-response relationships for various stressors, as well as the ability to use that knowledge to draw appropriate, defensible conclusions. To aid in these causal analyses, NCEA developed CADDIS, a web-based decision support system to help regional, state, and tribal investigators find, access, organize, and share information useful for causal evaluations in aquatic systems. CADDIS is based on EPA's Stressor Identification process, which is a formal method for identifying causes of impairments in aquatic environments. Features of CADDIS include a step-by-step guide to conducting causal assessments; a summary of relevant causal assessment history and concepts; summary information for common sources and stressors; applied examples of causal assessment methods; information on basic and advanced data analyses; downloadable software tools; and an online application for collaborating on

conceptual diagrams and using them to update and access a database of supporting literature.

Dated: September 20, 2010.

**Lynn Flowers,**  
*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–R09–UST–2010–0538; FRL–9205–2]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Underground Storage Tank: Information Request Letters, Pacific Southwest Region (Region IX); EPA ICR No. 2405.01, OMB Control No. 2009–NEW**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA's Pacific Southwest Region (Region IX) is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the request to OMB, EPA Region IX is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R09–UST–2010–0538 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* [thomas.ladonna@epa.gov](mailto:thomas.ladonna@epa.gov).
- *Fax:* (415) 947–3530.
- *Mail:* LaDonna Thomas,

Environmental Protection Agency,  
*Mailcode:* WST–8, 75 Hawthorne Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94105–3901.

- *Hand Delivery:* Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–R09–UST–2010–0538. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at