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**James E. Rogan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.305P]

### Institute of Education Sciences; English Language Acquisition Evaluation Program; Notice of Applicable Program Regulations

The following Education Department General Administrative Regulations apply to this program: 34 CFR parts 74, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86 (part 86 applies only to Institutions of Higher Education), 97, 98, and 99. In addition 34 CFR part 75 is applicable, except for the provisions in 34 CFR 75.100, 75.101(b), 75.102, 75.103, 75.105, 75.109(a), 75.200, 75.201, 75.209, 75.210, 75.217, 75.219 (except that the Department may select an application for funding without following the applicable procedures if the application was evaluated under the preceding competition of the program; the application rated high enough to deserve selection; and the application was not selected for funding because the application was mishandled by the Department), 75.220 and 75.230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 9501 *et seq.* (the "Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002", Title I of Public Law 107-279, November 5, 2002).

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**Grover J. Whitehurst,**

*Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos. 84.336B and 84.336D]

### Office of Postsecondary Education; Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program—Partnership Grants; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

**Purpose of Program:** To provide grants to promote improvements in the quality of new teachers, with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement in the nation's K-12 classrooms. Partnership grants are designed to promote significant improvements in teacher education by strengthening the vital role of K-12 educators in the design and implementation of effective teacher education programs, and by increasing collaboration among these educators and institutions of higher education, and departments of arts and sciences.

**Eligible Applicants:** Partnerships which include, at a minimum:

1. An institution of higher education with an eligible teacher preparation program;
2. A school of arts and sciences; and
3. A high-need local educational agency (LEA).

A partnership may include additional entities, as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), title II, part A, section 203(b). Terms 2 and 3 are defined in section 201 of the HEA and in the application package.

**Note:** A partnership that received a previous grant under this program is not eligible for a FY 2003 grant.

**Applications Available:** April 30, 2003.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** June 2, 2003, for pre-

applications; August 8, 2003, for full applications.

**Note:** The Department will invite full applications from those partnerships whose pre-applications ranked highly enough to be competitive at the full application stage. Only those partnerships who are invited to submit a full application will be eligible to receive a grant award.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** August 4, 2003.

**Available Funds:** \$4,234,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$750,000–\$1,250,000 per year.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$1.058 million per year.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 4.

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

**Project Period:** Up to 60 months.

**Page Limit: Pre-applications:** The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria reviewers use to evaluate your application.

If you are submitting a pre-application for a Partnership grant, you must limit your narrative to the equivalent of no more than 10 pages and your estimated budget information to the equivalent of no more than three pages.

For the pre-application narrative and budget information the following standards apply:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text, including titles, headings, quotations, references, and captions.
- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- For tables, charts, or graphs also use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch.

Our reviewers will not read any of the specified sections of your application that—

- Exceed the page limit if you apply these standards; or
- Exceed the equivalent of the page limit if you apply other standards.

**Full Applications:** You must limit your narrative to the equivalent of no more than 50 pages. In addition, you must limit your accompanying work plan to the equivalent of no more than 10 pages, your budget narrative to the equivalent of no more than 10 pages, and your evaluation plan to the equivalent of no more than 5 pages.

For the full application narrative, budget narrative, work plan, and evaluation plan the following standards apply:

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- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text, including titles, headings, quotations, references, and captions.

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**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 611.

**Priority:** This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 611.25).

The Secretary provides a competitive preference on the basis of how well the project includes a significant role for private business in the design and implementation of the project.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 10 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

**Special Funding Considerations:** The program regulations (34 CFR part 611.3(c)) provide that when two or more applicants are ranked equally for the last available award, the Secretary selects the applicant whose activities will focus (or have most impact) on LEAs and schools located in one (or more) of the Nation's Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

**For Applications and Further Information Contact:** Luretha Kelley, Teacher Quality Program, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 7101, Washington, DC 20006-8525. Telephone: (202) 502-7878, Fax: (202) 502-7864 or via Internet: [Luretha.Kelley@ed.gov](mailto:Luretha.Kelley@ed.gov).

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1021 *et seq.*

Dated: April 15, 2003.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Request for Information

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for information on the department's plan to implement FutureGen.

**SUMMARY:** On February 27, 2003, President Bush announced that the United States would sponsor a \$1 billion, 10-year demonstration project to create the world's first coal-based, zero emissions power plant to produce electricity and hydrogen. As part of this announcement, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham unveiled plans for FutureGen—one of the boldest steps our Nation has taken toward a pollution-free energy future. This project will establish the technical and economic feasibility of producing electricity and hydrogen from coal—our lowest cost and most abundant domestic energy resource—while capturing and sequestering the carbon dioxide generated in the process. FutureGen will showcase cutting-edge technologies that can virtually eliminate

environmental concerns associated with coal utilization. The ultimate success of FutureGen depends on acceptance of the concept of sequestration by the industries that will be most heavily impacted by potential future limitations on carbon emissions. Thus, the Department plans to noncompetitively enter into a cooperative agreement with a Consortium led by the coal-fired electric power industry and the coal production industry. Under the guidance of a Government Steering Committee, this Consortium will be responsible for the design, construction and operation of the FutureGen plant, and for the monitoring, measuring, and verifying of carbon dioxide sequestration. The members of the Consortium shall collectively own and produce at least one-third of the Nation's coal and at least one-fifth of its coal-fueled electricity. In addition to collectively owning and producing a large fraction of the Nation's coal and electricity, the Consortium is expected to: (a) Be geographically diverse by including both eastern and western domestic coal producers and coal-fueled electricity generators; and, (b) be resource diverse by including producers and users of the full range of coal types. The public's interest is best served by having this broad cross section of the coal and coal-fueled electricity industries involved in this project. The Department will require that the Consortium use fair and open competition to select the host site; engineering, design, and construction services; and major equipment modules.

**DATES:** Comments shall be received no later than June 16, 2003 at the address below. Confidential information contained within a submission should be identified and marked accordingly. The Department will protect confidential information to the extent permitted by law.

**ADDRESSES:** The Department seeks public comment regarding its plans for implementing FutureGen. Groups who collectively own and produce at least one-third of the Nation's coal and one-fifth of its coal-based electricity, and who are interested in establishing a Consortium, are invited to submit comments of no more than ten pages that include the group's (a) name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address; (b) interest in participating in FutureGen; and, (c) technical and financial ability and commitment to pursue the FutureGen project including qualifications of key team members.

In addition, any other interested party is invited to submit no more than five