

comment period on this notice, no substantive comments or objections were received on the proposed extension and waiver, and no substantive changes have been made. For this reason, and in order to make a timely continuation grant to the entity affected, the Secretary has determined that a delayed effective date is not required.

Background

On July 29, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 49014–49015) a notice of extension of project period and waiver. In this notice we announced that the Secretary intends to redesign the technical assistance component of the Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities program and provide funding in fiscal year 2003. The notice of extension of project period and waiver was issued to enable the current technical assistance provider, the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers Project to receive funding from October 1, 2002 until March 31, 2003. The grant for the ALLIANCE expired, after a 5-year project period, on September 30, 2002.

Technical assistance is provided on an ongoing basis to parent centers, and it would be contrary to the public interest to have any service lapses for the parent centers being served by the current grantee.

Reasons

We have determined that an additional period of time is needed for redesigning the technical assistance component. To avoid any lapse in service for the intended beneficiaries before the redesigned technical assistance component can be fully implemented, the Secretary will fund this project until September 30, 2003. The Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and period extensions that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. This waiver gives the affected grantee notice of the availability of an additional six months of funding.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the extension of project period and waiver will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only small entity that would be affected is the PACER Center, Inc., which operates the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers project.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This extension and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance. This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.328, Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities)

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Idle Reduction Technology Demonstration and Information Dissemination Solicitation

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost shared demonstration and information

dissemination projects of onboard idle reduction technologies on Class 7 & 8 trucks. The objective of this activity is to select and conduct projects that will produce information on the ability of several idle reduction technologies to enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the trucking industry. DOE is very interested in funding innovative, cost effective projects that demonstrate the capability of various idle reduction technologies to reduce fuel consumption and in disseminating that information to the trucking industry.

The projects are to address the data collection, analysis and dissemination needs identified by the U.S. DOE FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies Program and the trucking industry in the Idle Reduction Technology Demonstration Plan. This demonstration plan is located at http://www.ott.doe.gov/otu/field_ops/pdfs/demo_plan_final.pdf.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE–PS07–03ID14504 will be on or about April 25, 2003. An application consists of the DOE Standard Form (SF) 424 form, SF 424A form, a technical proposal, signed letters of commitment, signed letters of intent, exhibits, and other enclosures or attachments and must have an IIPS transmission time stamp not later than 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Late applications will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications are required to be submitted via the U. S. Department of Energy Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Approximately \$250,000 of funding will be available to divide between the selected demonstration and dissemination projects in fiscal year 2003. DOE anticipates making at least two cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of twenty-four (24) months or less, with the future possibility, based on available funding, to select additional projects in fiscal year 2004, or to extend successful (as determined by DOE) demonstration projects up to an additional 24 months in order to demonstrate longer-term durability and reliability.