

contact person listed at the beginning of this section. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

Application Procedures

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications: In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs, as well as discretionary grant competitions. The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Programs for Native Hawaiians is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under this grant competition, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We invite your participation in this pilot project. We will continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED Form 424), Budget Information “Non-Construction Programs, (ED Form 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED Form 424) to the Application Control Center following these steps:

1. Print ED Form 424 from the e-Application system.

2. Make sure that the applicant's Authorizing Representative signs this form.

3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-Application system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number and identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right corner of ED Form 424.

5. Fax ED Form 424 to the Application Control Center within three business days of submitting your electronic application at (202) 260-1349.

6. We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

7. **Closing Date Extension in the case of System Unavailability:** If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Programs for Native Hawaiians and you are prevented from submitting your application on the closing date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application via e-Application, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension:

- (1) You must be a registered user of e-Applications, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and

- (2)(a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (ET), on the deadline date; or

- (b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on the deadline date.

The Department must acknowledge and confirm the period of unavailability before you will be granted an extension. To request this extension you must contact David Quinlan by e-mail at David.Quinlan@ed.gov or by telephone at (202) 260-2658 or the e-Grants help desk at (888) 336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Programs for Native Hawaiians at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information on the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the deadline requirements included in this notice.

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Judge Eric Andell,

Deputy Under Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting cancellation.

On June 24, 2003, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada Test Site 68 FR 37471. Today's notice is announcing the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for July 9, 2003. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2003.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 30, 2003.

Rachel M. Samuel,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).