

naturopathic medical educational programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D. or N.M.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.) degree.

3. Teacher Education Accreditation Council (Requested scope of recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of professional education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of teachers K–12)

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of Montessori teacher education institutions and programs throughout the United States evaluated by the following review committees: the American Montessori Society Review Committee and the Independent Review Committee only.)

2. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools (Current scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of adult and postsecondary schools that offer programs below the degree level in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.)

Interim Reports (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency.)

1. Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Commission on Accreditation

2. American Academy for Liberal Education

3. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission

4. American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

5. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education

6. Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission

7. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission *Progress Report*: A report on the agency's implementation of its new accreditation process.

1. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition

1. Missouri State Board of Education

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition

1. Missouri State Board of Nursing

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 03-17: Theory, Modeling and Simulation in Nanoscience

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting research grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) and the Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announce their interest in receiving applications for projects in the area of theory and modeling in nanoscience. Partnerships among universities, National Laboratories, and industry are encouraged. The full text of Program Notice 03-17 is available via the Internet using the following Web site address: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

DATES: Preapplications referencing Program Notice 03-17 should be received by February 18, 2003.

Formal applications in response to this notice should be received by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., April 9, 2003, to be accepted for merit review and funding in Fiscal Year 2003.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications referencing Program Notice 03-17 should be sent via e-mail using the following address: nanoscience.preposals@science.doe.gov.

Formal applications referencing Program Notice 03-17 must be sent electronically by an authorized institutional business official through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov> (see also <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>) IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS your business official will need to register at the IIPS Website. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS. Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific application as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be E-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: HelpDesk@pr.doe.gov or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the