

(D) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director; and the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that traditionally have been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability (10 points).

(E) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks (20 points).

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we will notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we will notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), one measure has been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the CSP: To support the creation of a large number of high-quality charter schools. The objective of this goal is to encourage the development of a large number of high-quality charter schools that are free from state or local rules that inhibit flexible operation, are held accountable for enabling students to reach challenging state performance standards, and are open to all students. The Secretary has set an overall performance target that calls for an increase in both the number

of states with charter school legislation and the number of charter schools in operation around the nation.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their contribution in assisting the Department in meeting this performance measure.

## VII. Agency Contact

*For Further Information Contact:* Rik Lanzendorfer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C148 FB6, Washington, DC 20202-5961. Telephone: (202) 205-9786 or by e-mail: [Rik.Lanzendorfer@ed.gov](mailto:Rik.Lanzendorfer@ed.gov).

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## VIII. Other Information

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of the acceptance of Title X claims for reimbursement in fiscal year (FY) 2004.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2004 from eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. In FY 2004, Congress appropriated \$51 million for the Title X reimbursement program. Because of the amount of unpaid approved claims within the current reimbursement ceilings (approximately \$80 million), DOE plans to accelerate the FY 2004 reimbursements to licensees in advance of the April 30, 2004, regulatory deadline. These payments will be prorated based on the amount of FY 2004 appropriations, unpaid approved claim balances (approximately \$80 million), and claims received in May 2003 (approximately \$38 million).

**DATES:** The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2004 is May 3, 2004. These new claims will be processed for payment by April 30, 2005, together with unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

**ADDRESSES:** Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, Environmental Programs Department, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, Environmental Programs Department, H and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Gilbert Maldonado. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Gilbert Maldonado at (505) 845-4035 of the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, Environmental Programs Department.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR Part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. DOE amended the final rule on June 3, 2003, (68 FR 32955) to adopt several technical and