

responsible for an initial or final denial on appeal of a request for declassification of a record.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

E.O. 12958, Classified National Security Information, or other applicable Executive Order(s) governing classified National Security Information.

PURPOSE(S):

To manage requests and/or appeals from individuals for the mandatory review of classified documents for the purposes of releasing declassified material to the public; and to provide a research resource of historical data on release of records so as to facilitate conformity in subsequent actions.

Data developed from this system is used for the annual report required by the applicable Executive Order(s) governing classified National Security Information. This data also serves management needs, by providing information about the number of requests; the type or category of records requested; and the average processing time.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records in the system:

STORAGE:

Magnetic media storage, computer database, paper computer printouts, and paper records in file folders.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by name of requester and other pertinent information, such as organization or address, subject material describing the MDR item (including date), MDR request number using computer indices, referring agency, or any combination of fields.

SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records are maintained in security containers with access limited to officials having a need-to-know based on their assigned duties. Computer systems require user passwords and users are limited according to their assigned duties to appropriate access on a need-to-know basis.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Files that grant access to records are held in current status for two years after the end of the calendar year in which created, then destroyed. Files pertaining to denials of requests are destroyed 5 years after final determination. Appeals are retained for 3 years after final determination.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Suite 501, Crystal Gateway North, 1111 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4306.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Suite 501, Crystal Gateway North, 1111 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4306.

Written requests for information should include the full name and organizational affiliation of the individual at the time the record would have been created.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Chief, Declassification and Historical Research Branch, Suite 501, Crystal Gateway North, 1111 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4306.

Written requests for information should include the full name and organizational affiliation of the individual at the time the record would have been created.

For personal visits to examine records, the individual should provide identification such as a driver's license or other form of picture identification.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Requests from individuals for Mandatory Declassification Review and subsequent release of records and information provided by form and memorandum by officials who hold the requested records, act upon the request, or who are involved in legal action stemming from the action taken.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition: European Community-United States of America Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training: Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.116J.

DATES: *Applications Available:* January 16, 2004.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 16, 2004.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 16, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education and vocational education and training or combinations of these institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$700,000 under this program for FY 2004. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$25,000–\$200,000 total for up to three years.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$25,000 for one-year preparatory projects; \$75,000 for two-year complementary activities projects; \$50,000 for year one of a three-year consortia implementation project with a \$200,000 three-year total.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education. This program is a Special Focus Competition under the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary