

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force, DOD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the United States Air Force (USAF) Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Spring Board meeting will take place on 21 April 2015 at the 552nd Air Control Wing Auditorium, located in building 282, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City 73145. The meeting will occur from 7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 April 2015. The session that will be open to the *general public* will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on 21 April 2015. The purpose of this Air Force Scientific Advisory Board quarterly meeting is to conduct a mid-term review of FY15 SAB studies, which consist of: (1) Cyber Vulnerabilities of Embedded Systems on Air And Space Systems, (2) Enhanced Utility of Unmanned Air Vehicles In Contested and Denied Environments, (3) Utility of Quantum Systems for the Air Force. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, a number of sessions of the USAF SAB Spring Board meeting will be closed to the public because they will discuss classified information and matters covered by section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Any member of the public that wishes to attend this meeting or provide input to the USAF SAB must contact the Designated Federal Officer at the phone number or email address listed below at least five working days prior to the meeting date. Please ensure that you submit your written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed below at least five calendar days prior to the meeting commencement date. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions and respond to them prior to the start of the meeting identified in this notice. Written statements received after this date may

not be considered by the USAF SAB until the next scheduled meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The USAF SAB meeting organizer, Major Mike Rigoni at, michael.j.rigoni.mil@mail.mil or 240–612–5504, United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1500 West Perimeter Road, Ste. #3300, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Application for New Awards; Evaluation of State Education Programs and Policies Grant Program**

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information

Evaluation of State Education Programs and Policies Grant Program.

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.305E.

Dates:

Request for Applications Available:

On or before March 12, 2015.

Applications Available: April 16, 2015.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: April 16, 2015.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 10, 2015.

Full Text of Announcement**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Evaluation of State Education Programs and Policies Grant Program is to support rigorous evaluations of education programs and policies implemented by State educational agencies (SEAs) that have important implications for improving student education outcomes. These evaluations are to be carried out by partnerships between research institutions and SEAs.

The National Center for Education Research (NCER), a center within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), will hold a competition for the Evaluation of State Education Programs and Policies Grant Program. Under this competition, NCER will consider only applications that propose to evaluate State programs and policies (or components of these programs and

policies) that fit within one of the three following categories:

- College- and Career-Ready Standards and Assessments.
- Identification and Improvement of the Lowest-Performing Schools and/or Schools with the Greatest Achievement Gaps.
- Teacher and Principal Evaluation and Support Systems.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9501 *et seq.*

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 77, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. In addition, the regulations in 34 CFR part 75 are applicable, except for the provisions in 34 CFR 75.100, 75.101(b), 75.102, 75.103, 75.105, 75.109(a), 75.200, 75.201, 75.209, 75.210, 75.211, 75.217(a)–(c), 75.219, 75.220, 75.221, 75.222, and 75.230.

(b) The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended in 2 CFR part 3474.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.
Estimated Available Funds: \$5 million for FY 2015.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2016 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$2 to \$5 million for the entire project period of up to 60 months.

Maximum Award: The maximum total award is \$5 million for the entire project period of up to 60 months. We will reject any application that proposes more than \$1 million for each 12-month budget period of the grant.

Estimated Number of Awards: The number of awards made will depend on the quality of the applications received for that competition and the availability of funds.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months based on performance.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* Research partnerships involving at least one