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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

**Hydrographic Services Review Panel
Meeting**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA), Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services
Review Panel (HSRP) will hold a
meeting that will be open to the public
and public comments are requested in
advance or during the meeting.
Information about the HSRP meeting,
agenda, presentations, webinar and
background documents will be posted
online at: [http://
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/
meetings_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

DATES: The meeting is April 18–20,
2017. The agenda and times are subject
to change. For updates, please check
online at: [http://
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/
meetings_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

Location: Downtown Seattle,
Washington, with venue to be
announced online at: [http://
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/
meetings_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
meeting is open to the public, seating
will be available on a first-come, first-
served basis, and public comment is
encouraged. There are public comment
periods scheduled each day and noted
in the agenda. Each individual or group
making verbal comments will be limited
to a total time of five (5) minutes and
will be recorded. For those not onsite,
comments can be submitted via the
webinar or via email in writing.
Individuals who would like to submit
written statements in advance, during or
after the meeting should email their
comments to Lynne.Mersfelder@

noaa.gov. The HSRP will provide
webinar capability for the public
sessions. Pre-registration is required to
access the webinar. Additional
information on the webinar will be
posted and is available from
Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov or online at:
[http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/
ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_seattle2017.htm).

The Hydrographic Services Review
Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory
Committee established to advise the
Under Secretary of Commerce for
Oceans and Atmosphere, the NOAA
Administrator, on matters related to the
responsibilities and authorities set forth
in section 303 of the Hydrographic
Services Improvement Act of 1998, as
amended, and such other appropriate
matters that the Under Secretary refers
to the Panel for review and advice. The
charter and other information are
located online at: [http://
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/
CharterBylawsHSIAStatute.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/CharterBylawsHSIAStatute.htm). Past
HSRP public meeting summary reports,
agendas, presentations, transcripts,
webinars, and other information is
available online at: [https://
www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/
meetings.htm](https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings.htm).

Matters To Be Considered: The panel
is convening to hear federal, state,
regional and local partners and
stakeholders on issues relevant to
NOAA's navigation services, focusing
on the Pacific Northwest including the
states of Washington and Oregon as well
as national issues. Navigation services
include the data, products, and services
provided by the NOAA programs and
activities that undertake geodetic
observations, gravity modeling,
shoreline mapping, bathymetric
mapping, hydrographic surveying,
nautical charting, tide and water level
observations, current observations, and
marine modeling. This suite of NOAA
products and services support safe and
efficient navigation, resilient coasts and
communities, and the nationwide
positioning information infrastructure to
support America's commerce. The Panel
will hear from state and federal
agencies, non-federal organizations and
partners about their missions and their
use of NOAA's navigation services;
what value these services bring; and
what improvements could be made.
Other administrative matters may be
considered. The agenda is subject to
change.

Special Accommodations: This
meeting is physically accessible to
people with disabilities. Please direct
requests for sign language interpretation
or other auxiliary aids to
Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov by April 3,
2017.

Dated: February 10, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Final Environmental Impact Statement
for the East Campus Integration
Program, Fort Meade, Maryland**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense
(DoD) announces the availability of the
Final Environmental Impact Statement
(EIS) as part of the environmental
planning process for the East Campus
Integration Program at Fort George G.
Meade, Maryland (hereafter referred to
as Fort Meade). The DoD proposes to
continue to develop operational
complex and headquarters space at the
National Security Agency's (NSA) East
Campus on Fort Meade for use by NSA
and the Intelligence Community.

DATES: The Final EIS is available for a
30-day period following publication of
the Notice of Availability.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final EIS are
available at the Medal of Honor
Memorial Library, 4418 Llewellyn
Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755; Glen
Burnie Regional Library, 1010 Eastway,
Glen Burnie, MD 21060; Odenton
Regional Library, 1325 Annapolis Road,
Odenton, MD 21113; and Severn
Community Library, 2624 Annapolis
Road, Severn, Maryland 21144.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request copies of the Final EIS, please
send an email to ECIPEIS@hdrinc.com.
For further information, please call 301-
688-2970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
purpose of the Proposed Action is to
provide facilities that are fully
supportive of the Intelligence
Community's function and to continue
to integrate the East Campus with the
NSA Main Campus. The need for the
action is to meet mission requirements,
both internally at the NSA and within
the Intelligence Community. The EIS
considered four options for emergency
power generation; two options for
building heating systems; four options
for locations of parking facilities;
acquisition of additional space at two
existing, offsite leased locations; and the
No Action Alternative.

Dated: February 24, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Strengthening Institutions Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary
Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:

Strengthening Institutions Program.
Notice inviting applications for new
awards for fiscal year (FY) 2017.

Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.031A.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 1,
2017.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* April 17, 2017.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental
Review:* June 16, 2017.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The
Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)
provides grants to eligible institutions of
higher education (IHEs) to help them
become self-sufficient and expand their
capacity to serve low-income students
by providing funds to improve and
strengthen the institution's academic
quality, institutional management, and
fiscal stability.

Note: The Department of Education
(Department) is conducting two separate
competitions for SIP grants in 2017. This
competition (CFDA number 84.031A) does
not include any priorities. The Department is
conducting a separate competition under the
84.031F CFDA number. In that competition
applicants must address an absolute priority
and may address a competitive priority. The
84.031F competition will be announced in a
separate **Federal Register** notice. Applicants
may apply for grants in both the 84.031A and
84.031F competitions, but can only receive
one grant.

Definitions: These definitions apply to
the selection criteria for this
competition and are from 34 CFR 77.1.

Logic model (also referred to as theory
of action) means a well-specified
conceptual framework that identifies
key components of the proposed
process, product, strategy, or practice
(i.e., the active "ingredients" that are
hypothesized to be critical to achieving
the relevant outcomes) and describes
the relationships among the key

components and outcomes, theoretically
and operationally.

Note: In developing logic models,
applicants may want to use resources such as
the Pacific Education Laboratory's Education
Logic Model Application ([http://
relpacific.mcrel.org/resources/elm-app/](http://relpacific.mcrel.org/resources/elm-app/) or
<http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED544779.pdf>)
to help design their logic models.

Relevant outcome means the student
outcome(s) (or the ultimate outcome if
not related to students) the proposed
process, product, strategy, or practice is
designed to improve; consistent with
the specific goals of a program.

Strong theory means a rationale for
the proposed process, product, strategy,
or practice that includes a logic model.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1057–
1059d (title III, part A, of the Higher
Education Act of 1965, as amended
(HEA)).

Note: In 2008, the HEA was amended by
the Higher Education Opportunity Act of
2008 (HEOA), Public Law 110–315. The
HEOA made a number of technical and
substantive revisions to SIP. Please note that
the regulations for SIP in 34 CFR part 607
have not been updated to reflect these
statutory changes.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The
Education Department General
Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in
34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 84, 86,
97, 98, and 99. (b) The Education
Department suspension and debarment
regulations 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
as regulations of the Department in 2
CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations for
this program in 34 CFR part 607.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86
apply to IHEs only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grant.
Five-year Individual Development
Grants will be awarded in FY 2017.
Cooperative Arrangement Development
Grants will not be made in FY 2017.

Estimated Available Funds: The
Administration has requested
\$86,534,000 for awards for the SIP
program for FY 2017, of which we
intend to use an estimated \$3,699,000
for this competition. 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.

Contingent upon the availability of
funds and the quality of applications,
we may make additional awards in FY

2018 from the list of unfunded
applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards:
\$400,000–\$450,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:
\$415,000 per year.

Maximum Award: We will reject any
application that proposes a budget
exceeding \$450,000 for a single budget
period of 12 months.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8–9.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* This program is
authorized by title III, part A, of the
HEA. To qualify as an eligible
institution under any title III, part A
program, an institution must—

(a) Be accredited or preaccredited by
a nationally recognized accrediting
agency or association that the Secretary
has determined to be a reliable authority
as to the quality of education or training
offered;

(b) Be legally authorized by the State
in which it is located to be a junior or
community college or to provide an
educational program for which it
awards a bachelor's degree;

(c) Be designated as an "eligible
institution" by demonstrating that it: (1)
Has an enrollment of needy students as
described in 34 CFR 607.3; and (2) has
low average educational and general
expenditures per full-time equivalent
(FTE) undergraduate student as
described in 34 CFR 607.4.

Note: The notice announcing the FY 2017
process for designation of eligible
institutions, and inviting applications for
waiver of eligibility requirements, was
published in the **Federal Register** on
November 25, 2016 (81 FR 85210). Only
institutions that the Department determines
are eligible, or which are granted a waiver
under the process described in that notice,
may apply for a grant in this program.

Relationship Between the Title III, Part A Programs and the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program

A grantee under the HSI program,
which is authorized under title V of the
HEA, may not receive a grant under any
HEA, title III, part A program. The title
III, part A programs are: SIP; the
Tribally Controlled Colleges and
Universities program; the Alaska Native
and Native Hawaiian-Serving
Institutions program; the Asian
American and Native American Pacific
Islander-Serving Institutions program;
and the Native American-Serving
Nontribal Institutions program.