Air Force will discuss the Air Force’s posture, the status on the Report of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force recommendations, and plans to adapt the Total Air Force to meet future challenges; the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA) will continue briefing the findings of the current IDA study on the Reserve Components performance during Operation Enduring Freedom; the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness will discuss the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness’ goals, and updates on Reserve Component personnel system reforms currently under consideration; the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard will discuss the Army National Guard goals, readiness objectives, and challenges for the “Operational Reserve” as part of the Total Force; and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security will discuss the role of the National Guard and Reserve in meeting future challenges related to Homeland Defense. The portion of the meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. will be open to the public and will consist of briefings from the following: The Chair of the RFPB’s Subcommittee on Supporting & Sustaining Reserve Component Personnel will provide an update to the RFPB on the subcommittee’s proposed recommendations to the Secretary of Defense concerning the OUSD P&R Duty Status Reform proposal and the co-sponsored National Guard Bureau’s and OASD Manpower & Reserve Affairs Reserve Integration’s study on Reserve Component Travel Pay; the Chair of the RFPB’s Subcommittee on Enhancing DoD’s Role in the Homeland will provide an update to the RFPB on the subcommittee’s proposed recommendations to the Secretary of Defense concerning the Department of Defense support of civil authorities, FEMA requirements, the integration of the Reserve Component DoD’s Cyber Mission Force, and other Homeland issues; and a member of the Subcommittee on Ensuring a Ready, Capable, Available and Sustainable Operational Reserve will provide an update to the RFPB on the subcommittee’s proposed recommendations to the Secretary of Defense concerning the Air Reserve Component (ARC2 Mission) innovation for utilization and process improvements of the Reserves within the US Air Force.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to section 10(a)(1) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and subject to the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 2:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Mr. Alex Sabol, the Designated Federal Officer, not later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, as listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance at 1:30 p.m. to provide sufficient time to complete security screening to attend the beginning of the Open Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on March 7. To complete the security screening, please be prepared to present two forms of identification. One must be a picture identification card. In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the DoD has determined that the portion of this meeting scheduled to occur from 7:55 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in coordination with the Department of Defense FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public because it is likely to disclose classified matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Written Statements: Pursuant to section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, interested persons may submit written statements to the RFPB about its approved agenda or at any time on the RFPB’s mission. Written statements should be submitted to the RFPB’s Designated Federal Officer at the address, email, or facsimile number listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at the planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the RFPB until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written statements and provide copies to all the RFPB members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. Please note that since the RFPB operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the RFPB’s website.

Dated: February 27, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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Dated: February 27, 2018.

Thomas Brock
Commissioner of the National Center for Education Research, Delegated the Duties of the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION


AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2018 for CSP—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers 84.282B and 84.282E.

DATES:


Date of Pre-Application Webinar: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Washington, DC time.


Pre-Application Webinar Information: The Department will hold a pre-application meeting via webinar for prospective applicants on Thursday, March 8, 1:00 p.m., Washington, DC time. Individuals interested in attending this meeting are encouraged to pre-register by emailing their name, organization, and contact information with the subject heading “DEVELOPER GRANTS PRE-APPLICATION MEETING” to CharterSchools@ed.gov. There is no registration fee for attending this meeting.

For further information about the pre-application meeting, contact Eddie Moat, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4W259, Washington, DC 20202–5970. Telephone: (202) 401–2266 or by email: eddie.moat@ed.gov.

ADRESSES: The addresses pertinent to this competition—including the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application—can be found under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.


If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The major purposes of the CSP are to expand opportunities for all students, particularly traditionally underserved students, to attend charter schools and meet challenging State academic standards; provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of public charter schools; increase the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the United States; evaluate the impact of charter schools on student achievement, families, and communities; share best practices between charter schools and other public schools; encourage States to provide facilities support to charter schools; and support efforts to strengthen the charter school authorizing process.

CSP—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants) are intended to support charter schools that serve early childhood, elementary school, or secondary school students by providing grant funds to eligible applicants for the opening of new charter schools (CFDA number 84.282B) and for the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools (CFDA number 84.282E).

Eligibility for a grant under this competition is limited to charter school developers in States that do not currently have a CSP State Entity grant (CFDA number 84.282A) under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Eligibility in a State with a CSP State Educational Agency (SEA) grant under the ESEA, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) (CFDA number 84.282A) is limited to charter school developers applying for grants for the replication and expansion of high-quality charter schools (CFDA number 84.282E) and only if the Department has not approved an amendment to the SEA’s approved grant application authorizing the SEA to make subgrants for replication and expansion.

Charter schools that receive financial assistance through Developer Grants provide programs of elementary or secondary education, or both, and may also serve students in early childhood education programs or postsecondary students.

Background: This notice invites applications from eligible applicants for two types of grants: (1) Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools (CFDA number 84.282B) and (2) Grants to Charter School Developers for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (CFDA number 84.282E). Under this competition, each CFDA number, 84.282B and 84.282E, constitutes its own funding category. The Secretary intends to award grants under each CFDA number for applications that are of sufficient quality. Information pertaining to each type of grant is provided in subsequent sections of this notice.

The ESSA, enacted in December 2015, reauthorized and amended the ESEA. The amendments included significant changes affecting the CSP, including the