

Possible Third Party Liability, Defense Health Agency; DD Form 2527; OMB Number 0720-0003.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is completed by TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS) beneficiaries suffering from personal injuries and receiving medical care at Government expense. The information is necessary in the assertion of the Government's right to recovery under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act. The data is used in the evaluation and processing of these claims.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Federal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 47,023.

Number of Respondents: 188,090.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

The Federal Medical Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651-2653 as implemented by Executive Order No. 11060 and 28 CFR part 43 provides for recovery of the reasonable value of medical care provided by the United States to a person who is injured or suffers a disease under circumstances creating tort liability in a third person. DD Form 2527 is required for investigating and asserting claims in favor of the United States arising out of such incidents.

When a claim for TRICARE benefits is identified as involving possible third party liability and the information is not submitted with the claim, the TRICARE contractor requests that the injured party (or a designee) complete DD Form 2527. To protect the interests of the Government, the contractor suspends claims processing until the requested third party liability information is received. The contractor conducts a preliminary evaluation based upon the collection of information and refers the case to a designated appropriate legal officer of the Uniformed Services. The responsible Uniformed Services legal officer uses the information as a basis for asserting and settling the Government's claim. When appropriate, the information is forwarded to the Department of Justice as the basis for litigation.

Section 1 of the Form is used to collect general information, such as name, address and telephone numbers about the military sponsor and the injured beneficiary and the date, time and location where the injured occurred.

Section 2 of the Form is used to collect information about accidental injuries. Most of the investigations for third party liability involve motor vehicle accidents. Information about insurance coverage for the parties

involved in the accident is collected. Section 2 of the Form is also used to collect information about accidents not involving motor vehicles. Information such as the type of accident, the place where the injury occurred, the name of the property owner where the injury occurred and cause of the injury is collected. The name and address of the employer is collected when the injury was work related.

Section 3 of the Form is used for miscellaneous information such as possible medical treatment at a Government hospital, the name and address of the beneficiary's attorney, and information regarding any possible releases or settlements with another party to the accident. It also contains the certification, date and signature of the beneficiary (or a designee).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Office of Economic Adjustment; Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO)

AGENCY: Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Federal funding opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Defense was previously authorized to establish a limited program to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary public schools on military installations in order to address capacity or facility condition deficiencies at such schools. In fiscal year 2015 Congress made available an additional \$175 million for the program and included additional program requirements regarding cost sharing or matching applicable to the additional \$175 million and any remaining unobligated balances for this program. This notice explains the additional program requirements regarding cost sharing or matching and provides updated proposal and submission information and Federal award agency contact information for this program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Federal Awarding Agency: Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Department of Defense (DoD).

b. Funding Opportunity Title: Department of Defense Program for

Construction, Renovation, Repair or Expansion of Public Schools Located on Military Installations.

c. Announcement Type: Modification of Previously Announced Federal Funding Opportunity published in the September 9, 2011 **Federal Register** (76 FR 55883).

d. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number & Title: 12.600, Community Investment.

e. Key Dates: Submissions will be accepted by invitation only as described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883), and this notice.

I. Period of Funding Opportunity

Funding remains available until expended, as described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883), and this notice.

II. Funding Opportunity

a. Program Description

Please refer to the *Federal Funding Opportunity Title:* Department of Defense Program for Construction, Renovation, Repair or Expansion of Public Schools Located on Military Installations.

Announcement Type: Federal Funding Opportunity.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 12.600.

Date: September 9, 2011

The Secretary of Defense is authorized by Section 8017 of Public Law 113-291, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015, acting through OEA, to provide up to \$175 million "to make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, or supplement other Federal funds to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary public schools on military installations in order to address capacity or facility condition deficiencies at such schools: Provided further, that in making such funds available, OEA shall give priority consideration to those military installations with schools having the most serious capacity or facility condition deficiencies as determined by the Secretary of Defense: Provided further, that a matching share, as outlined by the Department of Defense in the guidelines published in the September 9, 2011, **Federal Register** (76 FR 55883), is required to be provided by the local education authority (LEA) or the State in which the school is located. Provided further, these provisions apply to funds provided under this section, and to funds previously provided by Congress to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary

public schools on military installations in order to address capacity or facility condition deficiencies at such schools to the extent such funds remain unobligated the date of enactment of this section.” Section 8109 of Public Law 112–10, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011; Section 8118 of Public Law 112–74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012; and Section 8108 of Public Law 113–6, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, previously provided a total of \$770 million to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary public schools on military installations. OEA announced procedures for administering this program in a **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

This notice explains additional program requirements applicable to the additional \$175 million and any remaining unobligated balances previously provided by Congress for this program, pursuant to Section 8017 of Public Law 113–291.

b. Federal Award Information

Awards under this FFO will be issued in the form of a grant agreement in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 6304.

III. Eligibility Information

a. Eligible Applicants

As described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

b. Eligible Activities

As described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

c. Cost Sharing or Matching

Section 8017 of Public Law 113–291 established a matching share requirement applicable to the \$175 million provided by that legislation, and any remaining unobligated balances previously provided for this program.

(1) A matching share, equal to not less than twenty (20) percent of the total project cost, shall be provided by the LEA or the State in which the school is located.

(2) The matching share may be cash, an in-kind contribution, or a combination of both. The LEA or the State must demonstrate that the match is or will be available to permit timely execution of the project.

(3) For the purposes of this funding, the LEA or the State may use other Federal-sourced or non-Federal funds (State, local, or private contributions)

committed to or available for the project to meet the matching share requirement.

(4) OEA may, in its sole discretion, waive part of the matching share requirement provided the LEA or the State establishes to the satisfaction of OEA an inability to provide the required matching share.

(5) Otherwise eligible schools that are unable to provide the required matching share and have not established an inability to do so will not be considered for funding.

IV. Proposal and Submission Information

a. Submission of a Proposal

As described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

b. Content and Form of Proposal Submission

As described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

c. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each applicant is required to: (a) Provide a valid Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (b) be registered in SAM before submitting its application; and (c) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. OEA may not make a Federal award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time OEA is ready to issue a Federal award, OEA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant.

d. Submission Dates and Times

Proposals will be accepted by invitation only, subject to available appropriations, commencing on the date of publication of this notice and as described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

e. Application Review Information

i. Selection Criteria

As described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

ii. Review and Selection Process

As described in the **Federal Register** Notice dated September 9, 2011 (76 FR 55883).

f. Federal Award Administration Information

i. Federal Award Notices

In the event a grant is awarded, the successful applicant (Grantee) will receive a notice of award in the form of a grant agreement, signed by the Director, OEA (Grantor), on behalf of DoD. The grant agreement will be transmitted electronically or, if necessary, by U.S. Mail.

ii. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Any grant awarded under this program will be governed by the provisions of the OMB circulars applicable to financial assistance and DoD's implementing regulations in place at the time of the award. A Grantee receiving funds under this opportunity and any consultant or pass-thru entity operating under the terms of a grant shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities. Federal regulations that will apply to an OEA grant include administrative requirements and provisions governing allowable costs as stated in:

- 2 CFR part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”;
- 2 CFR part 1103, “Interim Grants and Cooperative Agreements Implementation of Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”;
- 2 CFR part 25, “Universal Identifier and System for Award Management”;
- 2 CFR part 170, “Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information”;
- 2 CFR part 180, OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), as implemented by DoD in 2 CFR part 1125, Department of Defense Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension; and
- 32 CFR part 28, “New Restrictions on Lobbying”.

Additional requirements applicable to construction awards include compliance with:

- National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
- National Historic Preservation Act

iii. Reporting

OEA requires periodic performance reports, an interim financial report for each 12 months a grant is active, and one final performance report for any grant. The performance reports will contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period;
- reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met;
- additional pertinent information when appropriate;
- a comparison of actual and projected quarterly expenditures in the grant; and,
- the amount of Federal cash on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

The final performance report must contain a summary of activities for the entire grant period. All required deliverables should be submitted with the final performance report.

The final SF 425, "Federal Financial Report," must be submitted to OEA within 90 days after the end of the grant.

V. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

For further information, to answer questions, or for help with problems related to this program, contact: Ms. Nia Hope, Program Director, Community Investment, Office of Economic Adjustment, 2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 520, Arlington, VA 22202-3711. Office: (703) 697-2088. Email: nia.a.hope.civ@mail.mil.

The OEA homepage address is: <http://www.oea.gov>.

Specific questions concerning the Department's Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List should be directed to Gerald David, Department of Defense Education Activity at gerald.david@hq.dodea.edu.

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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) 2015.

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

DATES:

Applications Available: April 23, 2015.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 8, 2015.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 6, 2015.

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.

Priority: This notice contains one competitive preference priority. The competitive preference priority is from 34 CFR 75.226.

Competitive Preference Priority: For FY 2015 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award three additional points to an application that meets this priority.

This priority is:

Competitive Preference Priority—Supporting Strategies for which there is Moderate Evidence of Effectiveness (3 additional points).

Projects that propose a process, product, strategy, or practice supported by moderate evidence of effectiveness (as defined in this notice).

Note: Applicants seeking to address this competitive preference priority should identify a minimum of one up to a maximum of two studies that support their proposed project and meet the definition of "moderate evidence of effectiveness." Applicants should clearly identify if they are addressing the priority on the one-page abstract submitted with the application. All cited studies must also be submitted with the application as a PDF. If the Department determines that an applicant has provided insufficient information, the applicant will not have an opportunity to provide additional information at a later time.

To qualify as moderate evidence of effectiveness, among other things, a study's evaluation design must meet What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) Evidence Standards (as defined in this notice). The What Works Clearinghouse Procedures and Standards Handbook describes in detail which types of study designs can meet WWC Evidence Standards with or without reservations

including both quasi-experimental design studies and randomized controlled trials (as defined in this notice). The WWC review protocol for individual studies in the postsecondary education topic area, which describes the specific types of outcomes, populations, and other criteria that will be used by the Department to determine whether a study meets WWC Evidence Standards, can be found at: http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/reference_resources/wwc_pe_protocol_v3.0.pdf.

Applicants may cite studies that (1) have already been determined by the Department to meet the WWC Evidence Standards (e.g., studies listed in the WWC-reviewed studies database or in the WWC database under the postsecondary topic area as having met WWC standards with or without reservations) or (2) have not yet been reviewed by the Department but that the applicant thinks will meet the WWC Evidence Standards. In the case of studies that have not yet been reviewed, the Department will review the studies to determine if they meet WWC Evidence Standards, in accordance with the procedures described under *Review and Selection Process* in section IV of this notice. In both cases, the studies will be reviewed by the Department to determine if they also meet the other requirements of the definition for "moderate evidence of effectiveness."

In order to receive the three additional points under this competitive preference priority, applicants should propose to implement the strategy from their supporting study or studies as closely as possible and describe in the narrative response to this priority how they will do so. Where modifications to a cited strategy will be made to account for student or institutional characteristics, resource limitations, or other special factors, the applicant should provide a justification or basis for the modifications in the narrative response to this priority. Modifications may not be proposed to the core aspects of any cited strategy.

Definitions: These definitions are from 34 CFR 77.1(c) and apply to the priority in this notice.

Large sample means an analytic sample of 350 or more students (or other single analysis units), or 50 or more groups (such as classrooms or schools) that contain 10 or more students (or other single analysis units).

Moderate evidence of effectiveness means one of the following conditions is met:

(i) There is at least one study of the effectiveness of the process, product, strategy, or practice being proposed that meets the What Works Clearinghouse