

on the Water Allocation for the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin, Alabama and Georgia.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the Draft EIS has been extended through February 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** To receive a copy of the Draft EIS, or to submit comments, contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Inland Environment Section, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001 or call 1-800-421-7637. Copies are available in hard copy or CD-ROM format. A copy of the full document may also be viewed at 61 libraries in the major cities and universities within the States of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, or the Main Report can be viewed on the Mobile District Web Page (<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/sam/pd/actacfeis>).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael J. Eubanks, ACT Basin EIS Project Manager, (334) 694-3861, facsimile number (334) 694-3815, e-mail address [michael.j.eubanks@sam.usace.army.mil](mailto:michael.j.eubanks@sam.usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A previous Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 191, pages 53022-53023, Friday, October 2, 1998, for public comment. The original comment period was to close on December 18, 1998. The comment period has been extended through February 26, 1999. Extension of the public comment period has been based on requests from several agencies, organizations, and individuals, as well as the likely extension of the water allocation formula development deadline by the ACT Compact Commission.

Dated: December 3, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Water Allocation for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin, Alabama, Florida and Georgia (Extension of Comment Period)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, DoD.

**ACTION:** Noticed.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Alabama, is

announcing today the extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Water Allocation for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joanne Brandt, ACF Basin EIS Project Manager, (334) 690-3260, facsimile number (334) 694-3815, e-mail address [joanne.u.brandt@sam.usace.army.mil](mailto:joanne.u.brandt@sam.usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A previous Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 191, pages 53023-53024, Friday, October 2, 1998, for public comment. The original comment period was to close on December 18, 1998. The comment period has been extended through February 26, 1999. Extension of the public comment period has been based on requests from several agencies, organizations, and individuals, as well as the likely extension of the water allocation formula development deadline by the ACF Compact Commission.

Dated: December 3, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Werfel\\_d@al.eop.gov](mailto:Werfel_d@al.eop.gov).

The Department of Education wants very much to make the final application packages for these programs available to the public as soon as possible. Therefore, it would appreciate receiving directly from the public a copy of any comments addressed to the Office of Management and Budget. Any copy of these written comments should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651 and Louis J. Venuto, Higher Education Programs, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1280 Maryland Ave. S.W., Cy-80, Portals Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-5329. A copy of comments also may be electronically mailed to the internet address [Pat\\_Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov) and [Louis\\_Venuto@ed.gov](mailto:Louis_Venuto@ed.gov), or faxed to Patrick J. Sherrill at 202-708-9346 and Louis J. Venuto at 202-708-9046. In addition, the Department of Education and the Office of Management and Budget will carefully review all written comments received within 30 days of publication of this notice. However, as a courtesy to those working to prepare the final application packages for these programs, the Department respectfully requests receipt of written comment as early as possible, preferably on or before December 28, 1998.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to: Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address, [Pat\\_Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov) or faxed to (202) 708-9346.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

The Department anticipates that application packages for the State Grants Program, Partnership Grants for Teacher Education Program, and the Teacher Recruitment Program will be available in late January of 1999. It is proposing that the Department receive all applications under each of these programs by April 16, 1999, so that grant awards may be made by mid to late July. However, because of the particular complexity of the Partnership Grants for Teacher Education Program, the Department is considering use of a pre-application procedure for this program. Under this procedure, all applicants first would submit synopses of their proposals. Reviewers would assess the quality of these synopses, and invite applicants whose synopses are found to be of highest quality to submit full applications. Grant awards issues under the Partnership Grants for Teacher Education Program might not be issued until early September, 1999. By law, the Department must award these grants no later than September 30, 1999.

The Department is considering this option out of concern that partnerships choosing to apply for grants under this program (1) may need a significant period of time to plan their working relationships and activities, and (2) should only need to spend the time and resources preparing the full program application if their proposals are deemed to be of sufficiently high quality. In addition, a pre-application process might enable peer reviewers to better focus their attention on those applications that most warrant it.

The Department specifically requests written comment from potential applicants on (1) whether the Department should adopt this proposal for a pre-application procedure even though doing so will delay grant awards and (2), if so, how the Department should address key issues such as: the information the pre-applications should contain; the criteria reviewers should use to select those applicants who they would recommend be invited to submit full applications, the length of the pre-applications; and the length of time that applicants will need to prepare pre-applications and, if requested to do so, the final program applications. In considering these issues, the public may find it useful to review the proposed selection criteria for the Partnership Grants for Teacher Education Program that are contained in the program's application package. In addition, the public should be aware that if a pre-application procedure is used, the Department estimates it may need over three and one half months to process,

peer-review, and select applicants for both phases of the application process.

Written comments on these and other matters should be sent as early as possible to the addresses identified at the beginning of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Louis Venuto at the address specified above.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

**Kent H. Hannaman,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief  
Information Officer.*

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Applications under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 100

Burden Hours: 4,000

**Abstract:** This application package is essential for Governors, State and Local agencies, and institutions of higher education to apply for new awards under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants fiscal year 1999 competition.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-

0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Availability of Solicitation  
Entitled Reservoir Class Field  
Demonstration Program—Class Revisit**

**AGENCY:** National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO) through the Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance of Financial Assistance Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The U. S. Department of Energy's National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO) in conjunction with the Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC) announces that it intends to issue a competitive Program Opportunity Notice (PON), DE-PS26-99BC15144, and to award financial assistance (Cooperative Agreements) to qualified recipients. Through the issuance of this PON, the DOE is presenting the next round of solicitations which addresses U.S. vulnerability to supply disruptions by expanding the domestic supply of oil production from the domestic resource. Proposals will be subjected to a comparative merit review by DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a limited number of proposers on the basis of the scientific merit of the proposals, application of relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds.

**DATES:** The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about December 18, 1998. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms in the Program Opportunity Notice and must be received by the DOE by April 1, 1999. Prior to submitting your application to the solicitation, check for any changes (i.e. closing date of solicitation) and/or amendments, if any.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Keith R. Miles, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 10940 (MS 921-143), Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940; (Telephone: 412-892-5984; Facsimile: 412-892-6216; E-Mail: miles@fetc.doe.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** The solicitation will be available through the Internet at FETC's Home Page (<http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>). TELEPHONE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY