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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Strengthening Institutions (SIP), American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCU), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH), Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (Title V-HSI) Programs, and the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (CCRAA-AANAPISI), and Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs (CCRAA-HSI) under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Public Law 110-84 (CCRAA); Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008.

Purpose of Programs: Under the SIP, TCCU, and ANNH programs (Title III, Part A programs), which are all authorized under Part A of Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), institutions of higher education (IHEs or institutions) are eligible to apply for grants if they meet specific statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. Similarly, IHEs are eligible to apply for grants under the Title V-HSI program, authorized under Title V of the HEA, if they meet specific statutory and regulatory requirements. In addition, under the CCRAA, institutions applying for grants under the CCRAA-AANAPISI or CCRAA-HSI programs must be eligible institutions, as defined in section 312(b) and section 502(a)(2) of the HEA, respectively.

An institution that is designated as an eligible institution under the Title III, Part A, Title V-HSI and CCRAA-AANAPISI and CCRAA-HSI programs may also receive a waiver of certain non-Federal cost-share requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), the Federal Work Study (FWS), the Student Support Services (SSS) and the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) programs. The FSEOG, FWS, and SSS programs are authorized under Title IV of the HEA; the UISFL program is authorized under Title VI of the HEA. Qualified

institutions may receive these waivers even if they are not recipients of grant funds under the Title III, Part A, Title V-HSI, CCRAA-AANAPISI or CCRAA-HSI programs.

Special Note: To qualify as an eligible institution under the Title III, Part A, Title V-HSI, CCRAA-AANAPISI or CCRAA-HSI programs, your institution must satisfy several criteria, including one related to needy student enrollment and one related to average educational and general (E&G) expenditures for a particular base year. The most recent data available for E&G expenditures are for base year 2005-2006. In order to award FY 2008 grants in a timely manner, we will use the most recent data available. Therefore, we use E&G expenditure threshold data from the base year 2005-2006. In completing your eligibility application, please use E&G expenditure data from the base year 2005-2006.

If you are designated as an eligible institution and you do not receive a new award under the Title III, Part A, Title V-HSI, CCRAA-AANAPISI or CCRAA-HSI programs in FY 2008, your eligibility for the non-Federal cost-share waiver under the FSEOG, the FWS, the SSS, or the UISFL programs is valid for five consecutive years. You will not need to reapply for eligibility until 2013, unless you wish to apply for a new Title III, Part A, Title V-HSI, CCRAA-AANAPISI or CCRAA-HSI grant. All institutions (including those designated as TCCU and ANNH institutions) that are not designated as eligible institutions and are interested in applying for a FY 2008 new grant or requesting a waiver of the non-Federal cost share, must apply for eligibility designation in FY 2008. Institutions applying for grants under the Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Program and the Predominantly Black Institutions Program authorized by the CCRAA do not have to meet these eligibility requirements and do not have to submit the application described in this notice.

Eligible Applicants: To qualify as an eligible institution under the Title III, Part A, Title V-HSI, CCRAA-AANAPISI or CCRAA-HSI programs, an accredited institution must, among other requirements, have an enrollment of needy students, and its average E&G expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be low in comparison with the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction.

The complete eligibility requirements for the Title III, Part A programs are found in 34 CFR 607.2 through 607.5.

These regulations may be accessed at the following Web site: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/34cfr607_02.html.

The complete eligibility requirements for the Title V-HSI program are found in 34 CFR 606.2 through 34 CFR 606.5. These regulations may be accessed at the following Web site: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_01/34cfr606_01.html.

Enrollment of Needy Students: Under 34 CFR 606.3(a) and 607.3(a), an institution is considered to have an enrollment of needy students if (1) at least 50 percent of its degree students received financial assistance under one or more of the following programs: Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, FWS, and Federal Perkins Loan programs; or (2) the percentage of its undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Federal Pell Grants exceeded the median percentage of undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Federal Pell Grants at comparable institutions that offered similar instruction.

To qualify under this latter criterion, an institution's Federal Pell Grant percentage for base year 2005-2006 must be more than the median for its category of comparable institutions provided in the 2005-2006 Median Pell Grant and Average E&G Expenditures per FTE Student table in this notice.

Educational and General Expenditures per FTE Student: An institution should compare its 2005-2006 average E&G expenditures per FTE student to the average E&G expenditure per FTE student for its category of comparable institutions contained in the 2005-2006 Median Pell Grant and Average E&G Expenditures per FTE Student table in this notice. If the institution's average E&G expenditures for the 2005-2006 base year are less than the average for its category of comparable institutions, the institution meets this eligibility requirement.

An institution's average E&G expenditures are the total amount it expended during the base year for instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support including library expenditures, operation and maintenance, scholarships and fellowships, and mandatory transfers.

The following table identifies the relevant median Federal Pell Grant percentages for the base year 2005-2006 and the relevant average E&G expenditures per FTE student for the base year 2005-2006 for the four categories of comparable institutions:

| Type of institution | 2005–2006 median Pell Grant percentage | 2005–2006 Average E&G expenditures per FTE student |
|--|---|---|
| 2-year Public Institutions | 25.1 | \$9,956 |
| 2-year Non-profit Private Institutions | 36.7 | 21,733 |
| 4-year Public Institutions | 24.6 | 24,690 |
| 4-year Non-profit Private Institutions | 25.0 | 38,811 |

Waiver Information: IHEs that are unable to meet the needy student enrollment requirement or the average E&G expenditures requirement may apply to the Secretary for waivers of these requirements, as described in 34 CFR 606.3(b), 606.4(c) and (d), 607.3(b), and 607.4(c) and (d). Institutions requesting a waiver of the needy student enrollment requirement or the average

E&G expenditures requirement must include in their application detailed information supporting the waiver request, as described in the instructions for completing the application.

The regulations governing the Secretary's authority to waive the needy student requirement, 34 CFR 606.3(b)(2) and (3) and 607.3(b)(2) and (3), refer to "low-income" students or families. The

regulations define "low-income" as an amount that does not exceed 150 percent of the amount equal to the poverty level, as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 34 CFR 606.3(c) and 607.3(c).

For the purposes of this waiver provision, the following table sets forth the low-income levels for the various sizes of families:

2005 ANNUAL LOW-INCOME LEVELS

| Size of family unit | Family income for the 48 contiguous states, DC, and outlying jurisdictions | Family income for Alaska | Family income for Hawaii |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$14,355 | \$17,925 | \$16,515 |
| 2 | 19,245 | 24,045 | 22,140 |
| 3 | 24,135 | 30,165 | 27,765 |
| 4 | 29,025 | 36,285 | 33,390 |
| 5 | 33,915 | 42,405 | 39,015 |
| 6 | 38,805 | 48,525 | 44,640 |
| 7 | 43,695 | 54,645 | 50,265 |
| 8 | 48,585 | 60,765 | 55,890 |

Note: The 2005 annual low-income levels are being used because those are the amounts that apply to the family income reported by students enrolled for the Fall 2005 semester. For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$4,890 for the contiguous 48 States, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$6,120 for Alaska; and \$5,625 for Hawaii.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2005 (70 FR 8373).

The information about "metropolitan statistical areas" referenced in 34 CFR 606.3(b)(4) and 607.3(b)(4) may be obtained by requesting the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 1999 publication, order number PB99-501538, from the National Technical Information Service, Document Sales, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone number 1-800-553-6847. There is a charge for this publication.

Applications Available: March 10, 2008.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 9, 2008 for an applicant institution that wishes to be designated as eligible to apply for a FY 2008 new grant under the Title III, Part A, Title V–HSI, CCRAA–AANAPISI or CCRAA–HSI programs; and April 30, 2008 for an applicant institution that wishes to apply only for cost-sharing waivers under the FSEOG, FWS, SSS, or UISFL programs.

Electronic Submission of Applications:

Applications for designation of eligibility must be submitted electronically using the following Web site: <http://opeweb.ed.gov/title3and5>.

To enter the Web site, you must use your institution's unique 8-digit identifier, i.e., your Office of Postsecondary Education Identification Number (OPE ID number). Your business office or student financial aid office should have the OPE ID Number. If they do not, contact the Department, using the e-mail addresses of the contact persons listed in this notice under *For*

Applications and Further Information Contact.

You will find detailed instructions for completing the application form electronically under the "eligibility 2008" link at either of the following Web sites: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iduestitle3a/index.html> or <http://www.ed.gov/hsi>.

If your institution is unable to meet the needy student enrollment requirement or the average E&G expenditure requirement and wishes to request a waiver of one or both of these requirements, you must complete your designation application form electronically and transmit your waiver request narrative document from the following Web site: <http://opeweb.ed.gov/title3and5>.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You may qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application electronically because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or

- You do not have the capacity to upload documents to the Web site; and
- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application. If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Mrs. Darlene B. Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6020, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Fax: (202) 502-7861.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

Submission of Paper Applications by Mail

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier), your application to the Department. You must mail the application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

By mail through the U.S. Postal Service or commercial carrier: Mrs. Darlene B. Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6020, Washington, DC 20006-8513.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark,
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service,
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark, or
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: Mrs. Darlene B. Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6020, Washington, DC 20006-8513.

Hand delivered applications will be accepted daily between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for the Title III, Part A programs in 34 CFR part 607, and for the Title V-HSI program in 34 CFR part 606.

Note: There are no program-specific regulations for the CCRAA-HSI and CCRAA-AANAPISI programs. Accordingly, we encourage each potential applicant to read the CCRAA, the authorizing statute for these programs. A copy of the CCRAA is available at the following Web site <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/itudes/index.html>.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: Kelley Harris or Carnisia Proctor, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6033, Request for Eligibility Designation, Washington, DC 20202-8513.

You may contact these individuals at the following e-mail addresses or phone numbers:

Kelley.Harris@ed.gov, 202-219-7083.
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If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

March 5, 2008.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Docket Numbers: RP97-81-046.

Applicants: Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Trans. LLC.

Description: Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission LLC submits Twentieth Revised Sheet 4G.01 of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume 1-A.

Filed Date: 02/29/2008.

Accession Number: 20080304-0036.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Docket Numbers: RP99-176-154.

Applicants: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

Description: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America submits Amendments to the Firm Transportation and Storage Negotiated Rate Agreement and to the related Transportation Rate Schedule FTS Agreement etc under RP99-176.

Filed Date: 02/29/2008.

Accession Number: 20080304-0034.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Docket Numbers: RP99-176-155.

Applicants: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.