

MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATES FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL IN ALASKA, HAWAII, THE COMMONWEALTHS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES—Continued

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The S&T Strategic Plan Thrust Review Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Woodshole, MA on September 14-16, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings for the S&T Strategic Plan Thrust Review.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b (c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Under the Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training, and Recruitment Program

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces final funding priorities for fiscal year (FY) 1999 under the Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training, and Recruitment Program. Under the priorities, funds under the Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and

Recruitment Program will be used to support activities in the areas of (1) computer literacy and technology education, (2) agriculture education partnerships, (3) astronomy, (4) indigenous health, (5) waste management, and (6) prisoner education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 29, 1998, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed funding priorities announcing that the Secretary intended to use \$1,500,000 of FY 1999 funds available under the Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Program to fund one or two projects in each of six identified priority categories: (1) computer literacy and technology education, (2) agriculture education partnerships, (3) astronomy, (4) indigenous health, (5) waste management, and (6) prisoner education. This notice announces the final funding priorities for the program.

Note: This notice of final funding priorities does not solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under this competition is published in a separate notice in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Analysis of Comments and Changes

Four parties submitted various comments in response to the Secretary's notice of proposed funding priorities for the program.

Comment: One commenter recommended that the Department run a broader competition without any absolute priorities.

Discussion: The Secretary believes that the absolute priorities are necessary to help focus limited resources on addressing some of the specific needs of the Native Hawaiian community.

Changes: None.

Comment: One commenter suggested that the Department support a new Native Hawaiian student-centered academy, governed by a local school board, and independent of the Hawaii Department of Education.

Discussion: The Secretary believes that the priorities that have been

adopted better further the statutory purposes of the program.

Changes: None.

Comments: The other two commenters were generally supportive of the priorities, and offered various suggestions for strengthening or clarifying some of the priorities. These commenters also recommended that the Department continue to support activities in the field of aquaculture. In addition, one of the two commenters recommended that the astronomy priority be expanded to include support of educational and training opportunities for all grade levels, including community college, baccalaureate, graduate, and postgraduate levels.

Discussion: The Department has just completed the support of aquaculture projects under this program, and has determined that it would be more appropriate at this time to use the resources available to fund new projects in the identified priority categories. Furthermore, the Secretary believes that the astronomy priority as originally proposed better meets the statutory purposes of the program.

The Secretary believes that many of the other suggestions from these commenters, which form the basis for the additional program design information provided in the notice inviting applications for new awards published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, can be incorporated into applications as part of the proposed projects.

Changes: None.

ABSOLUTE PRIORITIES: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that focus entirely on activities in one of the following six areas:

- (1) Computer literacy and technology education—to support curriculum development, teacher training and model programs designed to increase computer literacy and access for Native