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**Testimony of Michael Pieper  
Director, Nevada Washington Office  
Senate Finance Committee  
Assembly Committee on Ways and Means  
March 17, 2003**

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Mike Pieper and I am director of the Nevada Washington Office.

It has been my pleasure and a distinct honor to represent the Nevada State Government in Washington, DC since July of 1999. I take the job of communicating Nevada's interests very seriously and look forward to continuing to provide this service to Nevada during the coming biennium.

As you know, the Nevada Washington Office began operation in February of 1986. It is located in the Hall of States on North Capitol Street, along with the offices of nearly 30 other state governments. The office currently has two full-time employees: Ashley Carrigan and me. This is the smallest staff the office has had in its history.

I have provided a short summary of the office achievements over the past years. The focus of the office remains transportation, tourism and economic development. These agencies all contribute to the budget of the office.

As I mentioned two years ago when testifying before this committee, the top priority of the office is to bring more federal funding to the state. With this goal in mind we have instituted a daily report to state agencies containing funding opportunities from the federal register. This report is emailed daily to dozens of contacts throughout state government with a weekly summary provided on Fridays.

The office has devoted much time and effort to reauthorization of the TANF program. As you know, Nevada is experiencing large TANF caseload increases that are driven in large part by population increases. Ashley Carrigan has been working with the Congressional Delegation to develop a proposal that would increase Nevada's High Growth Supplemental Grant to address these caseload increases. Congress has yet to reauthorize the program and it is operating under a temporary extension until June of this year.

Reauthorization of the federal highway program will be a significant part of the workload for the office during this year and possibly next. We have been working with the three metropolitan planning organizations in Nevada to develop our transportation priorities for the coming congressional debate. The federal highway program remains one of the best sources of federal funds for the State of Nevada. The state receives nearly \$200 million annually with little or no state match required. Our goal is to increase this level over the next six years to meet the increasing transportation demands the state is facing due to our fast growing population.

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There are a number of issues that we will be tracking for the Nevada Commission on Tourism during the coming year. Our office arranged meetings for the Lieutenant Governor with the Nevada Congressional Delegation last month to discuss funding for the Truckee River Recreation Plan. We hope to receive federal funding in the next fiscal year to assist with planning and design of this project. We also asked Nevada's delegation to support legislation providing tax incentives to the film industry to remain in the United States. Canada and Mexico have begun to take a large portion of the film business away from the United States due to more favorable tax treatment.

The office worked for most of last year on behalf of the Economic Development Commission to obtain approval for construction of a power plant and pipeline in Eureka County. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency held up approval of a new airshed designation for the Boulder Valley that would have prevented the project from moving forward. Approval of the new airshed was granted by the EPA late last year.

These are just a few of the many issues the office has dealt with over the past two years. The level of success of the office has been unprecedented and we look forward to continuing this work through the next biennium.

Thank you for your continued support for the Nevada Washington Office. I would be happy to address any questions you may have.

**2001-2002 Nevada Washington Office Accomplishments**  
**Presented to the Nevada Legislature**  
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**Federal Grants**

Building on the recommendations developed during the first year of operation the office established a grants tracking system to notify state agencies immediately when grants become available in the Federal Register. On a daily basis electronic notification is sent to all interested state agencies containing the notices appearing in the Federal Register. These notices include not only funding opportunities, but also all federal actions that impact the state.

The office has acted as a point of contact for state agencies to determine status of grants and to get early notification when possible. The office worked to secure Nevada's Gear Up Grant. Nevada will receive more than \$10 million over five years to help change the culture of low achievement students who are economically disadvantaged so that they may have the resources to succeed in college.

The Washington office took the lead in submitting an application for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds following the September 11 attacks. The office provided information to Nevada's Department of Employment Training that enabled them to secure a National Emergency Grant administered through the US Department of Labor. September 11, 2001 had a significant impact on Nevada's state economy and we were successful in applying for this grant, securing more than \$5.8 million for Nevada that helped more than 2,500 Southern Nevada workers who lost their jobs.

**Renewable Energy Funding**

Creation of the Energy Institute of Nevada.

Working with Desert Research Institute the Washington office was able to obtain a \$5 million earmark in the FY 02 Energy and Water Appropriations bill for the creation of a renewable energy program in Nevada. Carl Linvill coordinated the team that consists of UNR, UNLV, DRI and the NTS Corporation. The entities developed criteria for awarding of the \$5 million in grant funds and submitted the proposals to the National Renewable Energy Lab for consideration. NREL awarded the grants in September of 2002. The funds for this initiative were appropriated for the second year of the program in the recently enacted FY '03 omnibus appropriations bill.

## **TANF Reauthorization**

During the 107<sup>th</sup> session of Congress, the office worked closely with members from the Nevada delegation to ensure that the state receives its share of resources. Over the past year and continuing this year we will be following closely the reauthorization of the TANF program, which expired on September 30, 2002. The program is currently funded until June 2003. Ashley Carrigan is working closely with staff from Senator Ensign, Senator Reid as well as Congresswoman Berkley, Congressmen Porter and Gibbon's offices to enact an enhancement for Nevada that will address our increase in TANF caseload and population growth. During the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, Ashley worked with Senator Reid's office and various other groups to come up with a low-targeted enhancement that would address Nevada's unique situation and would include other states.

## **Nuclear Waste**

The focus for the past year in this area was on the Congressional vote to override the Governor's veto of the Yucca Mountain decision by the Department of Energy. The Washington office worked with the House delegation to find as much support as possible in the House for the vote. The office helped coordinate meetings between Congressional staff and outside interest groups and to supply our House allies with any material necessary for the debate. The office also worked with Congressman Gibbon's office and the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to put together a hearing on the transportation of spent nuclear fuel. Governor Guinn testified at the hearing.

In the Senate battle the Washington Office worked with Senator Reid and Senator Ensign's office to provide information and other materials for their efforts. Mike Pieper attended weekly meetings with the Senate staff and lobbyist team hired by the Nuclear Projects office to coordinate the lobby effort in the Senate.

The office made a request to Senator Reid to insert language in the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would allow funds from the Nuclear Waste Trust fund to be spent by the State of Nevada to participate in the NRC licensing process. This language was included in the Senate bill and in the final FY '03 omnibus appropriations act signed by the president.

## **Homeland Security**

One of the biggest challenges the state faced immediately after the September 11 attacks was the closure of Hoover Dam. The Washington office lead the effort to have operations at Hoover returned to normal as quickly as feasible. This included restoring traffic to the dam as well as resuming public tours. The office convened a teleconference among the key players in Nevada, Arizona and the Bureau of Reclamation. Through a series of meetings protocols were established for permitting of local trucks for access to the dam and restoration of limited public tours. In December of 2001 Secretary Gail Norton, Governor Guinn and Governor Hull took the first internal tour of Hoover Dam since September 11. In meetings held during January and February of 2002 NDOT, ADOT

and the Bureau of Reclamation agreed to operating procedures for vehicle traffic across the dam that will continue indefinitely.

Nevada and the local governments in Southern Nevada were asked to provide security for the Dam immediately following the attacks. There was no means for the Bureau of Reclamation to provide additional security or to pay for this security until special legislation was passed to provide authority for the Secretary of Interior to reimburse the state and local governments. This legislation was passed in early 2002.

Funding for construction of the alternative bridge remains a top priority for transportation.

The office followed closely developments surrounding funding for homeland security. In regular calls with Nevada Department of Emergency Management we helped make sure the most accurate and up-to-date information was available for Nevada's security needs.

### **Transportation**

The primary responsibility of the Washington office is to monitor transportation issues. During 2001 and 2002 the bulk of the work involved funding for various highway projects within the state. With reauthorization of the TEA-21 likely next year, we began working on Nevada's priorities. The office was responsible for holding a number of meetings with the Washoe County RTC, Clark County RTC and Lake Tahoe MPO to discuss our priorities for this new bill.

The result of these meetings was a five-page document that includes a list of 17 highway and transit projects that constitute the top priorities of Nevada transportation planning agencies. This document has been presented to the Nevada Congressional delegation for inclusion in the highway reauthorization bill that will be considered by Congress this year.

The FY 2002 and FY 2003 priorities were forwarded to the four members of the Congressional Delegation who made requests to the respective House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

For FY 02 the following projects were funded:

- I-215 Southern Beltway Henderson \$500,000
- SR 146 St. Rose Parkway & I-15 Interchange \$4 million
- US-95 Laughlin to Railroad Pass widening \$8 million
- Hoover Dam Bridge \$8 million
- FAST traffic management system Las Vegas \$1.45 million

For FY 03 the following projects were funded:

- Hoover Dam Bridge \$11.5 million

- US-95 widening Laughlin Cut-off to Railroad pass \$8 million
- I-15 widening North Las Vegas, \$1 million
- Rural Transit buses, \$750,000
- I-215 widening \$2 million
- I-80 Truck Climbing lane, \$500,000
- South & East Beltway, Clark County \$3 million
- I-215 Pecos to Stephanie upgrade, \$750,000

In addition to the funding obtained for the Hoover Dam Bridge the appropriations bill contained legislative language that authorizes the Federal Highway Administration to enter into an agreement with the states of Nevada and Arizona for an innovative financing plan that will advance construction of the bridge by several years.

An essential element of this success is the coordination between the local transportation interests and NDOT. The Washington office has been the focal point for meetings and planning between local government and the state for federal transportation funds.

The Washington office has been working with the TRPA to increase the funding provided to the MPO for planning purposes. With the assistance of the office TRPA has developed a planning budget to be presented to the US DOT calling for over \$10 million in projects.

## **Tourism**

Tourism issues were dominated by the September 11 attacks. The office monitored closely the impacts on Nevada's airports and helped keep the Governor's office and the airports informed as the President asked the Governor to deploy the National Guard for airport security.

The Nevada Washington office established a working group of Nevada, Arizona and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to discuss reopening of the tourist facilities and roadway at the Dam. As a result of these meetings the public tours were resumed and Secretary Norton made a visit to the Dam to take the first tour along with Governor Guinn and Governor Hull of Arizona.

Our office arranged meetings for the Lieutenant Governor with the Nevada Congressional Delegation last month to discuss funding for the Truckee River Recreation Plan. We hope to receive federal funding in the next fiscal year to assist with planning and design of this project. We also asked the members to support legislation to provide tax incentives to the film industry to remain in the United States. Canada and Mexico have begun to take a large portion of the film business away from the United States due to more favorable tax treatment. Last year Congress appropriated \$50 million for tourism promotion. These funds will be awarded in grants to states and regional tourism authorities. We intend to follow this closely to make sure Nevada benefits from the program.

## **Economic Development**

The office continued to participate in the effort to develop a entrepreneurship strategy through the NGA/Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurship Academy on fostering Entrepreneurship. Nevada submitted a proposal to the NGA to be among the 10 states invited to participate in the entrepreneurship academy. Through a series of workshops led by Lt. Governor Hunt the task force developed the Nevada plan to encourage entrepreneurship.

The office worked in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection to gain approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of a new airshed designation for the Boulder Valley in Eureka County. With the designation of this new airshed it will now be possible to construct a natural gas power plant and the natural gas pipeline necessary to supply the fuel. The development of this power plant and pipeline will be a significant economic development boon for Northeastern Nevada.

The office worked to achieve CDBG Metropolitan Area status for Carson City. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget refused to declare Carson City a metropolitan area for the purpose of CDBG dispersal resulting in Nevada receiving less CDBG funding. OMB refused to change the regulation. The office has continued to work for resolution of this situation with Senator Ensign and Senator Reid.

The office, at the request of the City of Fallon, contacted the EPA region IX administrator to ask for an extension before construction of the arsenic water treatment facility at Fallon. A letter from the Governor was drafted and sent to region IX and the extension was granted.

## **Nevada Test Site Cleanup**

The office worked with the Department of Energy Environmental Management office to finalize a letter of intent concerning expedited clean up at NTS. The agreement reiterates the US Department of Energy's commitment to continue funding of the AIP that provides Nevada with funds to monitor and prepare for any emergency response surrounding activities involving environmental management at NTS. The letter of intent also calls for accelerated clean up of contaminated soils at NTS.

The office intervened with DOE Nevada Operations office on behalf of the Nevada Department of Emergency Management when funding for emergency preparedness was proposed to be cut. The DOE restored the funding after several phone calls with the Assistant Secretary's office and the Nevada Operations office. This resulted in the restoration of \$140,000 in federal funds for the Nevada Division of Emergency Management.

## **Education Reauthorization**



The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was scheduled for reauthorization in 2002, but was pushed back a year and is now up for reauthorization this year. US Secretary of Education, Rod Paige released a "set of principles" last month to help guide the Administration's efforts with the reauthorization. The principles align with the themes of the "No Child Left Behind Act," in emphasizing accountability for results, additional flexibility, more parental options and the use of best practices to improve student achievement.

In preparation for the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Nation's Governors adopted a joint policy with the Chief State School Officers to take a strong stand in support of quality education for all students including students with disabilities. Governor Guinn, former Vice-Chair for K-12 education at NGA, helped to create the joint IDEA policy. Ashley Carrigan represented the Governor in these discussions.

### **Public Lands**

The Humboldt Title Transfer and the Clark County Lands bill were both enacted in 2002.

The Humboldt Title Transfer legislation would allow the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer the Humboldt Water Project to the Pershing County Water District. In the process the state of Nevada would receive title to large parcels of land for the development of wetlands. The Nevada Washington office worked closely with Congressman Gibbons' office to rewrite the legislation in a way that would not result in the state having to pay the costs of the transfer. The resulting legislation leaves the State of Nevada with no financial responsibility for the ultimate transfer.

The Clark County Lands bill introduced by Senator Reid and Senator Ensign created a number of new wilderness areas and other special designations in Clark County and transferred other parcels to local governments or made them available for disposal. The Washington office worked with the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to develop comments on the various drafts of the bill. The final legislation incorporated a number of Nevada's suggested changes and protected significant areas where valuable construction material (aggregate) would be necessary for future highway construction in Southern Nevada.

### **National Governor's Association**

Mike Pieper served last year as vice chairman and this year is chairman of the Washington Representatives. This group is made up of all the Governor's representatives in Washington, DC and meets weekly to discuss congressional and administration developments.

Mr. Pieper also served as one of the lead staff in developing the National Governor's Association policy on transportation and passenger rail service.

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## Federal Grants and Rules Notification March 14, 2003

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### 1. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund—Bank Enterprise Award Program:  
Change of Application Deadlines  
*Correction Notice*

**Summary:** On February 4, 2003, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund announced in a NOFA for the BEA Program that the deadline for applications for BEA Program awards was July 17, 2003, for those applicants that opt to apply under the 6-month baseline/assessment period, and as further specified in the NOFA (the "6-month option").

This notice extends the deadline and corrects the award percentage for an Equity Investment in CDFI. All other information and requirements set forth in the February 4, 2003 NOFA for the BEA Program shall remain effective, as published.

**Deadline:** This notice is to announce that the Fund is extending until 5 p.m., July 23, 2003 the deadline for the submission of applications for BEA Program awards for those applicants that apply under the 6-month option, for the FY 2003 funding round.

**Correction:** Section X of the February 4, 2003 NOFA states incorrectly that the award percentage applicable to an Equity Investment in CDFI shall be 15% for if the applicant is CDFI, and 5% if the applicant is not a CDFI. The correct award percentage for an Equity Investment in a CDFI shall be 15% for all applicants, whether such applicant is a CDFI, or not.

**Contact:** If you have any questions about the programmatic requirements for this program, contact the Depository Institutions Manager.

If you have questions regarding administrative requirements, contact the Fund's Awards Manager.

The Depository Institutions Manager and the Awards Manager may be reached by email at [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov), by telephone at (202) 622-6355, by Fax at (202) 622-7754, or by mail at CDFI Fund, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005.

**Further Information:** The full text of this notice is found online at

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<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6148.htm>

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**2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**

Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP)  
*Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for FY 2003*

**Summary:** The purpose of the PCSP is to increase national understanding of the charter school model and to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools and evaluating the effects of charter schools, including the effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents.

**Deadline:** April 28, 2003.

**Funding:** Available Funds: Approximately \$24,750,000.  
Number of Awards: SEAs: 4-6. Other eligible applicants: 50-75.  
Range of Awards: SEAs: \$500,000-\$8,000,000 per year. Other eligible applicants: \$10,000-\$150,000 per year.  
Project Period: Up to 36 months.

**Eligibility:** (a) State educational agencies (SEAs) in States with a specific State statute authorizing the establishment of charter schools may apply for funding. Additional eligibility requirements information is provided in the full text of this notice.

(b) Non-SEA eligible applicants may apply for funding directly from the U.S. Department of Education (Department) if the SEA in the State elects not to participate in the PCSP or does not have an application approved under the program. Additional eligibility requirements information is provided in the full text of this notice.

**Invitational Priority:** The Secretary invites applications that propose to increase the capacity of charter schools to offer public school choice in those communities with the greatest need for public school choice by addressing the following factors:

(a) The extent to which the applicant would plan, design, and implement one or more high-quality charter schools in geographic areas, including urban and rural areas, in which a large proportion or number of public schools have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Title I, Part A of the ESEA; and

(b) The extent to which the applicant will plan, design, and implement one or more high-quality charter schools in geographic areas in which a large proportion of students have difficulty meeting State academic content and student achievement standards.

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**Contact:** For applications and further information contact Dean Kern, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E116, Washington, DC 20202-6140, (202) 260-1882, Email: [dean.kern@ed.gov](mailto:dean.kern@ed.gov). TDD (FIRS): (800) 877-8339.

**Further Information:** The full text of this notice is found online at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6160.htm>

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**3. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program  
*Notice of Funds Availability*

**Summary:** Funding is now available for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) for FY 2003. The program is intended to make grants directly to fire departments of a State for the purpose of enhancing the departments' ability to protect the health and safety of the public as well as that of firefighting personnel facing fire and fire-related hazards. A portion of this year's grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to the applicants that best address the program's priorities as described in this NOFA, then demonstrate financial need and maximize the benefits to be derived from the grant funds.

Applicants may apply for any number of activities within one grant proposal that address all of their needs within a programmatic or functional area. The programs, and associated activities are as follows:

- a. Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. Eligible activities under this function are Training, Wellness and Fitness, Firefighting Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, and Modification to Fire Stations and Facilities.
- b. Fire Prevention Program. Eligible activities under this function include, but are not limited to Public Education and Awareness, Enforcing Fire Codes, Inspector Certification, Purchase and Install Smoke Alarms, and Arson Prevention and Detection.
- c. Emergency Medical Services Program. Eligible activities under this function are Equipment Acquisition, Training, and Wellness and Fitness Activities. Vehicles are not eligible in this programmatic area.
- d. Firefighting Vehicle Acquisition Program. Eligible apparatus under this program include, but are not limited to, pumpers, brush trucks, tankers, rescue, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam units, and fireboats.

Applicants seeking funding from this grant program in FY 2003 may apply for assistance in only one of the four programmatic areas listed above.

**Deadline:** April 11, 2003, by 5:00 pm if submitted electronically or otherwise received by us on or before the close of business. Applications submitted by mail must be post-marked by April 8, 2003, or received by us on or before close of business on April 11, 2003.

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We will not accept late, faxed, or emailed applications.

**Funding:** Available Funds: Approximately \$680,000,000 for competitive grants.

**Number of Awards:** We anticipate 20,000 to 25,000 fire departments will apply for assistance. Of these, we anticipate awarding approximately 7,000 grants. However, due to the length of time that it will take us to make these awards, we anticipate that approximately half of these awards will be made before September 30, 2003. We anticipate the balance of the awards will be made before June 30, 2004.

We will provide the chief executives of the States with information concerning the total number and dollar amount of awards made to fire departments in their States.

**Eligibility:** For the purpose of the AFGP, "State" is defined as the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Supplemental Information:** Please review the full text of this notice for additional information regarding the various programs that will be funded through set-asides of the total appropriated funds of the \$680,000,000. The programs include:

- o Fire Prevention and Safety Grants
- o Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program
- o Fire Prevention Program
- o Emergency Medical Services Program
- o Firefighting Vehicle Acquisition Program

**Contact:** Brian A. Cowan, Director, Grants Program Office, USFA, DHS, 500 C Street, SW., Room 330, Washington, DC 20472.

**Further Information:** The full text of this NOFA is found online at  
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6172.htm>

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The Final Rule regarding this NOFA was published today and is found online at  
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6171.htm>

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#### **4. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

National Nuclear Security Administration; Availability of Solicitation for Research and Development for Reduction in Parasitic Energy Losses in Class 3-8 Trucks  
*Notice of Solicitation Availability*  
Solicitation Number DE-SC04-2003AL68471

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**Summary:** The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Service Center, Albuquerque, NM, is seeking applications for energy efficiency improvements and emissions reduction. Through this solicitation, NNSA seeks to improve the energy efficiency and emissions performance of Class 1-8 trucks through the use of advanced diesel engines, emission control technologies, hybrid electric propulsion systems, and reduction of parasitic energy losses.

This solicitation primarily addresses the parasitic (non engine) energy losses that account for about 45% of the total losses in class 7-8 on-highway trucks, and various amounts in class 3-6 trucks, depending on their duty cycle. A NNSA technical panel will perform a scientific and engineering evaluation of each responsive application to determine the merit of the approach.

**Deadline:** Applications are to be received no later than 4 p.m. local prevailing time on May 1, 2003. Any application received after the due date and time will not be evaluated.

**Funding:** NNSA anticipates issuing one or more financial assistance instruments from this solicitation. Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the first year period is anticipated to be available.

**Match Requirement:** Cost sharing of 50% by the applicant is required.

**Eligibility:** For profit and not-for-profit organizations, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher learning are eligible for awards under this solicitation.

Teaming arrangements, led by an industrial partner, are required, especially among tractor and trailer manufacturers, engine manufacturers, and component suppliers to take advantage of the best complementary technologies available.

**Contact:** Erwin E. Fragua, Contract Specialist, NNSA/OBS, at (505) 845-6442 or Email: [efragua@doeal.gov](mailto:efragua@doeal.gov).

The solicitation will be available online on or about March 10, 2003 at: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.

**Further Information:** The full text of this notice is found online at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6166.htm>

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at: (703) 760-9248, or [lrwilliam@earthlink.net](mailto:lrwilliam@earthlink.net)

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Grant Researcher

**Federal Register Grant Summaries  
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Dept./Agency	Date	Notice Title	Type of Notice	Deadline	Funding
Education	3/11	<u>Early Reading First Program</u>	NOFA	Pre-App: 4/11/03; Ap: 6/27/03 04/28/03	\$900,000 - \$4,500,000
Education	3/14	<u>Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP)</u>	NOFA		\$500,000 - \$8M Avail: \$2,000,000
Energy	3/14	<u>National Nuclear Security Administration: Availability of Solicitation for Research and Development for Reduction in Parasitic Energy Losses in Class 3-8 Trucks</u>	Solicitation	5/1/03; 4:00 pm local time	
EPA	3/10	<u>Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)</u>	Final Rule	Eff: 3/3/03	
EPA	3/10	<u>Modification of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Deadline for Storm Water Discharges for Oil and Gas Construction Activity That Disturbs One to Five Acres of Land</u>	Final Rule	Eff: 3/10/03	
EPA	3/10	<u>Investigator Initiated Grants: Request for Applications Pollution Prevention Grants and Announcement of Financial Assistance Programs Eligible for Review</u>	NOFA	Varies	NA
EPA	3/12	<u>Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List Classification Process Work Group of The National Drinking Water Advisory Council</u>	Meetings Open to Public	3/27-28/03; 5/12-13/03; 7/16-17/03; 9/17-18/03; & 11/13-14/03 05/30/03	Varies Varies NA Avail: \$5M
EPA	3/12	<u>Nomination Information for the National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards</u>	Nominations		
EPA	3/12	<u>The Association of American Pesticide Control Officials/State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group Working Committee on Pesticide Operations &amp; Management</u>	Meeting Open to Public	04/07/03	
EPA	3/13	<u>Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Routine Maintenance, Repair and Replacement</u>	Public Meetings	3/31/03, 9am - 10pm	

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FEMA	3/14	<u>Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program</u>	NOFA	4/11/03 5:pm EST or 4/08/03	\$750,000
HHS - ACF	3/11	<u>Invitation for Abstracts for Grants To Support the Development of Innovation and Improvement Projects That Address the President's Initiatives Within Head Start Programs</u>	Notice	postmarked 05/12/03	\$100,000
HHS - SAMHSA	3/10	<u>FY 2003 Funding Opportunities—Grants to Adopt/Expand Effective Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program</u>	NOFA	05/12/03	\$200,000-
Homeland Security	3/14		NOFA	4/11/03 5:pm EST or 4/08/03	\$250,000 \$750,000
Interior - BLM	3/12	<u>Temporary Closure of Public Lands--Recreation Special Events: Nevada, Carson City Field Office</u>	Notice of Realty Action	postmarked Eff: Mar - Nov 03	
Trans. - FTA	3/12	<u>FTA Fiscal Year 2003 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information</u>	NOFA for numerous programs	Varies	Varies
Treasury - CDFI	3/14	<u>Community Development Financial Institutions Fund--Bank Enterprise Award Program</u>	Change to Deadline	7/23/03; 5:00 pm Eff: 7/1/03	
USDA - FNS	3/13	<u>Child Nutrition Programs--Income Eligibility Guidelines</u>	Notice		

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