Dated: October 19, 20, 2004. **Theresa S. Shaw,**  *Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.* [FR Doc. E4–2805 Filed 10–21–04; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 4000–01–P** 

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Office of Postsecondary Education

#### International Research and Studies Program; Notice Inviting Application for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

**AGENCY:** Department of Education. **ACTION:** Correction.

SUMMARY: On September 23, 2004, a notice inviting applications for new awards under the Office of Postsecondary Education; International Research and Studies Program was published in the Federal Register (69 FR 57011 through 57014). Under Application and Submission Information on page 57012, in column 2, "Page Limit" section, second sentence, we included the incorrect page limit. The second sentence of the "Page Limit" section reads "You must limit the narrative to the equivalent of 25 pages using the following standards". This notice will correct that sentence to read, "You must limit the narrative to the equivalent of 30 pages using the following standards".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jose L. Martinez, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6010, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7635 or by e-mail: *jose.martinez@ed.gov.* 

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#### Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education. [FR Doc. 04–23687 Filed 10–21–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4000–01–M

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the schedule and a summary of the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (Board). The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATE AND TIME:** November 4, 2004, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, 999 Ninth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 898–9000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Fischer, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006–8544; telephone (202) 502–7500; e-mail *donald.fischer@ed.gov.* 

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph as soon as possible.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established under section 742 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1138a). The Board is authorized to advise the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education on (1) priorities for the improvement of postsecondary education, including recommendations for the improvement of postsecondary education and for the evaluation, dissemination, and adaptation of demonstrated improvements in postsecondary educational practice; and (2) the operation of the Fund, including advice on planning documents, guidelines, and procedures for grant competitions prepared by the Fund.

On Thursday, November 4, 2004, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., the Board will meet in open session. The proposed agenda for the meeting will include discussions of the Fund's programs and special initiatives. A special presentation will be made on a U.S.-Brazil Consortia Program project.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, 6th Floor, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006–8544 from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for loans made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Watson, U.S. Department of Education, room 114I2, UCP, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202– 5400. Telephone: (202) 377–4008.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1087e(b), provides