

Rule 6A-10.029 is hereby repealed.

6A-10.029 Building Construction Industry Research and Continuing Education Projects.

Specific Authority 229.053(1) FS. Law Implemented

229.512(2)(11), 489.109(3) FS., Repealed

6A-10.029 Building Construction Industry Research and Continuing Education Projects. Funds which are available pursuant to Chapter 78-142, Laws of Florida, and which become available pursuant to Section 489.109(3), Florida Statutes, shall be allocated and expended by the Commissioner of Education as prescribed herein.

(1) The Commissioner shall appoint a Building Construction Industry Advisory Committee. The committee membership shall be broadly representative of the building construction industry and shall consist of not less than ten (10) persons. The Commissioner shall designate the chairman annually. The terms of membership shall be two (2) years and members may be reappointed at the discretion of the Commissioner. Members of the advisory committee shall not be eligible for compensation; however, each member may receive travel and per diem in the amounts prescribed in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, for state employees. Payment of travel and per diem shall be from the funds available pursuant to the introductory paragraph of this rule.

(2) The advisory committee shall have the following duties:

(a) To advise the Commissioner on any policies or procedures needed to implement the provisions of Section 489.109(4), Florida Statutes.

(b) To recommend areas of priority for which research and continuing education funds should be expended.

(c) To review all proposed research and continuing education projects and recommend to the Commissioner those projects which should be funded and the amount of funds to be provided for each.

(3) Each biennium, upon receipt of funds from the Construction Industry Licensing Board as provided by Section 489.109(3), Florida Statutes, the Commissioner shall take the following action:

(a) Determine the name and location of each Florida university which has a graduate program in building construction.

(b) Determine the name and location of each accredited private university, state university, and community college in Florida which is offering approved courses in building construction and the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in such approved courses during the prior fiscal year.

(c) Allocate fifty (50) percent of the available funds to support research projects in a graduate program and fifty (50) percent to support research or continuing education projects. One-half (1/2) of the research funds and one-half (1/2) of the continuing education funds shall be allocated to fund projects in each fiscal year of the biennium.

(d) Determine each accredited institution's pro rata share of the funds allocated for research and continuing education projects. The pro rata share shall be based on the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in approved courses.

(e) Notify each eligible institution of the following:

1. The amount of funds allocated for research projects in a graduate program and the amount of funds allocated for research and continuing education projects.

2. The areas of priority for which funds allocated for research and for continuing education are to be expended.

3. Instructions and procedures for each accredited institution wishing to do so to prepare and submit a proposal for conducting research or for carrying out continuing education. The Commissioner shall establish the deadline for submitting proposed projects.

4. All proposed projects shall be reviewed by the Building Construction Industry Advisory Committee. Only those proposals receiving a favorable recommendation by a majority vote of the advisory committee may be approved by the Commissioner for funding.

5. Each proposed research project submitted shall contain detailed information on the specific activities to be carried out, the principal investigator, the specific objectives sought, and a detailed proposed budget to show how the requested funds will be expended.

6. Each continuing education project submitted shall contain detailed information about the number of persons to be served, the type and amount of instruction to be provided, the time and location of the actual training sessions, and a detailed proposed budget to show how the requested funds will be expended.

(4) If an accredited institution does not file a request for funds for continuing education, or if the application from an institution does not address one of the required priorities, the Commissioner, upon recommendation of the advisory committee, may reallocate these funds for projects at institutions which are deemed to be providing continuing education in the areas of greatest benefit to the building construction industry in Florida.

(5) If requests for research grants in any year do not require the use of all available funds, the unused funds shall be carried forward and allocated for use in the following fiscal year.

(6) Two (2) or more accredited institutions may submit a joint proposed project with one (1) of the institutions designated as the fiscal agency for the joint project.

(7) For the purposes of implementing this rule and Section 489.109(3), Florida Statutes, the following terms shall have the meaning prescribed herein.

(a) Research project means an academic research effort to seek original answers to or original information about a single question or a group of related questions. Generally, a research project has a person responsible for its direction, a scientifically prescribed methodology, a detailed budget, and a written report of research findings.

(b) Approved courses in building construction means courses in building construction as defined and included in the official statewide Common Course Numbering System of the Department of Education for each accredited institution.

(c) Accredited institution means a private or state college, university, or community college in Florida accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

(d) Approved courses means courses offered by an accredited institution for which college credit is granted which are acceptable for use toward a college degree, and which are accepted as satisfactory for the training of veterans and eligible persons under Title 38 USC by the Department of Education.

(e) Continuing education means non-credit courses designed to improve the skills and competencies of and to assist in keeping current with state-of-the-profession those persons to whom Section 489.109, Florida Statutes, is applicable.

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