

(d) An assurance that any interpreter trained or retrained under this program shall meet any minimum standards of competency that the Secretary may establish;

(e) An assurance that the project shall cooperate or coordinate its activities, as appropriate, with the activities of other projects funded under this program; and

(f) The descriptions required in 34 CFR 385.45 with regard to the training of individuals with disabilities, including those from minority groups, for rehabilitation careers.

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(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 718b(b)(6), 777a(a)(5), and 771a(f))

**Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?**

**§ 396.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?**

(a) The Secretary evaluates applications under the procedures in 34 CFR part 75.

(b) The Secretary evaluates each application using selection criteria in § 396.31.

(c) In addition to the selection criteria described in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary evaluates each application using—

(1) Selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210;

(2) Selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.209; or

(3) A combination of selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.209 and selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(f))

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**§ 396.31 What additional selection criteria are used under this program?**

In addition to the criteria in 34 CFR 396.30(c), the Secretary uses the following additional selection criterion to evaluate an application:

(a) *Demonstrated relationships with service providers and consumers.* The

Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—

(1) The proposed interpreter training project was developed in consultation with service providers;

(2) The training is appropriate to the needs of both individuals who are deaf and individuals who are deaf-blind and to the needs of public and private agencies that provide services to either individuals who are deaf or individuals who are deaf-blind in the geographical area to be served by the training project;

(3) There is a working relationship between the interpreter training project and service providers; and

(4) There are opportunities for individuals who are deaf and individuals who are deaf-blind to be involved in the training project.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(f))

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**§ 396.32 What additional factors does the Secretary consider in making awards?**

In addition to the selection criteria listed in § 396.31 and 34 CFR 75.210, the Secretary, in making awards under this part, considers the geographical distribution of projects throughout the country, as appropriate, in order to best carry out the purposes of this program. To accomplish this, the Secretary may in any fiscal year make awards of regional or national scope.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(f))

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**§ 396.33 What priorities does the Secretary apply in making awards?**

The Secretary, in making awards under this part, gives priority to public or private nonprofit agencies or organizations with existing programs that have demonstrated their capacity for providing interpreter training services.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a(f))

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