Subpart F—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 350.50 What is the peer review process for this Program?

(a) The Secretary refers each application for a grant governed by those regulations in this part to a peer review panel established by the Secretary.

(b) Peer review panels review applications on the basis of the applicable selection criteria in §350.54.

(Authority: Sec. 202(e); 29 U.S.C. 761a(e))

§ 350.51 What is the purpose of peer review?

The purpose of peer review is to ensure that—

(a) Those activities supported by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) are of the highest scientific, administrative, and technical quality; and

(b) Activity results may be widely applied to appropriate target populations and rehabilitation problems.

(Authority: Sec. 202(e); 29 U.S.C. 761a(e))

§ 350.52 What is the composition of a peer review panel?

(a) The Secretary selects as members of a peer review panel scientists and other experts in rehabilitation or related fields who are qualified, on the basis of training, knowledge, or experience, to give expert advice on the merit of the applications under review.

(b) Applications for awards of $60,000 or more, except those for the purposes of evaluation, dissemination of information, or conferences, must be reviewed by a peer review panel that consists of a majority of non-Federal members.

(c) In selecting members to serve on a peer review panel, the Secretary takes into account all of the following factors:

(1) The level of formal scientific or technical education completed by potential panel members.