DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Notice Inviting Application for a New Award Under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Program

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the State grants for technology-related assistance program is to assist States to develop and implement comprehensive statewide systems of consumer-responsive technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities. NIDRR has conducted prior competitions under this program, and 55 States and territories have received grants. NIDRR is now inviting an application from the remaining territory. In preparing the application, the applicant is advised to respond to the statutory provisions of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988, as amended.

Eligible Applicants: Only the entity designated by the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands is eligible to apply on behalf of the territory.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 23, 1995.

Applications Available: April 26, 1995.

Available Funds: $150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $150,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Note: The estimates of funding levels and awards in this notice do not bind the Department of Education to a specific level of funding or number of grants.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for the grant under this competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210(b). Under 34 CFR 75.210(c), the Secretary is authorized to distribute an additional 15 points among the criteria to bring the total to a maximum of 100 points. For this competition, the Secretary distributes the additional points as follows:

Plan of Operation: (34 CFR 75.210(b)(3)). Fifteen additional points are added to this criterion for a possible of 30 points.

For Further Information Contact: Carol Cohen, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone (202) 205–5666. Individuals who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 732–5079 for TDD services.

For Applications Contact: Dianne Villines, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 205–9141.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260–9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.Gov (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 2211–2271.

Dated: April 17, 1995.

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Notice Inviting Applications for a New Award for Technical Assistance Project Under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Program

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities program is to assist States to develop and implement comprehensive statewide systems of consumer-responsive technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities. NIDRR has conducted prior competitions under this program, and 55 States and territories have received grants. NIDRR is now inviting applications for the purpose of providing information and technical assistance to States. The Secretary shall award one technical assistance project for the purpose of assisting the States as they work toward establishing a statewide comprehensive system of technology related for individuals of all ages. NIDRR has conducted prior contract competitions under this authority and has awarded contracts for the provision of information and technical assistance to the State grantees over the past six years.

Applicants are advised to respond to the requirements of section 106(b)(1)(B) of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988, as amended. In meeting the requirements of this section for the provision of technical assistance to States, applicants shall consider the input of the directors of consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance. The applicant shall provide information on how they shall support a clearinghouse for activities that have been developed and implemented through programs funded under this title, and how they shall provide information and technical assistance to the State grantees that will: (1) Facilitate service delivery capacity building, training of personnel from a variety of disciplines, and improvement of evaluation strategies, research, and data collection; (2) foster the development and replication of effective approaches to information referral, interagency coordination of training and service delivery, outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations, and public awareness activities; (3) improve the awareness and adoption of successful approaches to increasing the availability of public and private funding for and access to the provision of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services by appropriate State agencies; (4) assist in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating appropriate activities to further extend consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance; (5) promote effective approaches to the development of consumer-controlled systems that increase access to, funding for, and awareness of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services; (6) provide technical assistance and training to the entities carrying out activities funded pursuant to this title, to establish or participate in electronic communication activities with other States; and (7) provide any other appropriate information and technical assistance to assist the States in accomplishing the purposes of this Act.

Eligible Applicants: Public or private agencies and organizations including institutions of higher education with documented experience, expertise and capacity in assistive technology service delivery, interagency coordination, and systems change and advocacy activities are eligible to apply.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 23, 1995.

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