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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.264]

Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs; Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: To support training centers that serve either a Federal region or another geographical area and provide for a broad, integrated sequence of training activities that focus on meeting recurrent and common training needs of employed rehabilitation personnel throughout a multi-State geographical area.

Eligible Applicants: States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 17, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: November 16, 1999.

Applications Available: July 27, 1999.

Estimated Available Funds: $400,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: $90,000–$100,000.

Note: Applicants should apply for level funding for each project year. Also, applicants are subject to a 10 percent cost-share requirement on awards.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards:

84.264C (Independent living)—2

84.264D (Upgrading skills of State agency personnel)—2

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Maximum Award: In no case does the Secretary make an initial award greater than $100,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Page Limit: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria used by reviewers in evaluating the application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 45 pages, using the following standards:

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If, in order to meet the page limit, you use print size, spacing, or margins smaller than the standards specified in this notice, we will not consider your application for funding.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 389.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

Priorities

Absolute Priority 1 (84.264C)

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 389.10(c) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects that would develop and conduct training programs for staff of centers for independent living.

Absolute Priority 2 (84.264D)

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 389.10(b) the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects that would provide training opportunities for experienced State agency personnel at all levels of State agency practice to upgrade their skills and to develop mastery of new program developments dealing with significant issues and priorities and legislative thrusts of the public vocational rehabilitation program.

Invitational Priority—Rehabilitation Technology

Within Absolute Priority 2, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Projects that would offer certificate training to State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agency staff on matters regarding rehabilitation technology as it applies to the needs of customers of the public VR program.

Rehabilitation technology, as defined in section 7(30) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, means, ''* * * the systematic application of technologies, engineering methodologies, or scientific principles to meet the needs of and address the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities in areas which include education, rehabilitation, employment, transportation, independent living, and recreation. The term includes rehabilitation engineering, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services.''

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under these competitions, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for these competitions will be provided in the application package for these competitions.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794–1398. Telephone (toll free): 1–877–433–7827. FAX: (301) 470–1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1–877–576–7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its web site (http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html) or its E-mail address (edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Beverly Brightly, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. (room 3318, Switzer Building), Washington, DC 20202–2649. Telephone (202) 205–9561. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(CFDA No.: 84.129W)

Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training—Comprehensive System of Personnel Development; Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: To assist State vocational rehabilitation agencies in carrying out their Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) plans.

Eligible Applicants: State agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian Tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 17, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: November 16, 1999.

Applications Available: July 27, 1999.

Estimated Available Funds: $2,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: $75,000–$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

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Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 386.

Priority

The priority in the notice of final priority for this program published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 1998 (63 FR 55764) applies to this competition.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, room 18T91, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone (404) 562–6336. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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