

**Topical Heading**  
Rehabilitation

**Program Title**

# Rehabilitation Act Program Improvement

**CFDA # (or ED #)**  
84.811

**Administering Office**  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

**Who May Apply (by category)**  
Other Organizations and/or Agencies

**Who May Apply (specifically)**  
Public or nonprofit agencies may apply.

**Current Competitions**  
FY 2008 contract competition (for prequalified contractors under the U.S. Department of Education's multiple award task order) expected: August 2008.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**  
Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Contracts

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2006	\$834,570
Fiscal Year 2007	\$834,570
Fiscal Year 2008	\$633,000

**Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information**  
*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 1 contract; 1 grant supplement; 1 task order under existing contract

Average New Award: \$207,000

Range of New Awards: \$91,000–\$411,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

**Legislative Citation**  
*Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Sec.12; 29 U.S.C. 709*

**Program Description**  
Sec. 12(a)(1) of the *Rehabilitation Act* authorizes the commissioner of the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to provide technical assistance and consultative services to public and nonprofit private agencies and organizations, including assistance to enable agencies and organizations to facilitate meaningful and effective participation by individuals with disabilities in workforce investment activities under the *Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA)*. In addition, Sec. 12 funds may be used to provide short-term training and technical instruction, conduct special projects and demonstrations, collect, prepare, publish and disseminate special educational or informational materials, provide monitoring and conduct evaluations.

**Types of Projects**  
Program funds are awarded through grants and contracts to procure expertise in identified areas of national significance and technical support in order to improve the operation of the vocational rehabilitation (VR) program and other programs under the *Rehabilitation Act*, and the provision of services to individuals with disabilities under the *Act*.

Program improvement funds have been used to support activities that improve program effectiveness and accountability, and to enhance the U.S. Department of Education's ability to provide technical assistance in critical areas of national significance in achieving the purposes of the *Act*.

**Education Level (by category)**  
Adult

**Subject Index**

Independent Living, Rehabilitation, Technical Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation

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