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- (3) Materials;
  - (4) Student costs;
  - (5) Administrative expenses;
  - (6) Boarding costs;
  - (7) Transportation;
  - (8) Student services;
  - (9) Day care and family support programs for students and their families, including contributions to the costs of education for dependents; and
  - (10) Training equipment costs necessary to implement training programs.
- (b) Capital expenditures, including operations and maintenance, minor improvements and repair, and physical plant maintenance costs.
- (c) Costs associated with repair, upkeep, replacement, and upgrading of instructional equipment.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2397d(a), (d))

**§410.31 What other provisions apply to this program?**

(a) Except as specifically provided in the Act, eligibility for assistance under this part may not preclude any tribally controlled postsecondary vocational institution from receiving Federal financial assistance under any program authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*) or any other applicable program for the benefit of institutions of higher education or vocational education.

(b) No tribally controlled postsecondary vocational institution for which an Indian tribe has designated a portion of the funds appropriated for the tribe from funds appropriated under the Act of November 2, 1921 (25 U.S.C. 13) may be denied a contract for that portion under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.*) (except as provided in that Act), or denied appropriate contract support to administer that portion of the appropriated funds.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2397e)

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**Subpart A—General**

**§411.1 What is the Vocational Education Research Program?**

The Vocational Education Research Program is designed to—

(a) Improve access to vocational educational programs for individuals with disabilities, individuals who are disadvantaged, men and women who are entering nontraditional occupations, adults who are in need of retraining, single parents, displaced homemakers, single pregnant women, individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals who are incarcerated in correctional institutions;

(b) Support research and development activities that make the United States more competitive in the world economy by developing more fully the academic and occupational skills of all segments of the population by concentrating resources on improving educational programs leading to academic and occupational skill competencies needed to work in a technologically advanced society;

(c) Improve the competitive process by which research projects are awarded;

(d) Encourage the dissemination of findings of research projects assisted under the Act to all States; and

(e) Support research activities that are readily applicable to the vocational

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education setting and are of practical application to vocational education administrators, counselors, instructors, and others involved in vocational education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2401)

### §411.2 Who is eligible for an award?

(a) Any individual or public or private agency, organization, or institution may apply for an award under this part.

(b) Any individual researcher, community college, State advisory council, or State or local educator may submit an unsolicited research application.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2402(a), (b))

### §411.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

The Secretary may directly, or through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, conduct applied research on aspects of vocational education that are specially related to the Act, including the following:

(a) Applied research on—

(1) Effective methods for providing quality vocational education to individuals with disabilities, disadvantaged individuals, men and women in non-traditional fields, adults, single parents, displaced homemakers, single pregnant women, individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals who are incarcerated in correctional institutions;

(2) The development and implementation of performance standards and measures that fit within the needs of State boards of vocational education or eligible recipients as defined in 34 CFR 400.4 in carrying out the provisions of the Act and on the relationship of those standards and measures to the data system established under section 421 of the Act. Research may include an evaluation of existing performance standards and measures and dissemination of that information to State boards of vocational education and eligible recipients;

(3) Strategies for coordinating local, State, and Federal vocational education, employment training, and economic development programs to maximize their efficacy and for improving worker training and retraining;

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(4) The constructive involvement of the private sector in public vocational education;

(5) Successful methods of reinforcing and enhancing basic and more advanced academic and problem-solving skills in vocational settings;

(6) Successful methods for providing students, to the maximum extent practicable, with experience in and understanding of all aspects of the industry those students are preparing to enter; and

(7) The development of effective methods for providing quality vocational education to individuals with limited English proficiency, including research related to bilingual vocational training.

(b) An evaluation of the use of performance standards and measures under the Act and the effect of those standards and measures on the participation of students in vocational education programs and on the outcomes of students in those programs, especially students who are members of special populations as defined in 34 CFR 400.4.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2402(a))

### §411.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Vocational Education Research Program:

(a) The regulations in this part 411.

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 400.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2401 and 2402)

### §411.5 What definitions apply?

The definitions in 34 CFR 400.4 apply to this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2401 and 2402)

## Subpart B [Reserved]

## Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

### §411.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application for a grant or cooperative agreement on the basis of the criteria in §411.21.