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**Even Start Family Literacy Program for  
Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and  
Tribal Organizations; Inviting Applications  
for New Awards Using Fiscal Year (FY)  
1999 Funds; Notice**

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.258]

**Even Start Family Literacy Program for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations; Inviting Applications for New Awards Using Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Funds**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

*Note to Applicants:* This notice is a complete application package. Together with the statute authorizing the program and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), the notice contains all of the information, application forms, and instructions needed to apply for a grant under this competition.

*Purpose of Program:* The Even Start Family Literacy Program for Indian tribes and tribal organizations is designed to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities of low-income families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program for federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

*Eligible Applicants:* Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 30, 1999.

*Available Funds:* The Department estimates that there will be sufficient FY 1999 funds for three new projects after funding continuation awards in FY 1999.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$100,000—\$250,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$175,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 3.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

- (1) 34 CFR Part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).
- (2) 34 CFR Part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).
- (3) 34 CFR Part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).
- (4) 34 CFR Part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement).
- (5) 34 CFR Part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).
- (6) 34 CFR Part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and

Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

*Description of Program:* Under the authority of section 1202(a)(1)(C) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education (Assistant Secretary) awards grants to eligible applicants for projects that—

(1) Improve the educational opportunities of low-income families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program for federally recognized Indian tribe and tribal organization projects;

(2) Are implemented through cooperative activities that build on existing community resources to create a new range of services for federally recognized Indian tribe and tribal organization projects;

(3) Promote achievement of the National Education Goals one, three, five, and eight that address school readiness, student achievement, and parent involvement in the education of their children; and

(4) Assist children and adults to achieve to challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards.

*Eligible participants.* Eligible participants are children and their parents who also meet the following conditions specified in section 1206(a) of the ESEA:

(1) The parent or parents must be eligible for participation in adult education and literacy activities under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act; or

(2) For a parent or parents within the State's compulsory school attendance age range, a local educational agency must provide (or ensure the availability of) the basic education component; and

(3) The child or children must be younger than eight years of age.

**(Note:** Family members of eligible participants described in paragraphs one through three, above, also may participate in Even Start Family Literacy Program activities when appropriate to serve Even Start purposes. In addition, section 1206(b) of the ESEA generally permits families to remain eligible for Even Start Family Literacy services until all family members become ineligible for participation. For example, in the case of a family in which the parent or parents have become ineligible due to educational advancement, eligibility would continue until all children in the family reach age eight. If all children in a family have reached the age of eight, the family continues to be eligible for two more years, or until the parents no longer are eligible for adult education and literacy activities under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, whichever occurs earlier.)

*Budget period.* Under 34 CFR 75.112 and 75.117, an eligible applicant must propose a project period of up to four years and provide budgetary information for each year of that proposed project period in its initial application. The budgetary information provided should include, for each year, an amount for all key project components with an accompanying breakdown of any subcomponents. A written justification for all requested amounts should be provided.

An applicant is also required under 34 CFR § 75.112(b) to describe how and when, in each budget period of the project, it plans to meet each objective of the project.

**(Note:** This information will be used by the Assistant Secretary, in conjunction with the grantee's annual performance report required under 34 CFR 75.118(a), to determine whether to make a continuation award for the subsequent budget year. Under 34 CFR 75.253 a grantee can receive a continuation award only if it demonstrates that it either has made substantial progress toward meeting the objectives of the approved project, or has received the Assistant Secretary's approval of changes in the project to enable it to meet the objectives in the succeeding budget periods.)

*Federal and local funding.* An Even Start Family Literacy project's funding is comprised of both a Federal portion of funds (Federal share) and a portion contributed by the eligible applicant (local project share). The local share of the project may be provided in cash or in kind and may be obtained from any source, including other Federal programs. The Federal share of the project may not exceed—

- 90 percent of the total cost of the project in the first year;
- 80 percent in the second year;
- 70 percent in the third year;
- 60 percent in the fourth year; and
- 50 percent in any subsequent year.

The Federal share for any grantee receiving a grant for a second grant cycle may not exceed 50 percent. Any grantee that wishes to reapply for a second grant cycle at the end of its first project period (up to 48 months) must recompetete for funding with new applicants.

*Indirect costs.* Even Start Family Literacy Program funds generally may not be used for the indirect costs of a project. Recipients of an Even Start Indian tribe and tribal organization grant may request the Secretary to waive this requirement. To obtain a waiver, however, the recipient must demonstrate to the Secretary's satisfaction that the recipient otherwise would not be able to participate in the Even Start Family Literacy Program.

*National Evaluation:* The Department is conducting a national evaluation of Even Start Family Literacy projects. Grantees are required to participate in the Department's national evaluation and to conduct a separate, annual independent local evaluation consistent with the grantee's responsibilities under 34 CFR 75.590 and section 1205(10) of the ESEA.

The Secretary suggests that each applicant budget \$10,000 for evaluation activities. These funds will be used for expenditures related to the project's independent local evaluation and for collection and aggregation of data required for the Department's national evaluation. The Secretary also recommends that projects budget for the cost of travel to Washington, DC, and two nights' lodging for the project director and the project evaluator, for their participation in annual evaluation meetings.

#### Selection Criteria

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria to evaluate applications for grants under this competition.

(1) The maximum composite score for all of these criteria is 100 points.

(2) The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(a) *Meeting the purposes of the authorizing statute.* (10 points). The Secretary considers how well the project will meet the purpose of the Even Start Family Literacy Program for federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations, which under sections 1201 and 1202(a)(1)(C) of the ESEA is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by awarding grants for projects that—

- Improve the educational opportunities of low-income families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program for federally recognized Indian tribe and tribal organization projects;

- Are implemented through cooperative projects that build on existing community resources to create a new range of services for Indian tribe and tribal organization projects;

- Promote achievement of the National Education Goals; and

- Assist children and adults from low-income families to achieve to challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards.

(b) *Need for project.* (15 points). The Secretary considers the need for the proposed project. In determining the need for the proposed project, the

Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The magnitude of the need for the services to be provided or the activities to be carried out by the proposed project.

(ii) The extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses.

(Note: The Secretary invites applicants to address such factors as the following: the number of families in the area who need Even Start services, the lack of availability of comprehensive family literacy services for that population, other resources that will be used to benefit project participants, and any other factors that the applicant considers relevant to the extent of need for the project.)

(c) *Significance.* (10 points). The Secretary considers the significance of the proposed project. In determining the significance of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies.

(ii) The potential replicability of the proposed project or strategies, including, as appropriate, the potential for implementation in a variety of settings.

(iii) The importance or magnitude of the results or outcomes likely to be attained by the proposed project.

(d) *Quality of the project design.* (15 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the design of the proposed project includes a thorough, high-quality review of the relevant literature, a high-quality plan for project implementation, and the use of appropriate methodological tools to ensure successful achievement of project objectives.

(ii) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs.

(iii) The extent to which the proposed project will be coordinated with similar or related efforts, and with other appropriate community, State, and Federal resources.

(Note: Concerning design of the project, an eligible applicant must propose a project that incorporates, at a minimum, the following

program elements required by section 1205 of the ESEA:

(A) Identification and recruitment of families most in need of services provided under the Even Start Family Literacy Program, as indicated by a low level of income, a low level of adult literacy or English language proficiency of the eligible parent or parents, and other need-related indicators.

(B) Screening and preparation of parents, including teenage parents and children, to enable those parents to participate fully in the activities and services provided under the Even Start Family Literacy Program, including testing, referral to necessary counseling, other developmental and support services, and related services.

(C) Design that accommodates the participants' work schedule and other responsibilities, including the provision of support services, when those services are unavailable from other sources, but are necessary for participation in the activities assisted under the Even Start Family Literacy Program, such as—

- Scheduling and location of services to allow joint participation by parents and children;

- Child care for the period that parents are involved in the project; and

- Transportation to enable parents and their children to participate in the project.

(D) High-quality, intensive instructional programs that promote adult literacy and empower parents to support the educational growth of their children, developmentally appropriate early childhood educational services, and preparation of children for success in regular school programs.

(E) Special training of staff, including child care staff, to develop the skills necessary to work with parents and young children in the full range of instructional services offered through the Even Start Family Literacy Program.

(F) Providing and monitoring of integrated instructional services to participating parents and children through home-based programs.

(G) Operation on a year-round basis, including the provision of some program services, instructional or enrichment, during the summer months.

(H) Coordination with—

- Programs assisted under other parts of Title I and other programs under the ESEA;

- Any relevant programs under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Job Training Partnership Act; and

- The Head Start program, volunteer literacy programs, and other relevant programs.

(I) Ensuring that the proposed project will serve those families most in need of the activities and services provided by the Even Start Family Literacy Program.

(J) An independent evaluation of the project.)

(e) *Quality of project services.* (20 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project. In determining the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project, the Secretary

considers the quality and sufficiency of strategies for ensuring equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. In addition, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The likelihood that the services to be provided by the proposed project will lead to improvements in the achievement of students as measured against rigorous academic standards.

(ii) The likely impact of the services to be provided by the proposed project on the intended recipients of those services.

(Note: An eligible applicant must propose a project that has "high-quality, intensive instructional programs" in the three core instructional areas (early childhood education, adult education and parenting education), as required by section 1205(4) of the ESEA. Concerning the quality of project services, the Secretary invites applicants to describe the level of intensity in these three core instructional services that the applicant believes sufficient to produce positive and sustainable outcomes for families, and how the project will provide that level of intensity of services.)

(f) *Quality of project personnel.* (5 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project. In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. In addition, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel.

(ii) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of project consultants or subcontractors.

(g) *Adequacy of resources.* (5 points.) The Secretary considers the adequacy of resources for the proposed project. In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The adequacy of support, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and other resources, from the applicant organization or the lead applicant organization.

(Note: Applicants may address this criteria in any way that is reasonable. An eligible applicant must provide an increasing local project share over the grant period (at least the following amounts: 10% in the first year, 20% in the second year, 30% in the third

year, and 40% in the fourth year), as required by section 1204(b) of the ESEA. In addressing adequacy of resources, the Secretary invites applicants to describe the resources that they will use to increase the amount of the local project's share over the four years of the grant, which will contribute to the applicant's ability to sustain the project at the end of the Federal funding.)

(ii) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project.

(iii) The potential for the incorporation of project purposes, activities, or benefits into the ongoing program of the agency or organization at the end of Federal funding.

(h) *Quality of the management plan.* (10 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks.

(ii) The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project.

(iii) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project.

(iv) How the applicant will ensure that a diversity of perspectives are brought to bear in the operation of the proposed project, including those of parents, teachers, the business community, a variety of disciplinary and professional fields, recipients or beneficiaries of services, or others, as appropriate.

(i) *Quality of project evaluation.* (10 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible.

(ii) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes.

### Instructions for Transmittal of Applications

(a) If an applicant wants to apply for a grant, the applicant shall—

(1) Mail the original and two copies of the application on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: Laura Chow (CFDA #84.258), Compensatory Education Programs, Room 3633, Regional Office Building #3, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4725 or

(2) Hand deliver the original and two copies of the application by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: Laura Chow (CFDA #84.258), Compensatory Education Programs, Room 3633, Regional Office Building #3, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4725.

(b) An applicant must show one of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

(c) If an application is mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Notes:** (1) The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

(2) The Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to each applicant. If an applicant fails to receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the date of mailing the application, the applicant should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9494.

(3) The applicant *must* indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 10 of the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) the CFDA number—and suffix letter, if any—of the competition under which the application is being submitted.

### Application Instructions and Forms

The appendix to this notice contains the following forms and instructions, plus a statement regarding estimated public reporting burden, a notice to applicants regarding compliance with section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act, and various assurances and certifications.

- a. Instructions for the Application Narrative.
- b. Estimated Public Reporting Burden Statement.
- c. Notice to all Applicants.
- d. Objectives and Performance Indicators for the Even Start Family Literacy Program.
- e. Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424 (OMB No. 1875-0106, Expires 6/30/01)) and instructions.
- f. Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED Form No. 524) and instructions.
- g. Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424).
- h. Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (ED 80-0013).
- i. Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions (ED 80-0014, 9/90) and instructions. (NOTE: ED 80-0014 is intended for the use of grantees and should not be transmitted to the Department.)
- j. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL) (if applicable) and instructions. This document has been marked to reflect statutory changes. See the notice published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 1413) by the Office of Management and Budget on January 19, 1996.

An applicant may submit information on photostatic copies of the application, budget forms, assurances, and certifications. However, the application form, assurances, and certifications must each have an original signature. No grant may be awarded unless a completed application form, including the signed assurances and certifications, have been received.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Chow, Compensatory Education Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW (FOB 6, 3W208), Washington, DC 20202-6132. Telephone (202) 260-2683. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also, by

contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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**Note:** The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

**Program authority:** 20 U.S.C. section 6362(a)(1)(C).

**Gerald N. Tirozzi,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

#### Instructions for Part III: Application Narrative

Before preparing the Application Narrative an applicant should read carefully the description of the program and the selection criteria the Secretary uses to evaluate applications.

The narrative should encompass each function or activity for which funds are being requested and should—

1. Begin with a one-page Abstract summarizing the proposed project;
2. Describe the proposed project in light of the selection criteria in the order in which the criteria are listed in this application package; and
3. Provide the following in response to the attached "Notice to all Applicants": (1) a reference to the portion of the application in which information appears as to how the applicant is addressing steps to promote equitable access and participation, or (2) a separate statement that contains that information.

4. Provide a copy of the signed set of assurances specified in section 14306(a) of the ESEA (20 USC 8856(a)) that the applicant has filed with its SEA and that is applicable to this grant application.

5. Include any other pertinent information that might assist the Secretary in reviewing the application.

The Secretary strongly requests the applicant to limit the Application Narrative to no more than 20 double-spaced, typed pages (on one side only). The Department has found that successful applications for similar programs generally meet this page limit.

#### Instructions for Estimated Public Reporting Burden

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1810-0540 (Expiration Date: 3/31/1999). The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to: Patricia McKee, Compensatory Education Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW (FOB 6, Area 3 West), Washington D.C. 20202-6132.

#### Notice to All Applicants

The purpose of this enclosure is to inform you about a new provision in the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) that applies to applicants for new grant awards under Department programs. This provision is Section 427 of GEPA, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382).

#### To Whom Does This Provision Apply?

Section 427 of GEPA affects applicants for new grant awards under this program. All applicants for new awards must include information in their applications to address this new provision in order to receive funding under this program.

#### What Does This Provision Require?

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant

proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally-assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.

This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, etc. from such access or participation in, the Federally-funded project or activity. The description in your application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances. In addition, the information may be provided in a single narrative, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with related topics in the application.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

#### *What are Examples of How an Applicant Might Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?*

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with section 427.

(1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to such potential participants in their native language.

(2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in braille for students who are blind.

(3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a model science program for secondary students and is concerned that girls may be less likely than boys to enroll in the course, might indicate how it intends to conduct "outreach"

efforts to girls, to encourage their enrollment.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.

#### *Estimated Burden Statement for GEPA Requirements*

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1801-0004 (Exp. 8/31/2001). The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 1 to 3 hours per response, with an average of 1.5 hours, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

#### **Objectives and Performance Indicators for the Even Start Family Literacy Program**

For your information, following are objectives and performance indicators for the Even Start Family Literacy Program (Part B of Title I of the ESEA) that the Department has developed in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act.

*Objective 1.* The literacy of participating families will improve.

*1.1 Adult literacy achievement.* By fall 2001, 40 percent of Even Start adults will achieve significant learning gains on measures of math and 30 percent of adults will achieve such gains on measures of reading skills. In 1995-96, 24% of adults achieved a moderate-to-large-sized gain between pretest and posttest of math achievement, and 20% on a test of reading achievement.

*1.2 Adult educational attainment.* By fall 2001, 25 percent of adult secondary education (ASE) Even Start participants will obtain their high school diploma or equivalent. In 1995-96, 18% of all ASE/GED participants earned a GED.

*1.3 Children's language development and reading readiness.* By fall 2001, 60 percent of Even Start children will attain significant gains on measures of language development and reading readiness. In 1995-96, 81% of

children made better than expected gains on a test of school readiness, and 50% achieved moderate to large gains on a test of language development.

*1.4 Parenting skills.* Increasing percentages of parents will show significant improvement on measures of parenting skills, home environment, and expectations for their children. In 1995-96, 41% of parents scored 75% or higher correct on the posttest measuring the quality of cognitive stimulation and emotional support provided to children in the home.

*Objective 2.* Even Start projects will reach their target population of families that are most in need of services.

*2.1 Recruitment of most in need.* The projects will continue to recruit low-income, disadvantaged families with low literacy levels. In 1996-97, 90% of families had incomes at or substantially below the federal poverty level and 45% of parents had less than a ninth grade education at intake.

*Objective 3.* Local Even Start projects will provide comprehensive instructional and support services of high quality to all families in a cost-effective manner.

*3.1 Service hours.* By fall 2001, half of the projects will offer at least 60 hours of adult education per month, at least 20 hours of parenting education per month, and at least 65 hours of early childhood education per month. In 1995-96, half of the projects offered 32 hours or more of adult education per month, 13 hours or more of parenting education per month, and 34 hours or more of early childhood education per month.

*3.2 Participation, retention and continuity.* Projects will increasingly improve retention and continuity of services. By fall 2001, at least 60 percent of all families will stay in the program for more than one year. Of all families participating in Even Start in 1994-95, 38 percent stayed in the program for more than one year. Of new families entering in 1995-96, 41 percent stayed for more than one year.

*Objective 4.* The Department of Education will provide effective guidance and technical assistance and will identify and disseminate reliable information on effective approaches.

*4.1 Federal technical assistance.* An increasing percentage of local project directors will be satisfied with technical assistance and guidance.

# Application for Federal Education Assistance

## Applicant Information



U.S. Department of Education

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1875-0106  
Exp. 06/30/2001

**1. Name and Address**

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Organizational Unit**

**2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number**

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Even Start Family Literacy

**3. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #:**

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→ Title: Program for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes & Tribal Organizations

**4. Project Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A State            | <input type="checkbox"/> H Independent School District               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B County           | <input type="checkbox"/> I Public College or University              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C Municipal        | <input type="checkbox"/> J Private, Non-Profit College or University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D Township         | <input type="checkbox"/> K Indian Tribe                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E Interstate       | <input type="checkbox"/> L Individual                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F Intermunicipal   | <input type="checkbox"/> M Private, Profit-Making Organization       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G Special District | <input type="checkbox"/> N Other (Specify): _____                    |

**5. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt?**  Yes  No  
(If "Yes," attach an explanation.)

**7. Novice Applicant**  Yes  No

## Application Information

**8. Type of Submission:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PreApplication Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Application Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction         |

**11. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period?**  Yes  No

a. If "Yes," Exemption(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_ b. Assurance of Compliance #: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

**9. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process?**

Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372 process for review): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

- No (If "No," check appropriate box below.)
- Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.
- Program has not been selected by State for review.

c. IRB approval date: \_\_\_\_\_  Full IRB **OR**  Expedited Review

**12. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

**10. Proposed Project Dates:** Start Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Estimated Funding		
13a. Federal	\$	.00
b. Applicant	\$	.00
c. State	\$	.00
d. Local	\$	.00
e. Other	\$	.00
f. Program Income	\$	.00
<b>g. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>.00</b>

### Authorized Representative Information

**14. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this preapplication/application are true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.**

a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

b. Title \_\_\_\_\_

c. Tel. #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

d. E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Signature of Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions for ED 424

1. **Legal Name and Address.** Enter the legal name of applicant and the name of the primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity.
2. **D-U-N-S Number.** Enter the applicant's D-U-N-S Number. If your organization does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can obtain the number by calling 1-800-333-0505 or by completing a D-U-N-S Number Request Form. The form can be obtained via the Internet at the following URL: <http://www.dnb.com/dbis/aboutdb/intlduns.htm>.
3. **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number.** Enter the CFDA number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.
4. **Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
5. **Federal Debt Delinquency.** Check "Yes" if the applicant's organization is delinquent on any Federal debt. (This question refers to the applicant's organization and not to the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.) Otherwise, check "No."
6. **Type of Applicant.** Enter the appropriate letter in the box provided.
7. **Novice Applicant.** Check "Yes" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants and you meet the program requirements for novice applicants. By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets the novice applicant requirements specified by ED. Otherwise, check "No."
8. **Type of Submission.** Self-explanatory.
9. **Executive Order 12372.** Check "Yes" if the application is subject to review by Executive Order 12372. Also, please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000). Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Otherwise, check "No."
10. **Proposed Project Dates.** Please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000).
11. **Human Subjects.** If research activities involving human subjects are **not planned at any time** during the proposed project period, check "No." The remaining parts of item 11 are then not applicable.

If research activities involving human subjects, whether or not exempt from Federal regulations for the protection of human subjects, **are planned at any time** during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution, check "Yes." If the research activities are designated to be exempt under the regulations, enter, in item 11a, the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in "PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH" attached to this form. Provide sufficient information in the application to allow a determination that the designated exemptions are appropriate.

If the planned research activities involving human subjects are covered (not exempt), complete the remaining parts of item 11 and follow the instructions in "PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH" attached to this form. If the applicant organization has an approved Multiple Project Assurance of Compliance on file with the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff (GPOS), U.S. Department of Education, or with the Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR), National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, enter the Assurance number in item 11b and the date of approval by the Institutional Re-

view Board (IRB) of the proposed activities in item 11c. This date must be no earlier than one year before the receipt date for which the application is submitted and must include the four (4) digit year (e.g., 2000). Check the type of IRB review in the appropriate box. An IRB may review an application through an expedited review procedure only if it complies with Section 97.110 of the human subjects regulations 34 CFR 97. If the IRB review is unavoidably delayed beyond the submission of the application, enter "Pending" in item 11c. A follow-up certification of IRB approval from an official signing for the applicant organization must then be sent to and received by the designated ED official. The certification must be received within 30 days of a specific formal request from the designated ED official. The certification must include: the PR Award number, title of the project from item #12, name of the principal investigator, project director, fellow, or other, institution, Multiple Assurance number, date of IRB approval, and appropriate signatures.

If the applicant organization does not have on file with GPOS or OPRR an approved Assurance of Compliance that covers the proposed research activity, enter "None" in item 11b. In this case, the applicant organization, by the signature on the application, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 within 30 days of a specific formal request from the designated ED official.

For additional instructions regarding proposals that involve human subjects research see, "PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH" attached to this form.

12. **Project Title.** Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.
13. **Estimated Funding.** Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 13.
14. **Certification.** To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office.

Be sure to enter the telephone and fax number and e-mail address of the authorized representative. Also, in item 14e, please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000) in the date signed field.

#### Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1875-0106. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to: Joyce I. Mays, Application Control Center, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W. ROB-3, Room 3633, Washington, D.C. 20202-4725.



## PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH (Attachment to ED 424)

### I. Instructions to Applicants if Research Activities Involving Human Subjects are Planned

If you marked item 11 on the application "Yes" and designated exemptions from the human subjects regulations, provide sufficient information in the application to allow a determination that the designated exemptions are appropriate. Research involving human subjects that is exempt from the regulations is discussed under II.B. "Exemptions," below.

If you marked "Yes" to item 11 on the Face Page, and designated no exemptions from the regulations, address the following six points. In addition, if research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), provide this information before discussing the six points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct. Be sure to provide this information on a separate page(s) entitled "Protection of Human Subjects Attachment."

(1) Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable.

(2) Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

### II. Information on Research Activities Involving Human Subjects

#### A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

#### —Is it a research activity?

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge, such as an exploratory study or the collection of data to test a hypothesis, it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

**—Is it a human subject?**

The regulations define human subject as “a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information.” (1) *If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person’s environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met.* (2) *If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met.* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

**B. Exemptions.**

Research activities in which the only involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of *exemptions* are not covered by the regulations:

- (1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.
- (2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation. *If the subjects are children, this exemption applies only to research involving educational tests or observations of pub-*

*lic behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed.* [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

- (3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.


- (4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

- (5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

- (6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S Department of Agriculture.

*Copies of the Department of Education’s Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff (GPOS) Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C., telephone: (202) 708-8263, and on the U.S. Department of Education’s Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site at <http://ocfo.ed.gov/humansub.htm>.*



 <p><b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>  <b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>  <b>NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS</b></p>		<p>OMB Control No. 1880--0538                  Expiration Date: 10/31/99</p>				
<p><b>Name of Institution/Organization</b></p>		<p>Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1."                  Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.</p>				
<p><b>SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY</b>  <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS</b></p>						
Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)						

Name of Institution/Organization		SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY NON-FEDERAL FUNDS						SECTION C - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION (see instructions)	
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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Education, Information Management and Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1875-0102, Washington, D.C. 20503.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ED FORM NO. 524

### General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

### Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

**Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e):** For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

**Lines 1-11, column (f):** Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

**Line 12, columns (a)-(e):** Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

**Line 12, column (f):** Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

### Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

**Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e):** For each project year for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

**Lines 1-11, column (f):** Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

**Line 12, columns (a)-(e):** Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

**Line 12, column (f):** Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

### Section C - Other Budget Information Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B.
2. If applicable to this program, enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period. In addition, enter the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.
3. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

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**PARTICIPANT DATA**

Note: This form must be completed by applicants under the following programs:

- Teachers and Personnel Grants Program
- Career Ladder Program
- Training for all Teachers Program

Estimated number of anticipated participants in each of the following three categories per year

Preservice Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

Inservice Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

Other Type of Educational Personnel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify type below)

\_\_\_\_\_

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Degree level (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Type \_\_\_\_\_

Languages of Participants \_\_\_\_\_  
(other than English)

Training for all Teachers Program applicants may not necessarily anticipate providing services to participants during the grant period. If this is the case indicate NA in the "anticipated participants" categories above.

**PROJECT DOCUMENTATION**

Note: Submit the appropriate documents and information as specified below for the following programs.

- Teachers and Personnel Grants Program
- Career Ladder Program
- Training for All Teachers Program

**Section A**

A copy of the applicant's transmittal letter requesting the appropriate State educational agency to comment on the application.

**Section B**

If applicable, identify on the line below the Empowerment Zone, Supplemental Zone, or Enterprise Community that the proposed project will serve.  
(See the competitive priority and the list of designated Empowerment Zones in previous sections of this application package.)

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**PROGRAM ASSURANCES**

**Note:** The authorizing statute requires applicants under certain programs to provide assurances. These assurances are specified below under the relevant programs. If your application pertains to any of these programs, this form must be completed.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant, in regard to the program relevant to this application:

- Teachers and Personnel Grants
- Career Ladder Program
- Training for All Teachers

Will include, if applicable, as part of the project implementing a master's or doctoral-level program, a training practicum in a local school program serving children and youth of limited English proficiency.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7426(g)(3))

Authorized Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSURANCES- NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

**Note:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the  
as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §§874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to

- EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
  13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).
  14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
  15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
  16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
  17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
  18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	Title	
Applicant Organization		Date Submitted

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**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER  
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

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**1. LOBBYING**

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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**2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER  
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110—

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

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**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE  
(GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will—

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted-

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

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Check  if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE  
(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and  
Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

**Instructions for Certification**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

**Certification**

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

**DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

Approved by OMB  
0348-0046

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C 1352  
(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

<p><b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. contract  <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant  <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement  <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan  <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee  <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance</p>	<p><b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application  <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award  <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award</p>	<p><b>3. Report Type:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing  <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change</p> <p><b>For Material Change Only:</b>  year _____ quarter _____  date of last report _____</p>
<p><b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prime      <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee  Tier _____, if known:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known: _____</p>		<p><b>5. If Reporting Entity in No.4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b></p> <p>Congressional District, if known: _____</p>
<p><b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b></p>	<p><b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b></p> <p>CFDA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p><b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b></p>	<p><b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b></p> <p>\$ _____</p>	
<p><b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):</b></p>		<p><b>b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Amount of Payment (check all that apply):</b></p> <p>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> actual    <input type="checkbox"/> planned</p>	<p><b>13. Type of Payment (Check all that apply):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. retainer  <input type="checkbox"/> b. one-time fee  <input type="checkbox"/> c. commission  <input type="checkbox"/> d. contingent fee  <input type="checkbox"/> e. deferred  <input type="checkbox"/> f. other, specify: _____</p>	
<p><b>12. Form of Payment (check all that apply):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. cash  <input type="checkbox"/> b. in-kind; specify: _____ nature _____ value _____</p>		
<p><b>14. Brief Description of Services Performed or to be Performed and Date(s) of Service, including officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) contacted, for Payment Indicated in Item 11:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary.</small></p>		
<p><b>15. Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL attached:</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p><b>16. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b></p>	<p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p><b>Federal Use Only</b></p>	<p><b>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL</b></p>	

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee" then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number, grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state, and zip code of the lobbying entity registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- ~~11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (item 4) to the lobbying entity (item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.~~
- ~~12. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of in-kind payment.~~
- ~~13. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If other specify nature.~~
- ~~14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.~~
- ~~15. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.~~
16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions



OMB Control No. 1801-0004 (Exp. 8/31/2001)

**Notice To All Applicants**

The purpose of this enclosure is to inform you about a new provision in the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) that applies to applicants for new grant awards under Department programs. This provision is Section 427 of GEPA, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382).

*To Whom Does This Provision Apply?*

Section 427 of GEPA affects applicants for new grant awards under this program. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR NEW AWARDS MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS NEW PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

(If this program is a State-formula grant program, a State needs to provide this description only for projects or activities that it carries out with funds reserved for State-level uses. In addition, local school districts or other eligible applicants that apply to the State for funding need to provide this description in their applications to the State for funding. The State would be responsible for ensuring that the school district or other entity has submitted a sufficient section 427 statement as described below.)

*What Does This Provision Require?*

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally-assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.

This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, etc. from such access or participation in, the Federally-funded project or activity. The description in your application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances. In addition, the information may be provided in a single narrative, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with related topics in the application.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

*What are Examples of How an Applicant Might Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?*

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with Section 427.

(1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to such potential participants in their native language.

(2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in braille for students who are blind.

(3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a model science program for secondary students and is concerned that girls may be less likely than boys to enroll in the course, might indicate how it intends to conduct "outreach" efforts to girls, to encourage their enrollment.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperative in responding to the requirements of this provision.

**Estimated Burden Statement for GEPA Requirements**

The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 1 to 3 hours per response, with an average of 1.5 hours, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

### General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Requirement

Applicants should use this section to address the GEPA provision.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying the central portion of the page. It is intended for applicants to provide information related to the GEPA provision mentioned in the text above.

**Executive Order—Intergovernmental Review**

The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR 79, pertaining to intergovernmental review of Federal programs, apply to the program included in this application package.

Immediately upon receipt of this notice, all applicants, other than federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, must contact the appropriate State Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform in more than one State should contact, immediately upon receipt of this notice, the Single Points of Contact for each State and follow the procedures established in those States under the Executive Order. A list containing the Single Point of Contact for each State is included in the application package for this program.

In States that have not established a process or chosen a program for review, State, area wide, regional, and local entities may submit comments directly to the Department.

Any State Process Recommendation and other comments by a State Point of Contact and any comments from State, area wide, regional, and local entities must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date in the Program announcement for Intergovernmental Review to the following address: The Secretary, E.O. 12372-CFDA #84.200, U.S. Department of Education, FB-10, Room 6213, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

In those States that require review for this program, applications are to be submitted simultaneously to the State Review Process and the U.S. Department of Education.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications.

Please note that the above address is not the same address as the one to which the applicant submits its completed application.

*Do not send applications to the above address.*

**State Single Points of Contact****Arizona**

Ms. Janice Dunn, Arizona State Clearinghouse, 3800 North Central Avenue, Fourteenth Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, Telephone: (602) 280-1315

**Arkansas**

Ms. Tracie L. Copeland, Manager, State Clearinghouse, Office of Intergovernmental Service, Department of Finance and Administration, P.O. Box

3278, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, Telephone: (501) 682-1074

**California**

Mr. Glenn Staber, Grants Coordinator, Office of Planning & Research, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, California 95814, Telephone: (916) 323-7480

**Colorado**

State Single Point of Contact, State Clearinghouse, Division of Local Government, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 520, Denver, Colorado 80203, Telephone: (303) 866-2156.

**Connecticut**

Mr. William T. Quigg, Intergovernmental Review Coordinator, State Single Point of Contact, Office of Policy and Management, Intergovernmental Policy Division, 80 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-4459, Telephone: (203) 566-3410

**Delaware**

Ms. Francine Booth, State Single Point of Contact, Executive Department, Thomas Collins Building, Dover, Delaware 19903, Telephone: (302) 739-3326

**District of Columbia**

Mr. Rodney T. Hallman, State Single Point of Contact, Office of Grants Management & Development, 717 14th St. N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 727-6551

**Florida**

Florida State Clearinghouse, Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Unit, Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Planning & Budgeting, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001, Telephone: (904) 488-8114

**Georgia**

Charles H. Badger, Administrator, Georgia State Clearinghouse, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Room 534A, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, Telephone: (404) 656-3855

**Illinois**

Mr. Steve Klokkenka, State Single Point of Contact, Office of the Governor, State of Illinois, 107 Stratton Building, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Telephone: (217) 782-1671

**Indiana**

Ms. Jean S. Blackwell, Budget Director, State Budget Agency, 212 State House, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Telephone: (317) 232-5610

**Iowa**

Mr. Steven R. McCann, Division for Community Progress, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, Telephone: (515) 281-3725

**Kentucky**

Mr. Ronald W. Cook, Office of the Governor, Department of Local Government, 1024 Capitol Center Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Telephone: (502) 564-2382

**Maine**

State Single Point of Contact, Attn: Joyce Benson, State Planning Office, State House Station #38, Augusta, Maine 04333, Telephone: (207) 289-3261

**Maryland**

Mary Abrams, Chief, Maryland State Clearinghouse, Department of State

Planning, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, Telephone: (301) 225-4490

**Massachusetts**

Ms. Karen Arone, State Clearinghouse, Executive Office of Communities and Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1803, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, Telephone: (617) 727-7001

**Michigan**

Richard S. Pastula, Director, Michigan Department of Commerce, Office of Federal Grants, P.O. Box 30225, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone: (517) 373-7356

**Mississippi**

Ms. Cathy Mallette, Clearinghouse Officer, Office of Federal Grant, Management and Reporting, Department of Finance and Administration, 301 West Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39203, Telephone: (601) 949-2174

**Missouri**

Ms. Lois Pohl, Federal Assistance Clearinghouse, Office of Administration, P.O. Box 809, Room 430, Truman Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, Telephone: (314) 751-4834

**Nevada**

Department of Administration, State Clearinghouse, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89710, Attn: Ron Sparks, Clearinghouse Coordinator, Telephone: (702) 687-4065

**New Hampshire**

Mr. Jeffrey H. Taylor, Director, New Hampshire Office of State Planning, Attn: Intergovernmental Review Process/James E. Bieber, 2 1/2 Beacon Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, Telephone: (603) 271-2155

**New Jersey**

Gregory W. Adkins, Acting Director, Division of Community Resources, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Please direct all correspondence and questions about intergovernmental review to: Andrew Jaskolka, State Review Process, Division of Community Resources, CN 814, Room 609, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0814, Telephone: (609) 292-9025

**New Mexico**

Mr. George Elliott, Deputy Director, State Budget Division, Rm. 190, Bataan Memorial Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503, Telephone: (505) 827-3640

**New York**

New York State Clearinghouse, Division of the Budget, State Capitol, Albany, New York 12224, Telephone: (518) 474-1605

**North Carolina**

Mrs. Chrlys Baggett, Director, Office of the Secretary of Admin., N.C. State Clearinghouse, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, N. Carolina 27603-8003, Telephone: (919) 733-7232

**North Dakota**

North Dakota State Single Point of Contact, Office of Intergovernmental Assistance, Office of Management & Budget, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, N. Dakota 58505-0170, Telephone: (701) 224-2094

**Ohio**

Mr. Larry Weaver, State Single Point of Contact, State/Federal Funds

- Coordinator, State Clearinghouse, Office of Budget & Management, 30 East Broad Street, 34th Floor, Columbus, OH 43266-0411, Telephone: (614) 466-0698
- Rhode Island**  
Mr. Daniel W. Varin, Associate Director, Statewide Planning Program, Department of Administration, Division of Planning, 265 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, Telephone: (401) 277-2656. Please direct correspondence and questions to: Review Coordinator, Office of Strategic Planning
- South Carolina**  
Ms. Omeagia Burgess, State Single Point of Contact, Grant Services, Office of the Governor, Room 477, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, Telephone: (803) 734-0494
- South Dakota**  
Ms. Susan Comer, State Clearinghouse Coordinator, Office of the Governor, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, Telephone: (605) 773-3212
- Tennessee**  
Mr. Charles Brown, State Single Point of Contact, State Planning Office, 500 Charlotte Avenue, 309 John Sevier Building, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, Telephone: (615) 741-1676
- Texas**  
Mr. Tom Adams, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone: (512) 463-1778
- Utah**  
Utah State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning and Budget, Attn: Ms. Carolyn Wright, Room 116, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114, Telephone: (801) 538-1535
- Vermont**  
Mr. Bernard D. Johnson, Assistant Director, Office of Policy Research and Coordination, Pavilion Office Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602, Telephone: (802) 828-3326
- West Virginia**  
Mr. Fred Cutlip, Director, Community Development Division, West Virginia Development Office, Building #6, Room 553 Charleston, West Virginia 2305, Telephone: (304) 348-4010
- Wisconsin**  
Mr. William C. Carey, Section Chief, Federal/State Relations Office, Wisconsin Department of Administration, 101 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7864, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, Telephone: (608) 266-0267
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- In accordance with Executive Order #12372, "Intergovernmental Review Process," this listing represents the designated State Single Points of Contact. Upon request, a background document explaining the Executive Order is available. The Office of Management and Budget point of contact for updating this listing is: Donna Rivelli (202) 395-5090. The States not listed no longer participate in the process. These include, Alabama; Alaska; Kansas; Hawaii; Idaho; Louisiana; Minnesota; Montana; Nebraska; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Virginia; and Washington. This list is based on the most current information provided by the States. Information on any changes or apparent errors should be provided to the Office of Management and Budget and the State in question. Changes to the list will be made only upon formal notification by the State.

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