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expand, and update programs that will—

- (i) Be conducted for residents of economically depressed areas or areas with high rates of unemployment;
- (ii) Encourage participation of traditionally underserved populations;
- (iii) Encourage the elimination of sex bias and sex stereotyping; and
- (iv) Address priorities and emerging concerns at the local, State, and national levels, such as the articulation of secondary and postsecondary consumer and homemaking education programs and the integration of basic skills in consumer and homemaking education programs.

(2) *Demonstration program design.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant—

- (i) Bases the proposed consumer and homemaking education project on successful model education programs that include components similar to the components required by this program, as evidenced by empirical data from those programs in such factors as—
 - (A) Student performance and achievement;
 - (B) Placement of students in jobs, including the preparation of students for the occupation of homemaking; and
 - (C) Successful transfer of students to a wide variety of postsecondary educational programs;
 - (ii) Proposes project objectives that contribute to the improvement of consumer and homemaking education; and
 - (iii) Proposes to use unique and innovative techniques to produce benefits that address educational problems and needs that are of national significance.
- (b) The Secretary also uses the criteria and points in § 426.21 (c) through (h) to evaluate an application.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

§ 426.23 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for the Community-Based Organization Projects?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for a community-based organization project:

- (a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews the quality of a pro-

posed community-based organization project to assess the extent to which the proposed project—

- (1) Will assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers;
- (2) Provides for adequate and appropriate involvement of local schools, institutions of higher education, and businesses in the project, including—
 - (i) Clear identification of partnership members;
 - (ii) Involvement of partnership members in the planning of the project;
 - (iii) Involvement of partnership members in the operation of the project; and
- (3) Will coordinate activities to ensure that the project will help meet current and projected occupational needs in the area.

(b) *Other criteria.* The Secretary also uses the criteria and points in § 426.21 (b) through (h) to evaluate an application.

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§ 426.24 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for Agriculture Action Centers?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for an Agriculture Action Center:

- (a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for an Agriculture Action Center to determine the extent to which the proposed center will—

- (1) Provide vocational education to meet current and projected occupational needs; and
- (2) Be located in a service area that includes a high concentration of individuals who are—
 - (i) Adversely affected by farm and rural economic downturns;
 - (ii) Dislocated from farming; and
 - (iii) Dislocated from agriculturally-related businesses and industries that are adversely affected by farm and rural economic downturns.

(b) *Other criteria.* The Secretary also uses the criteria and points in § 426.21

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(b) through (h) to evaluate an application.

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§ 426.25 What additional factors may the Secretary consider?

After evaluating applications according to criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24, the Secretary may fund other than the most highly rated applications if doing so would improve the geographical distribution of projects funded under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?

§ 426.30 What is the requirement regarding cost-sharing?

(a) A recipient of an award under this part shall provide not less than 25 percent of the total cost (the sum of the Federal and non-Federal shares) of the project it conducts under this program.

(b) In accordance with subpart G of 34 CFR part 74, the non-Federal share may be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions, including the fair market value of facilities, overhead, personnel, and equipment.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(b)(2))

§ 426.31 What is the requirement regarding dissemination?

Recipients must disseminate the results of projects assisted under this part in a manner designed to improve the training of teachers, other instructional personnel, counselors, and administrators who are needed to carry out the purposes of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(d))

§ 426.32 What are the evaluation requirements?

(a) Each grantee shall provide and budget for an independent evaluation of grant activities.

(b) The evaluation must be both formative and summative in nature.

(c) The evaluation must be based on student achievement, completion, and placement rates and project and product spread and transportability.

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(d) A proposed project evaluation design must be submitted to the Secretary for review and approval prior to the end of the first year of the project period.

(e) A summary of evaluation activities and results that can be reviewed by the Department's Program Effectiveness Panel, as defined in 34 CFR 400.4(b), must be submitted to the Secretary during the last year of the project period.

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§ 426.33 May the Secretary restrict the use of funds for equipment?

The Secretary may restrict the amount of Federal funds made available for equipment purchases to a certain percentage of the total grant for a project. The Secretary may announce through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER the percentage of Federal funds that may be used for the purchase of equipment.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

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