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- (d) *Dissemination plan*. (10 points) the Director uses the following criteria to evaluate the quality of the dissemination plan;
- (1) The applicant clearly specifies what information will be made available to the field and how this information will further the efforts of the field.
- (2) The applicant describes how this information will be shared with the field (e.g., print, on-line, presentations, video, etc.).
- (e) *Budget*. (10 points) The Director uses the following criteria to evaluate the budget:
- (1) The budget will adequately support the project.
- (2) The costs are clearly related to the objectives of the project.
- (3) The budget is cost effective.
- (4) The budget narrative clearly describes the budget and how costs are calculated.

§ 1100.22 How does the Director determine the amount of a fellowship?

The amount of the fellowship will not exceed \$70,000, and shall consist of—

- (a) A stipend, calculated on the basis of either—
- (1) The fellow's current annual salary, prorated for the length of the fellowship salary reimbursement; or
- (2) If a fellow has no current salary, the fellow's education and experience; and
- (b) A subsistence allowance, materials allowance (covering costs of materials and supplies directly related to the completion of the project), and travel expenses (including expenses to attend quarterly meetings in Washington, DC) related to the fellowship and necessary to complete the scope of work outlined in the proposal, consistent with Title 5 U.S.C. chapter 57.

§1100.23 What payment methods may the Director use?

- (a) Director will pay a fellowship award directly to the fellow or through the fellow's employer. The application should specify if the fellow wishes to be paid directly or through the fellow's employer.
- (b) The Director considers the preferences of the fellow in determining whether to pay a fellowship award directly to the fellow or through the fel-

low's employer; however, the Director pays a fellowship award through the fellow's employer only if the employer enters into an agreement with the Director to comply the provisions of §1100.25.

§1100.24 What are the procedures for payment of a fellowship award directly to the fellow?

- (a) If the Director pays fellowship award directly to the fellow after the Director determines the amount of a fellowship award, the fellowship recipient shall submit a payment schedule to the Director for approval. The Director advises the recipient of the approved schedule.
- (b) If a fellow does not complete the fellowship, or if the Institute terminates the fellowship, the fellow shall return to the Director a prorated portion of the stipend and any unused subsistence and materials allowance and travel funds at the time and in the manner required by the Director.

§ 1100.25 What are the procedures for payment of a fellowship award through the fellow's employer?

- (a) If the Director pays a fellowship award through the fellow's employer, the employer shall submit a payment schedule to the Director for approval.
- (b) The employer shall pay the fellow the stipend, subsistence and materials allowance, and travel funds according to the payment schedule approved by the Director. If the fellow does not complete the fellowship, the fellow shall return to the employer a prorated portion of the stipend and any unused subsistence and materials allowance and travel funds. The employer shall return the funds to the Director at the time and in the manner required by the Director. The employer shall also return to the Director any portion of the stipend, subsistence and materials allowance and travel funds not yet paid by the employer to the fellow.

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Fellow?

§1100.30 Where may the fellowship project be conducted?

(a) A fellow is encouraged to carry out all, or a portion of, the fellowship

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project at the Institute. At a minimum, a fellow is required to attend quarterly meetings at the National Institute for Literacy in Washington, D.C. (this may be adjusted according to the number of months served in the fellowship).

- (b) Office space and logistics will be provided by the Institute when fellows are in residence at the Institute.
- (c) the fellow may also be required to participate in meetings, conferences and other activities at the Departments of Education, Labor, or Health and Human Services, in Washington D.C., or in site visits to other locations, if deemed appropriate for the project being conducted.

§ 1100.31 Who is responsible for oversight of fellowship activities?

- (a) All fellowship activities are conducted under the direct or general oversight of the Institute. The Institute may arrange through written agreement for another Federal agency, or another public or private nonprofit agency or organization that is substantially involved in literacy research or services, to assume direct supervision of the fellowship activities.
- (b) Fellows may be assigned a peer mentor to orient them to the Federal System and Institute procedures.

§ 1100.32 What is the duration of a fellowship?

(a) The Institute awards fellowships for a period of at least three and not more than 12 months of full-time or part-time activity. Applicants proposing part-time projects must devote at least 60 percent of time to the project. The 60 percent requirement

may be waived at the Director's discretion. An award may not exceed 12 months in duration. The actual period of the fellowship will be determined at the time of award based on proposed activities.

- (b) In order to continue the fellowship to completion, the fellow must be making satisfactory progress as determined periodically by the Director.
- (c) A fellowship may be terminated under the terms of 34 CFR 74.61.

§1100.33 What reports are required?

- (a) A fellow shall submit fellowship results to the Institute in formats suitable for wide dissemination to policymakers and the public. These formats should include, as appropriate to the topic of the fellowship and the intended audience, articles for academic journals, newspapers, and magazines.
- (b) Each fellowship agreement will contain specific provisions for how, when, and in what format the fellow will report on results, and how and to whom the results will be disseminated.
- (c) A fellow shall submit a final performance report to the Director no later than 90 days after the completion of the fellowship. The report must contain a description of the activities conducted by the fellow and a thorough analysis of the extent to which, in the opinion of the fellow, the objectives of the project have been achieved. In addition, the report must include a detailed discussion of how the activities performed and results achieved could be used to enhance literacy practice in the United States.

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