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**2007 APPLICATION KIT FOR NEW GRANTS  
UNDER  
THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
SERVICE PROGRAMS**

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**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS:  
CFDA NUMBER: 84.128J**



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## REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Dear Applicant:

The Secretary invites applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2007 under the Recreational Program for individuals with disabilities (CFDA: 84.128J). This program is authorized by Section 305 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (The Act).

### **PROGRAM PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Recreational Program is to provide individuals with disabilities with recreational activities and related experiences that can be expected to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration. Funds may be requested for vocational skills development, leisure education, leisure networking, leisure resource development, physical education and sports, scouting and camping, 4-H activities, music, dancing, handicrafts, art, and homemaking. To the maximum extent possible, these programs and activities are to be provided in settings with peers who are not individuals with disabilities.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

This application kit contains the information and forms necessary to apply for a FY 2007 grant award under the Recreational Program, as identified in the attached Notice Inviting Applications for new awards recently published in the Federal Register. Potential applicants are advised to read all materials carefully, particularly the information on the types of organizations that are eligible to apply for these grants, how to prepare an application, and the selection criteria used by the reviewers to evaluate each application. Please refer to Section B for the selection criteria. Applicants who do not address this program's purpose, as stated in the Federal Register Notice Inviting Applications, will be returned to the senders without review.

Applicants **must** submit grant applications electronically using the software provided on the Grants.gov web site by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date. Please refer to the Notice Inviting Applications in this package for detailed instructions for submitting your application.

### **APPLICATION CONTENT**

In block 4 of the application cover sheet (Standard Form 424), applicants **must** insert CFDA number 84.128J, and the following title: Recreational Programs.

As a result of changes in the Department of Education's grants management process, all applicants for multi year projects are required to provide detailed budget information for the total grant period requested (**up to 36 months**). An applicant's first twelve-month budget period must

coincide with the start of the Federal government's fiscal year (October 1, 2005). Detailed instructions for providing budget information is provided in this application kit.

**Please note that in accordance with this program's statute, 100 percent of the project's year one costs will be covered by the Federal grant award. In year two, the Federal share of the project's total cost is limited to 75 percent of the year one award. In year three, the Federal share of the project's total cost is limited to 50 percent of the year one award. Applicants must not submit Federal share budgets exceeding these limits. In addition, applicants must provide local match contributions accordingly:**

**Year Two:**

**Multiply the Year One Federal request by .25 to get the minimum match requirement for year two.**

**Year One Federal Request (.25) = Minimum Match Requirement**

**Year Three:**

**Multiply the Year One Federal request by .50 to get the minimum match requirement for year three.**

**Year One Federal Request (.50) = Minimum Match Requirement**

**Applicants are free to contribute more than the minimum local match requirement. In addition, the local match may be in cash or in-kind contributions.**

Each application **must** include a one-page abstract. The abstract is a critical component of the proposal and it **must** highlight the purpose of the project, target population to be served during the project period, a per year breakdown of the number of individuals to be served during the project period, planned goals and objectives, innovative strategies to be utilized, projected outcomes and a plan or process for maintaining the momentum of the project after the project ends.

The program narrative **must** address the statutory requirements for this program's Absolute Priority contained within the Notice Inviting Applications, and the selection criteria provided in this application kit. To facilitate the peer review process, the narrative should address the selection criteria in the order that the criteria are listed. Please be certain to carefully review these materials and call for technical assistance if needed. In addition, applicants are reminded that the 1998 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act require that all new applications **must** describe how the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds will be addressed. Applicants **must** also provide an assurance that individuals who receive services will be advised of the availability and purposes of the State's Client Assistance Programs, including information on means of seeking assistance under such program.

## **PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The applicable program statute, Section 305 of The Act is provided in this kit. In addition, Recreational Program grants are subject to the requirements of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations at 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86. These regulations set forth all general rules affecting application submittal, review, grant awarding, and post-award administration of Department of Education grant programs.

Applications under these programs are to be submitted to the appropriate State agency for review as stipulated under Executive Order 12372 - Intergovernmental Review. If a State has established a process for this review, all applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact and follow its established procedures. A list containing the Single Point of Contact for each State is included in the packet.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Any questions about the information in this application kit should be directed to Ed Hofler, Program Officer, at (202) 245-7377. Individuals who use a telecommunications device (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-576-7734 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

NOTE: Please forward this entire application kit to the grant writer(s). The entire kit is needed to complete the grant application.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

Sincerely,

Thomas Finch, Ph.D.  
Chief  
Service Programs Unit

## IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ FIRST

### **Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants**

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Please note that the Grants.gov site works differently than the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) e-Application system. To facilitate your use of Grants.gov, this document includes important submission procedures you need to be aware of to ensure your application is received in a timely manner and accepted by the Department of Education.

- 1) **REGISTER EARLY** – Grants.gov registration is a one-time process that may take five or more days to complete. You may begin working on your application while completing the registration process, but you cannot submit an application until all of the Get Started steps are complete. For detailed information on the Get Started Steps, please go to:

**[www.grants.gov/GetStarted](http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted)**

- 2) **SUBMIT EARLY** – We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit your application. Grants.gov will put a date/time stamp on your application and then process it after it is fully uploaded. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on a number of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection, and the time it takes Grants.gov to process the application will vary as well. If Grants.gov rejects your application (see step three below), you will need to resubmit successfully before 4:30 pm on the deadline date.

**Note:** To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when your organization registered with the CCR (Central Contractor Registry).

- 3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov and the Department receive your Grants.gov submission timely and that it was validated successfully. To see the date/time your application was received, login to Grants.gov and click on the Check Application Status link. For a successful submission, the date/time received should be earlier than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned.

If the date/time received is later than 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the closing date, your application is late. If your application has a status of "Received" it is still awaiting validation by Grants.gov. Once validation is complete, the status will either change to "Validated" or "Rejected with Errors." If the status is "Rejected with Errors," your application has not been received successfully. Some of the reasons Grants.gov may reject an application can be found on the Grants.gov site:

**[www.grants.gov/assets/ApplicationErrorTips.doc](http://www.grants.gov/assets/ApplicationErrorTips.doc)**

If you discover your application is late or has been rejected, please see the instructions below. Note: You will receive a series of confirmations both online and via e-mail about the status of your application. Please do not rely solely on e-mail to confirm whether your application has been received timely and validated successfully.

### **Submission Problems – What should you do?**

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If you have problems submitting to Grants.gov before the closing date, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or use the customer support available on the Web site:

**[www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport](http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport).**

If electronic submission is optional and you have problems that you are unable to resolve before the deadline date and time for electronic applications, please follow the transmittal instructions for hard copy applications in the Federal Register notice and get a hard copy application postmarked by midnight on the deadline date.

If electronic submission is required, you must submit an electronic application before 4:30 p.m., unless you follow the procedures in the Federal Register notice and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

### **Helpful Hints When Working with Grants.gov**

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Please note, once you download an application from Grants.gov, you will be working offline and saving data on your computer. Please be sure to note where you are saving the Grants.gov file on your computer. You will need to logon to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application. (This is different from e-Application, where you are working online and saving data to the Department's database.) **You must provide on your application the DUNS number that was used when your organization registered with the CCR.**

Please go to **[www.grants.gov/ForApplicants](http://www.grants.gov/ForApplicants)** for help with Grants.gov and click on the links in the lower right corner of the screen under Applicant Tips and Tools. For additional tips related to submitting grant applications, please refer to the Grants.gov Submit Application Tips found on the Grants.gov homepage **[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)**.

### **Dial-Up Internet Connections**

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**When using a dial up connection to upload and submit your application, it can take significantly longer than when you are connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection, e.g. cable modem/DSL/T1. While times will vary depending upon the size of your application, it can take a few minutes to a few hours to complete your grant submission using a dial up connection.** If you do not have access to a high-speed connection and electronic submission is required, you may want to consider following the instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later

than two weeks before the application deadline date. **(See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)**

## **MAC Users**

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If you do not have a Windows operating System, you will need to use a Windows Emulation program to submit an application using Grants.gov. For additional information, review the PureEdge Support for Macintosh white paper published by Pure Edge:

**[www.grants.gov/GrantsGov\\_UST\\_Grantee!/SSL!/WebHelp/MacSupportforPureEdge.pdf](http://www.grants.gov/GrantsGov_UST_Grantee!/SSL!/WebHelp/MacSupportforPureEdge.pdf)**

and/or contact Grants.gov Customer Support ([www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport](http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport)) for more information. **If you do not have a Windows emulation program and electronic submission is required, please follow instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.** (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)



## Program Application Indirect Cost Instructions

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The Department of Education (ED) reimburses grantees for its portion of indirect costs that a grantee incurs. Any grantee charging indirect costs to a grant from this program must use the indirect cost rate (**ICR**), negotiated with its *cognizant agency*, i.e., either the Federal agency from which it has received the most direct funding, subject to indirect cost support, the particular agency specifically assigned cognizance by the Office of Management and Budget or the State agency that provides the most subgrant funds to the grantee.

**Note:** Applicants should pay special attention to specific questions on the application budget form (ED 524) about their cognizant agency and the ICR they are using in their budget. If an applicant selected for funding under this program has not already established a current ICR with its cognizant agency as a result of current or previous funding, ED will require it to do so within 90 days after the date the grant was issued by ED. Applicants should be aware that ED is very often *not* the cognizant agency for its own grantees. Rather, ED accepts, for the purpose of funding its awards, the current ICR established by the appropriate cognizant agency.

An applicant that has not previously established an indirect cost rate with the Federal government or a State agency under a Federal program and that is selected for funding will not be allowed to charge its grant for indirect costs until it has negotiated a current indirect cost rate agreement with its cognizant agency.

Applicants are encouraged to use their accountant (or CPA) to calculate an indirect cost rate using information in the IRS Form 990, audited financial statements, actual cost data or a *cost policy statement* that such applicants are urged to prepare (but NOT submit to ED) during the application process.

Applicants should use this proposed rate in their application materials and indicate which of the above methods was used to calculate the rate. Guidance for creating a cost policy statement can be obtained by sending an e-mail to [katrina.mcdonald@ed.gov](mailto:katrina.mcdonald@ed.gov).

Applicants with questions about using indirect cost rates under this program should contact the program contact person shown elsewhere in this application package or in the *Federal Register* application notice of MM/DD/YYYY, (FILL IN FED REG CITE HERE).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Overview Information

Recreational Programs

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY)  
2007.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.128J

Dates:

Applications Available: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 22, 2007.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 23, 2007.

Eligible Applicants: States, public agencies, and nonprofit  
private organizations.

Estimated Available Funds: \$1,078,665.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of  
applications, the Secretary may make additional awards in FY  
2008 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$130,000-\$140,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$130,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Recreational Programs is to provide individuals with disabilities with recreational activities and related experiences to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration. Recreational Programs initiate local recreation projects that will continue after Federal assistance ends.

Statutory Requirements for Program

All applicants seeking funding under this competition must-

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(a) Describe the manner in which the applicant will address the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds (section 21(c) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act));

(b) Describe the manner in which the findings and results of the project to be funded under the grant, particularly information that facilitates the replication of the results of that project, will be made generally available (section 305(a)(4)(A) of the Act);

(c) Demonstrate ways in which recreational activities assist in maximizing the independence and integration of individuals with disabilities into community-based

recreational programs (section 305(a)(1)(C) of the Act);

(d) Assure that the project will maintain, at a minimum, the same level of services over the three-year project period (section 305(a)(5) of the Act);

(e) Assure that the service program funded under the grant will be continued after Federal assistance ends (section 305(a)(4)(B) of the Act); and

(f) Provide non-Federal resources (in cash or in-kind) to pay the non-Federal share cost of the project in year two at 25 percent of the year one Federal grant and in year three at 50 percent of the year one Federal grant (section 305(a)(3)(B) of the Act).

Priorities: This competition includes one absolute priority and one competitive preference priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(1), the absolute priority is from the notice of final priority for this program, published in the Federal Register on April 19, 2001 (66 FR 20176). The competitive preference priority is from section 75.225 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2007 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Projects must provide recreational services to individuals with disabilities. Recreational services include, but are not limited to, vocational skills development, leisure education, leisure networking, leisure resource development, physical education and sports, scouting and camping, 4-H activities, music, dancing, handicrafts, art, and homemaking. Recreational services do not include the construction of facilities for aquatic rehabilitation therapy.

Projects must provide recreational services to individuals with disabilities in settings with peers who are not individuals with disabilities.

Competitive Preference Priority: For FY 2007 this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional five points to an application that meets this priority.

This priority is:

The applicant must be a novice applicant. Novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from the Department that--

(a) Has never received a grant or subgrant under the Recreational Programs;

(b) Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with section 75.127 through 75.129, that received a grant under the Recreational Programs; and

(c) Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal Government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the Recreational Programs.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 775.

Applicable Regulations: (a) EDGAR in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, and 86. (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 369. (c) The notice of final priority published in the Federal Register on April 19, 2001 (66 FR 20176).

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

## II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: \$1,078,665.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, the Secretary may make additional awards in FY 2008 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$130,000-\$140,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$130,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

### III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching: The Federal share of the cost of a project is 100 percent in the first year, 75 percent in the second year, and 50 percent in the third year. The local match may be in cash or in-kind contributions. See section 305(a)(3) of the Act.

### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site:  
<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov)

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.128J.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of

Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5075, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 245-7363.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission:

Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this competition.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including date and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV. 6. Other Submission Requirements in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: [INSERT DATE 120 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].



Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under For Further Information Contact.

4. Intergovernmental Review: This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. Funding Restrictions: We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

6. Other Submission Requirements: Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. Electronic Submission of Applications.

Applications for grants under the Recreational Programs, CFDA Number 84.128J must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at <http://www.Grants.gov>. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement.

You may access the electronic grant application for Recreational Programs at <http://www.Grants.gov> You must search for the downloadable application package for this competition by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.128, not 84.128J).

Please note the following:

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by Grants.gov are date and time stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted, and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not consider your application if it is date and time

stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.

- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this competition to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov at <http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf>

- To submit your application via Grants.gov, you must complete all steps in the Grants.gov registration process (see [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp)). These steps include (1) registering your organization, a multi-part process that includes registration with the Central Contractor

Registry (CCR); (2) registering yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (3) getting authorized as an AOR by your organization. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (see <http://www.grants.gov/section910/Grants.govRegistrationBrochure.pdf>). You also must provide on your application the same D-U-N-S Number used with this registration. Please note that the registration process may take five or more business days to complete, and you must have completed all registration steps to allow you to submit successfully an application via Grants.gov. In addition you will need to update your CCR registration on an annual basis. This may take three or more business days to complete.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications. Please note that two

of these forms--the SF 424 and the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424--have replaced the ED 424 (Application for Federal Education Assistance).

- You must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified in this paragraph or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second notification to you by e-mail. This second notification indicates that the Department has received your application and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System: If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed elsewhere in this notice under For Further Information Contact and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will

contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

Note: The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because--

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to

the Grants.gov system;

and

- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Ed Hofler, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., room 5065, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. FAX: (202) 245-7592.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.128J)  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW.  
Washington, DC 20202-4260

or



By mail through a commercial carrier:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center, Stop 4260  
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.128J)  
7100 Old Landover Road  
Landover, MD 20785-1506

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (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 of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do 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.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.128J)  
550 12th Street, S.W.  
Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza  
Washington, DC 20202-4260

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications: If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department--

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and--if not provided by the Department--in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the

application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

#### V. Application Review Information

Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for this competition are in the application package.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. Reporting: At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a

multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. Performance Measures: Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), a measure has been developed for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the Recreational Programs: the percentage of projects in operation one, two, and three years after Federal funding ends. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) collects data on this measure by contacting grantees once a year after the project period has ended. All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report documenting their success in maintaining the same level of service over their three-year project period and to provide information to RSA when they are contacted about their on-going activities after the project period has ended.

#### VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Ed Hofler, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5065, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. Telephone: (202) 245-7377 or by e-mail: [ed.hofler@ed.gov](mailto:ed.hofler@ed.gov)

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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

#### VIII. Other Information

Electronic Access to This Document: You may view this document, as well all other documents of this Department published in the Federal Register, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

Note: The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Dated:

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John H. Hager,  
Assistant Secretary for Special  
Education and Rehabilitative  
Services.

# SECTION A

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## INTRODUCTION

### **TITLE OF PROGRAM** (CFDA NO. 84.128J)

Recreational Programs Notice Inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY 2007)

### **TITLE AND PURPOSE:**

To provide grants for recreational programs providing individuals with disabilities recreational activities and related experiences that can be expected to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration.

### **ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM:**

Specific project recreation activities may include: vocational skills development, leisure education, leisure networking, leisure resource development, physical education and sports, scouting and camping, 4-H activities, dancing, music, handicrafts, art, and homemaking. To the maximum extent possible, these programs and activities are to be provided in settings with peers who are not individuals with disabilities.

### **AUTHORIZATION:**

Section 305 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act), and implemented by 34 CFR Part 369.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations.

### **KEY DATES**

- o Closing date: March 29, 2007
- o Grants will be awarded by no later than September 30, 2007

### **ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS AND FUNDING LEVELS:**

Amounts are anticipated only; the U.S. Department of Education is not bound by the estimates given below.

- Estimated number of awards:.....8
- Estimated average award: .....\$130,000
- o Estimated funding range: .. \$130,000-\$140,000

**LIMITATIONS ON USE OF FUNDS AND / OR COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS:**

The Federal share of the cost of a project may not exceed 100 percent for the first year, 75 percent for the second year and 50 percent of the third year.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES / RECENT CHANGES IN LEGISLATION:**

Require that each grantee (funded applicant) that provides services to individuals with disabilities must advise those individuals, or as appropriate, the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of those individuals, of the availability and purposes of the State Client Assistance Program (CAP), including information on means of seeking assistance under such program (Section 20 of the Act). A list of State CAPS may be obtained by leaving your name and address on the voice mail system at (202) 245-7325.

**The closing date for receiving applications under the Recreational Programs competition is March 29, 2007.**

**CONTACT PERSON(S)**

Ed Hofler  
Telephone: 202-245-7377  
Fax: 202-245-7592  
e-mail: ed.hofler@ed.gov

## **Section B**

# **Recreational Program Statute**

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### **Sec. 305. Recreational Programs**

#### **(a) Grants**

##### **(1) Authority**

###### **(A) In general**

The Commissioner, subject to the provisions of section 306, shall make grants to States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations to pay the Federal share of the cost of the establishment and operation of recreation programs to provide individuals with disabilities with recreational activities and related experiences to aid in the employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration of such individuals.

###### **(B) Recreation programs**

The recreation programs that may be funded using assistance provided under a grant under this section may include vocational skills development, leisure education, leisure networking, leisure resource development, physical education and sports, scouting and camping, 4-H activities, construction of facilities for aquatic rehabilitation therapy, music, dancing, handicrafts, art, and homemaking. When possible and appropriate, such programs and activities should be provided in settings with peers who are not individuals with disabilities.

###### **(C) Design of program**

Programs and activities carried out under this section shall be designed to demonstrate ways in which such programs assist in maximizing the independence and integration of individuals with disabilities.

##### **(2) Maximum term of grant**

A grant under this section shall be made for a period of not more than 3 years.

##### **(3) Availability of non grant resources**

###### **(A) In general**

A grant may not be made to an applicant under this section unless the applicant provides assurances that, with respect to costs of the recreation program to be carried out under the grant, the applicant, to the maximum extent practicable, will make available non-Federal resources (in cash or in-kind) to pay the non-Federal share of such costs.



## **(B) Federal share**

The Federal share of the costs of the recreation programs carried out under this section shall

(i) with respect to the first year in which assistance is provided under a grant under this section, 100 percent;

(ii) with respect to the second year in which assistance is provided under a grant under this section, 75 percent; and

(iii) with respect to the third year in which assistance is provided under a grant under this section, 50 percent.

## **(4) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State, agency, or organization shall submit an application to the Commissioner at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Commissioner may require, including a description of

(A) the manner in which the findings and results of the project to be funded under the grant, particularly information that facilitates the replication of the results of such projects, will be made generally available; and .

(B) the manner in which the service program funded under the grant will be continued after Federal assistance ends.

## **(5) Level of services**

Recreation programs funded under this section shall maintain, at a minimum, the same level of services over a 3-year project period.

## **(6) Reports by grantees**

### **(A) Requirement**

The Commissioner shall require that each recipient of a grant under this section annually prepare and submit to the Commissioner a report concerning the results of the activities funded under the grant.

## Section C

### Selection Criterion

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#### Selection Criteria for Applications (Taken from 34 CFR 75.210)

**How the selection criteria will be used:**

(a) In the application package or a notice published in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary informs applicants of-

(1) The selection criteria chosen: and

(2) The factors selected for considering the selection criteria, if any.

(b) If points or weights are assigned to the selection criteria, the Secretary informs applicants in the application package or a notice published in the **Federal Register** of -

(1) The total possible score for all of the criteria for a program; and

(2) The assigned weight or the maximum possible score for each criterion or factor under that criterion.

(c) If no points or weights are assigned to the selection criteria and selected factors, the Secretary evaluates each criterion equally and, within each criterion, each factor equally.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474)

#### Selection Criteria for Applications (Taken from 34 CFR 75.210)

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS (84.128J) SELECTION CRITERIA:**

For purposes of the selection criteria only, references to **services** relate to **all activities** proposed for funding by the applicant, including a program to construct an aquatic rehabilitation therapy facility.

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria to evaluate applications for new grants under the Recreational Programs (CFDA #84.128J) competition:

**a) Need for project. (10 points)** In determining the need for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

The magnitude or severity of the problem to be addressed by the proposed project. The magnitude of the need for the services to be provided or the activities to be carried out by the proposed project.

(3) 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.

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

(1) The significance of the problem or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.

(2) The potential contribution of the proposed project to increased knowledge or understanding of rehabilitation problems, issues, or effective strategies.

(3) The likelihood that the proposed project will result in system change or improvement.

(4) The extent to which the proposed project is likely to yield findings that may be utilized by other appropriate agencies and organizations.

(5) The extent to which the proposed project is likely to build local capacity to provide, improve, or expand services that address the needs of the target population.

(6) 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.

(7) The importance or magnitude of the results or outcomes likely to be attained by the proposed project, especially improvements in employment, independent living services, or both, as appropriate.

**(c) Quality of the project design. (25 points)** In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(1) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable.

(2) 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.

(3) The extent to which the design for implementing and evaluating the proposed project will result in information to guide possible replication of project activities or strategies, including information about the effectiveness of the approach or strategies employed by the project.

(4) The extent to which the proposed project is designed to build capacity and yield results that will extend beyond the period of Federal financial assistance.

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

(6) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies and organizations providing services to target population.

(7) The extent to which the proposed project represents an exceptional approach for meeting statutory purposes and requirements.

**(d) Quality of project services. (20 points)** (1) 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 under represented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(2) In addition, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(1) The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project are appropriate to the needs of the intended recipients or beneficiaries of those services.

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

(3) The likelihood that the services to be provided by the proposed project will lead to improvements in the skills necessary to gain employment or build capacity for independent living.

(4) The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project involve the collaboration of appropriate partners for maximizing the effectiveness of project services.

**(e) Quality of project personnel. (10 points)** (1) 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 under represented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(2) In addition, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(1) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director, or principal investigator.

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

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

**(f) Adequacy of resources. (10 points)** In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

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

(2) The relevance and demonstrated commitment of each partner in the proposed project to the implementation and success of the project.

(3) The extent to which the budget is adequate to support the proposed project.

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

(5) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the number of persons to be served and to the anticipated results and benefits.

(6) The potential for continued support of the project after Federal funding ends, including, as appropriate, the demonstrated commitment of appropriate entities to such support.

(7) 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.

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

(1) 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.

- (2) The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project.
- (3) The adequacy of mechanisms for ensuring high-quality products and services from the proposed project.
- (4) 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.

**(h) Quality of the project evaluation. (5 points)** In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project.
- (2) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are appropriate to the context within which the project operates.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes.
- (5) The extent to which the evaluation will provide guidance about effective strategies suitable for replication or testing in other settings.

## **Section D**

# **Application Transmittal Instructions**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSMITTING APPLICATIONS**

**ATTENTION ELECTRONIC APPLICANTS:** Please note that you must follow the Application Procedures as described in the Federal Register notice announcing the grant competition.

This program requires the electronic submission of applications--specific requirements and instructions can be found in the Federal Register notice.

**If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the following deadline requirements:**

#### **Applications Submitted Electronically**

You must submit your grant application through the Internet using the software provided on the Grants.gov Web site (<http://www.grants.gov>) by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time) on the application deadline date. If you submit your application through the Internet via the Grants.gov Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment when we receive your application.

For more information on using Grants.gov, please refer to the Notice Inviting Applications that was published in the Federal Register, the Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips document found in the application package instructions, and visit <http://www.grants.gov>.

According to the instructions found in the Federal Register notice, those requesting and qualifying for an Exception to the electronic submission requirement may submit an application via mail, commercial carrier or by hand delivery.

#### **Applications Sent by Mail:**

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Please mail applications to:

**U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Attention: CFDA# (84.128J)  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202 - 4260**

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### **Applications Delivered by Commercial Carrier:**

**Special Note:** Due to recent disruptions to normal mail delivery, the Department encourages you to consider using an alternative delivery method (for example, a commercial carrier, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service; or U. S. Postal Service Express Mail) to transmit your application for this competition to the Department. If you use an alternative delivery method, please obtain the appropriate proof of mailing under “Applications Sent by Mail,” then follow the mailing instructions under the appropriate delivery method.

Applications that are delivered by commercial carrier, such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc. should be mailed to the:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center – Stop 4260  
Attention: CFDA# (84.128J)  
7100 Old Landover Road  
Landover, MD 20785 - 1506

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# Section E

## APPLICATION FORMS

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**U.S. Department of Education  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

**REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE  
(Nonconstruction Programs)**

The enclosed forms shall be used by all applicants for Federal Assistance under all Rehabilitation Services Administration programs. A separate application must be submitted for each grant sought. No grant may be awarded unless the completed application forms have been received. If an item does not appear to be relevant to the assistance requested, write "NA" for not applicable.

This application consists of four parts. These parts are organized in the same manner that the submitted application should be organized. These parts are as follows:

- Part I** - Federal Assistance Application Face Page
- Part II** - Budget Information
- Part III** - Program Narrative
- Part IV** - Assurances, Certifications and Disclosures

The following statement must be included in this section of your general application instructions and information document:

Electronic submission requires that narratives and other files be attached to the following attachment forms as per the instruction in this document such as:

- One Page Abstract must be attached to the “Department of Education Abstract Form”
- Program Narratives must be attached to the “Program Narrative Attachment Form”
- Budget Narratives must be attached to the “Budget Narrative Attachment Form”
- All vitas, table of contents, letters, certifications, supplementary statements; and other requested appendices must be attached to the “Other Attachment Form”

**NOTE:** Please do not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application components to the Standard Form (SF 424). Although this form accepts attachments, the Department of Education will only review materials/files attached to the attachment forms listed above.

Each submitted application must include an index or table of contents and a one-page project abstract. Pages should be consecutively numbered.

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 1820-0018. The time required to complete this

information collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Under terms of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended, and the regulations implementing that Act, the Department of Education invites comment on the public reporting burden in this collection of information. You may 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 to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1820-0018, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424** Version 02

<b>*1. Type of Submission:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	<b>*2. Type of Application</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	<b>* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s)</b>  <b>*Other (Specify)</b> _____
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3. Date Received:	4. Applicant Identifier:
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	*5b. Federal Award Identifier:
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**State Use Only:**

6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:
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**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

*a. Legal Name: _____	
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): _____	*c. Organizational DUNS: _____

**d. Address:**

*Street 1:	_____
Street 2:	_____
*City:	_____
County:	_____
*State:	_____
Province:	_____
*Country:	_____
*Zip / Postal Code	_____

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name: _____	Division Name: _____
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**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

Prefix: _____	*First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____	
*Last Name: _____	
Suffix: _____	

Title: _____
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Organizational Affiliation:

\*Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

\*Email:

**\*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\*Other (Specify)

**\*10 Name of Federal Agency:**

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

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CFDA Title:

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**\*12 Funding Opportunity Number:**

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\*Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\*a. Applicant:

\*b. Program/Project:

**17. Proposed Project:**

\*a. Start Date:

\*b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

\*a. Federal \_\_\_\_\_  
\*b. Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
\*c. State \_\_\_\_\_  
\*d. Local \_\_\_\_\_  
\*e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\*f. Program Income \_\_\_\_\_  
\*g. TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**\*19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E. O. 12372

**\*20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

Yes  No

**21.** \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

<b>Application for Federal Assistance SF-424</b>		Version 02
<b>Authorized Representative:</b>		
Prefix: _____	*First Name: _____	
Middle Name: _____		
*Last Name: _____		
Suffix: _____		
*Title:		
*Telephone Number:		Fax Number:
* Email:		
*Signature of Authorized Representative:		*Date Signed:

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 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 for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0043), Washington, DC 20503.

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

This is a standard form used by applicants as a required face sheet for pre-applications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to Executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item:	Entry:	Item:	Entry:																
1.	Select Type of Submission.	11.	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.																
2.	Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) and applicant's control number (if applicable).	12.	List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).																
3.	State use only (if applicable).	13.	Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.																
4.	Enter Date Received by Federal Agency Federal identifier number: If this application is a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the present Federal Identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.	14.	List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project																
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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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1. Project Director:

**Prefix:**  **\*First Name:**  **Middle Name:**  **\*Last Name:**  **Suffix:**

**Address:**

**\* Street1:**

**Street2:**

**\* City:**

**County:**

**\* State:**  **\* Zip Code:**  **\* Country:**

**\* Phone Number (give area code)**  **Fax Number (give area code)**

**Email Address:**

2. Applicant Experience:

**Novice Applicant** **Yes** **No** **Not applicable to this program**

3. Human Subjects Research:

**Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project Period?**

**Yes**  **No**

**Are ALL the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations?**

**Yes Provide Exemption(s) #:**

**No Provide Assurance #, if available:**

Please attach an explanation Narrative:

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424

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**1. Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.

**2. Novice Applicant.** Check “Yes” or “No” only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants. Otherwise, **leave blank.**

Check “Yes” if you meet the requirements for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424.” By checking “Yes” the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check “No” if you do not meet the requirements for novice applicants.

**3. Human Subjects Research.** (See I. A. “Definitions” in attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.”)

**If Not Human Subjects Research.** Check “No” if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 3 are then not applicable.

**If Human Subjects Research.** Check “Yes” if research activities involving 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” even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I. B. “Exemptions” in attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.”)

**3a. If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations.** Check “Yes” if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I. B. “Exemptions.” In addition, follow the instructions in II. A. “Exempt Research Narrative” in the attached page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.”

**3a. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations.** Check “No” if some or all of the planned research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II. B. “Nonexempt Research Narrative” in the page entitled “Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424

**3a. Human Subjects Assurance Number.** If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide (FWA) on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter “None.” In this case, the applicant, by signature on the SF-424, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

**Note about Institutional Review Board Approval.** ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

**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 1890-0017. 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. 20202-4700. 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, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Room 7076, Washington, D.C. 20202-4260.

# DEFINITIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424

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(Attachment to Instructions for Supplemental Information for SF 424)

## **Definitions:**

**Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225).** For discretionary grant programs under which the Secretary gives special consideration to novice applications, a novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

# PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

## I. Definitions and Exemptions

### 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.**

#### —Research

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 it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

#### —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, exemption 2 applies only to research involving educational tests and observations of public***

***behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) 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.

## II. Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked “Yes” for Item 3 of Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, the applicant must provide a human subjects “exempt research” or “nonexempt research” narrative. Insert the narrative(s) in the space provided. If you have multiple projects and need to provide more than one narrative, be sure to label each set of responses as to the project they address.

### A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “Yes” for item 3 a. and designated exemption numbers(s), provide the “exempt research” narrative. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

### B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “No” for item 3 a. you must provide the “nonexempt research” narrative. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

(1) **Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics:** 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) **Sources of Materials:** 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) **Recruitment and Informed Consent:** 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) **Potential Risks:** 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) **Protection Against Risk:** 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) **Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained:** Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. 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.

(7) **Collaborating Site(s):** If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

*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, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4250, telephone: (202) 245-6120, and on the U.S. Department of Education's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site:*

*<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OCFO/humansub.html>*

NOTE: The **State Applicant Identifier** on the SF 424 is for State Use only. Please complete it on the OMB Standard 424 in the upper right corner of the form (if applicable).



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**BUDGET INFORMATION**  
**NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

OMB Control Number:  
 1890-0004  
 Expiration Date: 10-31-2007

Name of Institution/Organization

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.

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS**

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)						

**\*Indirect Cost Information (To Be Completed by Your Business Office):**

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, please answer the following questions:

(1) Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government?  Yes  No

(2) If yes, please provide the following information:

Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement: From: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Approving Federal agency:  ED  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) For Restricted Rate Programs (check one) -- Are you using a restricted indirect cost rate that:

Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement? or  Complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2)?

Name of Institution/Organization	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.
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**SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY  
NON-FEDERAL FUNDS**

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)						

**SECTION C – BUDGET NARRATIVE (see instructions)**

# Instructions for ED 524

## General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education (ED) 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. Please consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form.

### 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.

#### Indirect Cost Information:

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. (1): Indicate whether or not your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that was approved by the Federal government. (2): If you checked "yes" in (1), indicate in (2) the beginning and ending dates covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. In addition, indicate whether ED or another Federal agency (Other) issued the approved agreement. If you check "Other," specify the name of the Federal agency that issued the approved agreement. (3): If you are applying for a grant under a Restricted Rate Program (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563), indicate whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that is included on your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that complies with

34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Note: State or Local government

agencies may not use the provision for a restricted indirect cost rate specified in 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Check only one response. Leave blank, if this item is not applicable.

### 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 - Budget Narrative

[Attach separate sheet(s)]

#### Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, and justification by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B. For grant projects that will be divided into two or more separately budgeted major activities or sub-projects, show for each budget category of a project year the breakdown of the specific expenses attributable to each sub-project or activity.
2. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
3. If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. Specify the estimated amount of the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied and the total indirect expense. Depending on the grant program

to which you are applying and/or your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, some direct cost budget categories in your grant application budget may not be included in the base and multiplied by your indirect cost rate. For example, you must multiply the indirect cost rates of "Training grants" (34 CFR 75.562) and grants under programs with "Supplement not Supplant" requirements ("Restricted Rate" programs) by a "modified total direct cost" (MTDC) base (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563). Please indicate which costs are included and which costs are excluded from the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied.

When calculating indirect costs (line 10) for "Training grants" or grants under "Restricted Rate" programs, you must refer to the information and examples on ED's Web site at:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.

4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

#### 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 1890-0004. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather 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, D.C. 20202-4651. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to (insert program office), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

## **PART III - PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

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Prepare the Program Narrative in accordance with the following instructions. Before preparing the Program Narrative, applicants should carefully review the selection criteria contained in this application package.

In addition, applicants should read the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR. These regulations set forth all general rules affecting application submittal, review, grant award, and post-award administration for Department of Education grant programs.

**NOTE:** Applicants should refer back to the "Dear Applicant" Letter. It cites the applicable parts of EDGAR.

Since applications must be duplicated for distribution to reviewers, printed material should be legible, appear only on one side of each page, and be double spaced. To ensure that printed material is legible, the use of a high quality printer, with font size of 10 or 12 or larger typeface, in the preparation of your application is strongly urged. Use standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper, white in color, and free from tabs. Also, use spring clips or rubber bands to hold the application together. Do not use binders, folders, and staples as they must be removed before duplicating applications.

It is recommended the Program Narrative be limited to 35 pages, double spaced, and number pages consecutively. The narrative should be written concisely. Only the required information should be submitted. If appendices or other supplemental materials are included, they must be kept to a minimum and must substantiate what is proposed in the narrative., eg., the results of a needs survey or letters of commitment from organizations that will have significant involvement with the project. All vitae should be limited to one page in length showing the source and date of earned degrees, experience relevant to working with individuals who are disabled and the person's direct relationship to the project, e.g., how the person will function in the project.

The Program Narrative should begin with an overview statement (one page abstract) that summarizes the purpose/intent of project, the goals and objectives, the target population, the impact of project, and the expected outcomes or benefits. This abstract only may be single-spaced.

The Program Narrative must respond to the selection criteria in the same order as they appear in Section C of this application kit.

**NOTE:** Funded projects will be required to report evaluation findings in the annual progress report (as part of the continuation application) and in the final report at the conclusion of the project.



**IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- (a) If a rehabilitation project is in its final year of support and refunding for a new project is being requested, provide a progress report that includes a discussion of all accomplishments to date in achieving project objectives and a schedule of accomplishments or milestones anticipated with the new funding request.

# SECTION F

## ASSURANCE AND CERTIFICATIONS

OMB Approval No. 0348-0040

### ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 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 for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

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 cost) 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 19 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 Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination 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, as applicable, 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. §§1721 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 Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- 18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

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TITLE

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

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DATE SUBMITTED

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# **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

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## **Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements.**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) 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 awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal Loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other 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 contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

## **Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance.**

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Applicant’s Organization

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Printed Name of Authorized Representative

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Printed Title of Authorized Representative

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Signature

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Date



## 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, at 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. 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 followup 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; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included 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 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. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, 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 OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 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 for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

# Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

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**Purpose:** The Federal government is committed to ensuring that all qualified applicants, small or large, non-religious or faith-based, have an equal opportunity to compete for Federal funding. In order for us to better understand the population of applicants for Federal funds, we are asking nonprofit private organizations (not including private universities) to fill out this survey.

Upon receipt, the survey will be separated from the application. Information provided on the survey will not be considered in any way in making funding decisions and will not be included in the Federal grants database. While your help in this data collection process is greatly appreciated, completion of this survey is voluntary.

**Instructions for Submitting the Survey:** If you are applying using a hard copy application, please place the completed survey in an envelope labeled "Applicant Survey." Seal the envelope and include it along with your application package. If you are applying electronically, please submit this survey along with your application

**Applicant's (Organization) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's DUNS Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CFDA Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <p>1. Has the applicant ever received a grant or contract from the Federal government?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | <p>5. Is the applicant a local affiliate of a national organization?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>2. Is the applicant a faith-based organization?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>                                     | <p>6. How many full-time equivalent employees does the applicant have? (Check only one box).</p> <table border="0"><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> 3 or Fewer</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> 15-50</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> 4-5</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> 51-100</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> 6-14</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> over 100</td></tr></tbody></table>  | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or Fewer          | <input type="checkbox"/> 15-50                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-5                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 51-100                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-14                      | <input type="checkbox"/> over 100            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-14   | <input type="checkbox"/> over 100  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>3. Is the applicant a secular organization?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>   | <p>7. What is the size of the applicant's annual budget? (Check only one box.)</p> <table border="0"><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Less Than \$150,000</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$299,999</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 - \$499,999</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$999,999</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,000 or more</td></tr></tbody></table> | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than \$150,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$299,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000 - \$499,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$999,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,000 or more |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,000 or more  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>4. Does the applicant have 501(c)(3) status?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Survey Instructions on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

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**Provide the applicant's (organization) name and DUNS number and the grant name and CFDA number.**

1. Self-explanatory.
2. Self-identify.
3. Self-identify.
4. 501(c)(3) status is a legal designation provided on application to the Internal Revenue Service by eligible organizations. Some grant programs may require nonprofit applicants to have 501(c)(3) status. Other grant programs do not.
5. Self-explanatory.
6. For example, two part-time employees who each work half-time equal one full-time equivalent employee. If the applicant is a local affiliate of a national organization, the responses to survey questions 2 and 3 should reflect the staff and budget size of the local affiliate.
7. Annual budget means the amount of money your organization spends each year on all of its activities.

## **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 1890-0014. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average five (5) 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 time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** The Agency Contact listed in this grant application package.

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## **SECTION G Application Checklist**

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Does your application include each of the following?

- Cover page (SF Form 424)
- Budget form (ED Form 524)
- Budget narrative
- Program narrative, including abstract and responses to the selection criteria



Assurances and Certifications

If you qualified for a waiver to the electronic submission requirement, did you --

Provide one (1) original plus 2 copies of the application, and a disk copy containing the application saved in MicroSoft Word?

Include all required forms with original signatures and dates?

Mail\* Application To: OR Hand-deliver\* Application To:

REHABILITATION SERVICE  
PROGRAM  
ATTN: CFDA #84.128J  
U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4725

REHABILITATION SERVICE  
PROGRAM  
ATTN: CFDA#84.128J  
U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
550 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 7041  
Washington, DC 20202-4260

\*Must be received by mail postmarked no later than the closing date indicated on the cover of this kit or hand delivered by 4:30 p.m. no later than the closing date

indicated on the cover of this application kit.

Did You --

Submit a copy of the application to the State Single Point of Contact, if applicable?

## SECTION H

### Common Questions and Answers

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[Below are some examples of Q's & A's that programs may include in their application booklets. Programs may want to add others. Generally speaking, Q's & A's should not repeat information that is given elsewhere in the application. However, there may be exceptions to this "rule of thumb." Q's & A's should not be subregulatory and should not take the place of instructions.]

**Q. What happens to my application after it is received in the Department?**

A. The Department's Application Control Center receives each application, assigns each an identifying number (PR/Award number), confirms receipt of applications, and sends the applications to the appropriate program office, which screens them for eligibility. The program conducts a peer review of all eligible applications sent to a program competition, ranks them and recommends the highest ranked applications for funding with exceptions as provided by law. The responsible official for the applicable program reviews the program office's recommendations, checks the adequacy of the documentation supporting the recommendations, and approves a final list, or slate, of recommended projects and funding amounts. The final slate is forwarded to Grant and Contract Services, Grants Division, which negotiates the recommendations with the successful applicants and awards the grants.

**Q. What happens to my application if the Department finds it to be ineligible?**

A. The Department immediately returns an application that does not meet the eligibility criteria for the particular program. A letter from the Department explaining why it is not being reviewed in the competition accompanies the application.

**Q. How does the Department review an application?**

A. Each application is assessed by knowledgeable persons from outside and sometimes inside the Department who are asked for their judgments about the quality and significance of the proposed project. These persons represent a diversity of disciplines and institutional, regional, and cultural backgrounds. The advice of these experts is compiled by Departmental staff who comment on matters of fact or on significant issues that would otherwise be missing from the review. The results are then presented to the responsible official responsible for the program who approves the recommendations for funding.

**Q. What criteria do the reviewers use when scoring an application?**

A. Reviewers score each application using the selection criteria published in the Federal Register as part of the program regulations, which are given [specify where they can be found in the application package]. Reviewers are instructed to use only the published criteria.

**Q. Is a recommended application guaranteed funding?**

A. No. Funding is not final until negotiations have been successfully concluded and a grant award notification has been signed by the grants office and mailed to the applicant.

**Q. How long does it take the Department to complete the review process?**

A. (Describe normal experience with the particular program. Most review processes take from six to eight months.)

**Q. How do the invitational, competitive and absolute priorities differ?**

A. Invitational Priority

The Secretary may simply invite applicants to meet a priority. However, an application that addresses invitational priorities receives no competitive or absolute preference over applications that do not meet this priority.

Competitive Priority

If a program uses weighted selection criteria, the Secretary may award selection points to an application that meets the priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria. The notice states the maximum number of additional points that the Secretary may award to applications that meet the priority in a particularly effective way. Or the Secretary may simply select applications that meet the competitive priority over applications of comparable merit that do not meet the priority.

Absolute Priority

Under an absolute priority, the Secretary may select for funding only those applications that meet the priority.

**Q. Can changes in the size of subsequent year awards be made after the multi-year budget has been negotiated?**

A. Yes, a grantee can renegotiate his or her multi-year budget and may be awarded additional funds if sufficient justification is presented to the Secretary and funds are available. Also, funds can be decreased if it is determined that the multi-year budget was overestimated.

**Q. How will funding continuation decisions be made if the Department is phasing out the use of non-competing continuation applications after fiscal year 1995?**

A. Grantees will be required to complete annual performance reports that describe the projects' accomplishments, evaluations, and finances. These performance reports, along with other information, will be used by the Department to decide whether to continue funding projects.

## **Section I**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW UNDER  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372  
LISTING OF STATE SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT**

# **Important Notice to Prospective Participants in U.S. Department of Education Grant and Contract Programs**

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## **GRANTS**

Applicants for grants from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have to compete for limited funds. Deadlines assure all applicants that they will be treated fairly and equally, without last minute haste. For these reasons, ED must set strict deadlines for grant applications. Prospective applicants can avoid disappointment if they understand that:

**Failure to meet a deadline will mean that an applicant will be rejected without any consideration.**

The rules, including the deadline, for applying for each grant are published, individually, in the Federal Register. A one-year subscription to the Register may be obtained by sending \$555.00 to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9371. (Send check or money order only, no cash or stamps.) In addition, the Federal Register is available on-line for free on Government Printing Office (GPO) Access:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

Depository Library location and Federal Register services:

<http://www.archives.gov/>.

The instructions in the Federal Register must be followed exactly. Do not accept any other advice you may receive. No ED employee is authorized to extend any deadline published in the Register. No ED employees are authorized to extend any deadline published in the Federal Register. Questions regarding submission of applications may be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

## CONTRACTS

Competitive procurement actions undertaken by the ED are governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulations and implementing Department of Education Acquisition Regulations.

Generally, prospective competitive procurement actions are synopsisized in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). Prospective offerors are therein advised of the nature of the procurement and where to apply for copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP). All of ED's RFP's are now available on-line for downloading at the following url:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/contract/apply/currfrp.html>.

Offerors are advised to be guided solely by the contents of the CBD synopsis and the instructions contained in the RFP. Questions regarding the submission of offers should be addressed to the Contracts Specialist identified on the face page of the RFP. Offers are judged in competition with others, and failure to conform with any substantive requirements of the RFP will result in rejection of the offer without any consideration whatever.

Do not accept any advice you receive that is contrary to instructions contained in either the CBD synopsis or the RFP. No ED employee is authorized to consider a proposal which is non-responsive to the RFP. A subscription to the CBD is available for \$208.00 per year via second class mailing or \$261.00 per year via first class mailing. Information included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation is contained in Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1 (\$49.00). The foregoing publication may be obtained by sending your check or money order only, no cash or stamps, to:

Superintendent of Documents  
U.S. Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402-9371

In addition, the Commerce Business Daily is available on-line for free at the following url: <http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov/>. The Federal Acquisition Regulations are available on-line at the following url: [www.arnet.gov/far/](http://www.arnet.gov/far/) In an effort to be certain this important information is widely disseminated, this notice is being included in all ED mail to the public. You may therefore, receive more than one notice. If you do, we apologize for any annoyance it may cause you.

ED FORM 5348, ¾

# Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

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This appendix applies to each program that is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for State and local government coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform activities in more than one State should immediately contact the Single Point of Contact for each of those States and follow the procedure established in each of those States under the Executive order. A listing containing the Single Point of Contact for each State is included in this appendix.

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

Any State Process Recommendation and other comments submitted by a State Single Point of Contact and any comments from State, areawide, regional, and local entities must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in the actual application notice to the following address:

The Secretary  
EO 12372--CFDA# [*commenter must insert number--including suffix letter, if any*]  
U.S. Department of Education, FB6 7W301  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR 75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the date indicated in the actual application notice.

**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 (SPOCs)

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It is estimated that in 2004 the Federal Government will outlay \$400 billion in grants to State and local governments. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," was issued with the desire to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform this function. Below is the official list of those entities. For those States that have a home page for their designated entity, a direct link has been provided on the official version: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

States that are not listed on this page have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located within one of these States, you may still send application materials directly to a Federal awarding agency.

Contact information for Federal agencies that award grants can be found in [The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Contents Page](#). You can access Appendix IV by Agency [[http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4\\_web.pdf](http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4_web.pdf)] or by State [[http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4\\_web\\_state.pdf](http://12.46.245.173/CFDA/appx4_web_state.pdf)].

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### CALIFORNIA

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Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, California 95812-3044  
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FAX: (916) 323-3018  
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## Program Performance Measures under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

### What is GPRA

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 is a straightforward statute that requires all Federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report its progress to the Congress. In doing so, it is expected that GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve Congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of Federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

### **How has the United States Department of Education responded to the GPRA Requirements?**

As required by GPRA, the United States Department of Education (the Department) has prepared a strategic plan for 2002-2007. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the United States. The Department's goals, as listed in the plan, are:

- Goal 1:* **Create a Culture of Achievement:** Create a culture of achievement throughout the nation's education system by effectively implementing the new law, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and by basing all federal education programs on its principles: accountability, flexibility, expanded parental options and doing what works.
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- Goal 5:* **Enhance the Quality of and Access to Postsecondary and Adult Education:** Increase opportunities for students and the effectiveness of institutions.
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