

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**Responses:* 505.*Burden Hours:* 1,510.

*Abstract:* The Impact Evaluation of Response to Intervention (RTI) strategies will inform the National Assessment of IDEA 2004, and the choices of districts and schools, by estimating the differential impacts of strategies for providing Tier 2 reading instruction to at-risk first and second graders. ED has awarded a contract to MDRC (in partnership with SRI International and Survey Research Management) to conduct this study in 150 elementary schools. This initial collection involves the site recruitment. The resulting RTI project will provide information that policymakers and school administrators can use to help identify students with learning disabilities and improve instruction provided to at-risk students.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3932. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Overview Information; Alaska Native Education (ANE); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009**

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.356A.

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* January 23, 2009.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 24, 2009.

**Full Text of Announcement****I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Alaska Native Education program is to support innovative projects that enhance the educational services provided to Alaska Native children and adults. These projects may include those activities authorized under section 7304(a)(2) and (3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA).

**Note:** The construction of facilities that support the operation of Alaska Native education programs will be a permissible activity only if Congress specifically authorizes the use of FY 2009 funds for that purpose.

*Priorities:* This competition includes a competitive preference priority and an invitational priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), the competitive preference priority is from section 7304(c) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7544(c)). The invitational priority is from the notice of final discretionary grant priorities for FY 2009, published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008 (73 FR 70627).

*Competitive Preference Priority:* For FY 2009 and any subsequent year in which we make awards based on the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, 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 Secretary gives priority to applications from Alaska Native regional nonprofit organizations or consortia that include at least one Alaska Native regional nonprofit organization. In order to receive a competitive preference under this priority, an application must provide documentation supporting its claim that it meets this priority.

*Invitational Priority:* For FY 2009 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

*Secondary Schools.* Projects that support activities and interventions aimed at improving the academic achievement of secondary school students who are at greatest risk of not meeting challenging State academic standards and not completing high school.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 7541 et seq.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The notice of final discretionary grant priorities for FY 2009, published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008 (73 FR 70627).

**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:* The Administration's budget request for FY 2009 does not include funds for this program. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the current fiscal year if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2010 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

*Estimated Range of Awards:*

\$300,000-\$700,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:*

\$500,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10 for novice applicants; 20 for non-novice applicants, including previous grantees under the ANE program. The Department will rank and fund two groups of applicants separately: Novice applicants will comprise one group, and non-novice applicants will comprise the second group. If we do not receive a sufficient number of high quality applications from novice applicants, funds set aside for novice applicants may be used to fund non-novice applicants, including previous grantees under the ANE program. Further information regarding our review of these two groups of applications, including the definition of novice applicant, is in section V. 2. of this notice.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

**III. Eligibility Information**

1. *Eligible Applicants:* (a) Alaska Native organizations;

(b) Educational entities with experience in developing or operating Alaska Native programs or programs of instruction conducted in Alaska Native languages;

(c) Cultural and community-based organizations with experience in

developing or operating programs to benefit Alaska Natives; and

(d) Consortia of organizations and entities described in this paragraph to carry out activities that meet the purposes of this program.

**Note:** A State educational agency or local educational agency may apply for an award under this program only as part of a consortium involving an Alaska Native organization. The consortium may include other eligible applicants.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This competition does not require cost sharing or matching.

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* You can obtain an application package via the Internet or from the program office. To obtain a copy via the Internet, use either of the following addresses: <http://www.grants.gov> or <http://www.ed.gov/programs/alaskanative/applicant.html>. To obtain a copy from the program office, contact: Alexis Fisher, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E242, Washington, DC 20202-6200. Telephone: (202) 401-0281 or by e-mail: [alexis.fisher@ed.gov](mailto:alexis.fisher@ed.gov).

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

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

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. Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the application narrative to the equivalent of no more than 25 pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application that exceed the page limit.

3. *Submission Dates and Times: Applications Available:* January 23, 2009.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 24, 2009.

Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format 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* of this notice.

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

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* in section VII of this notice. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* Under section 7304(b) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7544(b)), not more than five percent of the funds provided to a grantee under this competition for any fiscal year may be used for administrative purposes. We reference additional 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 ANE program, CFDA Number 84.356A, 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 the ANE program 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 84.356, not 84.356A).

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 dated and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not accept your application if it is received—that is, date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system—after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements. 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 4:30:00 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.

- 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, toll free, 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 4:30:00 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 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under *For Further Information Contact* in section VII of this notice 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 4:30:00 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: Alexis Fisher, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E242, Washington, DC 20202-6200. FAX: (202) 260-8969.

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 following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.356A), LBJ Basement Level 1, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4260.

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 84.356A), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 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

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 75.210. The maximum score for all criteria is 100 points. The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses. The selection

criteria for this competition are as follows:

(a) *Need for project* (15 points). In determining the need for the proposed project, the Secretary considers 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 and weaknesses.

(b) *Quality of the project design* (40 points). In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

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

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

(c) *Quality of the management plan* (30 points). In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

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

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

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

(i) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project.

(ii) 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.

2. *Review of Applications—Novice and Non-Novice Applicants.* The Department will rank and fund two groups of applicants separately: Novice applicants will comprise one group; and non-novice applicants, including previous grantees under the ANE program, will comprise the second group. If we do not receive a sufficient number of high quality applications from novice applicants, funds set aside

for novice applicants may be used to fund applications submitted by non-novice applicants.

An applicant is considered a “novice applicant” if it meets the following criteria in 34 CFR 75.225(a)(1) and (b):

The applicant must—

(i) Have never received a grant or subgrant under the ANE program;

(ii) Have never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129, that received a grant under the ANE program; and

(iii) Have not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal Government in the five years before the deadline date for applications in this competition. 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.

34 CFR 75.225(a)(2) addresses the requirements for group applications submitted by novice applicants. In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129, each group member must meet the requirements in 34 CFR 75.225(a)(1) and (b), previously described in this section of the notice, in order to qualify as a novice applicant.

All applicants should follow the instructions in the application package to ensure that they properly indicate in their application their status as a novice or non-novice applicant.

## 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 notify you informally, also.

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 in this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section in 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 directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the Department has developed the following performance measures for measuring the overall effectiveness of the ANE program: (1) The percentage of Alaska Native students in schools served by the program who meet or exceed proficiency standards in reading, mathematics, and science on the State assessments; (2) the percentage of Alaska Native children participating in early learning and preschool programs who consistently demonstrate school readiness in language and literacy as measured by the Revised Alaska Development Profile (RADP); and (3) the percentage of students in schools served by the program who graduate from high school with a regular high school diploma in four years.

All grantees will be expected to submit an annual performance report that includes data addressing these performance measures, to the extent that they apply to the grantee's project.

## VII. Agency Contact

*For Further Information Contact:* Alexis Fisher, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E242, Washington, DC 20202-6200. Telephone: (202) 401-0281 or by e-mail: [alexis.fisher@ed.gov](mailto:alexis.fisher@ed.gov).

If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

## VIII. Other Information

*Alternative Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under *For Further Information Contact* in section VII in this notice.

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You can view this document, as well as 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.

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Dated: January 16, 2009.

**Kerri L. Briggs,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Indian Education—Professional Development Grants

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2009.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.299B.

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* January 23, 2009.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 3, 2009.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 4, 2009.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Professional Development program is to (1) increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indians; (2) provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers, administrators, teacher aides, social workers, and ancillary educational personnel; and (3) improve the skills of qualified Indian individuals who serve in the education field. Activities may include, but are not limited to, continuing education programs, symposia, workshops, conferences, and direct financial support.

*Priorities:* This competition contains two absolute priorities and two competitive preference priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priorities are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 263.5(c)). In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii) and (iv), the competitive preference priorities are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 263.5(a) and (b)).

*Absolute Priorities:* For FY 2009, these priorities are absolute priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet one or both of the following priorities.

These priorities are:

#### *Absolute Priority One—Pre-Service Training for Teachers*

A project that provides support and training to Indian individuals in completing a pre-service education program that enables these individuals to meet the requirements for full State certification or licensure as a teacher through—

(i)(A) Training that leads to a bachelor's degree in education before the end of the award period; or

(B) For States allowing a degree in a specific subject area, training that leads to a bachelor's degree in the subject area so long as the training meets the requirements for full State teacher certification or licensure; or

(C) Training in a current or new specialized teaching assignment that requires at least a bachelor's degree and in which a documented teacher shortage exists; and

(ii) One-year induction services after graduation, certification, or licensure, provided during the award period to graduates of the pre-service program while they are completing their first year of work in local educational agencies (LEAs) with at least five percent American Indian/Alaska Native student populations.

**Note:** In working with various institutions of higher education and State certification/licensure requirements, we have found that States requiring a degree in a specific subject area (e.g., specialty areas or teaching at the secondary level) generally require a master's degree or completion of a five-year program before an individual can be certified or licensed as a teacher. Students pursuing those credentials would be eligible to participate so long as their training meets the requirements for full State certification or licensure as a teacher.

**Note:** We clarify that, to meet the requirements of this priority, the degree received as a result of training and the one year of induction services are to be completed prior to the end of the award period.

#### *Absolute Priority Two—Pre-Service Administrator Training*

A project that provides—

(1) Support and training to Indian individuals to complete a master's degree in education administration that is provided before the end of the award period and that allows participants to meet the requirements for State certification or licensure as an education administrator; and