

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Projects With Industry; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: The Projects With Industry (PWI) program creates and expands job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the competitive labor market by engaging the talent and leadership of private industry as partners in the rehabilitation process. PWI projects identify competitive job and career opportunities and the skills needed to perform those jobs, create practical settings for job readiness and training programs, and provide job placements and career advancement services.

Eligible Applicants: Employers, nonprofit agencies or organizations, designated State units, labor unions, community rehabilitation program providers, trade associations, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, and other agencies or organizations with the capacity to create and expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Only applicants that propose to serve individuals with disabilities in States, portions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations that are currently unserved or underserved by the PWI program may apply.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applications for funding under this notice will be used to support grants in FY 2000. The Secretary may consider supporting approved applications submitted in FY 2000 for grant support in FY 2001.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: January 10, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: March 10, 2000.

Applications Available: October 8, 1999.

The Administration has requested \$22,071,000 for this program for FY 2000. However, the actual level of funding is contingent upon final congressional action.

Available Funds: \$2,071,694.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$158,000-\$238,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$198,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in

34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 379.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 379.30. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package.

Priorities: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1

Projects that demonstrate effective collaboration with the "One-Stop" delivery system established under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to assist individuals with disabilities to secure job skills training and employment opportunities in the competitive labor market. Proposed PWI service delivery models should promote the delivery of services to individuals with disabilities through local "One-Stop" centers. Applicants who wish to address this invitational priority may get further information about the "One-Stop" delivery system by calling the Department of Labor at (202) 219-8395, Ext. 182.

Invitational Priority 2

Projects that demonstrate effective collaboration with the "Welfare-to-Work Program" administered by the U. S. Department of Labor to serve and secure competitive placement opportunities for persons with disabilities who are participants in this program. Applications should demonstrate a project's capacity to address issues unique to individuals with disabilities transitioning from welfare to work. Applicants who wish to address this invitational priority may get further information at the Department of Labor web site at:

<http://wtw.doleta.gov/documents/census/>

For Applications Contact: 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 via its web site

(<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs/html>) or its E-mail address (edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-9817. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number at 1-877-576-7734. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martha Muskie or Mary Jane Kane, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3320 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone (202) 205-3293 for Martha Muskie. Telephone (202) 205-8206 for Mary Jane Kane. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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