for Implementation of Fort Carson Grow the Army Stationing Decisions and has made the decision to proceed with all facets of the Proposed Action, with the exception that the Army has decided not to station a Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) at Fort Carson at this time. Implementation of the Proposed Action involves the stationing of approximately 3,900 additional Soldiers at Fort Carson, the construction of new Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) facilities at the Operational Readiness Training Center site, demolition of old facilities and construction of new facilities in Fort Carson's cantonment area, and additional training at Fort Carson and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS). This alternative is summarized in the Army's ROD and described fully in Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

ADDRESSES: For specific questions, please contact: Fort Carson National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, 1638 Elwell Street, Bldg 6236, Fort Carson, CO 80913–4000 or e-mail CARSDECAMNEPAconus.armv.mil.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Dee McNutt, Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526–1269, during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EEIS assessed the potential environmental consequences of three alternatives for implementing GTA at Fort Carson and PCMS. All alternatives included constructing new facilities at Fort Carson to support an IBCT and other combat support units, the potential stationing of a CAB, upgrading ranges at Fort Carson, and increased use of live fire training ranges and maneuver areas at Fort Carson and PCMS. The Proposed Action and alternatives do not include the expansion of PCMS or any construction at PCMS. The ROD incorporates analyses contained in the FEIS, including comments provided during formal comment and review periods. The ROD evaluates the ability of each alternative to meet the Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action and outlines mitigation commitments. The Proposed Action was selected as it is best able to meet the Army's needs while sustaining the environment. A fuller rationale for the decision can be found in the ROD which is available for public review at http:// www.aec.army.mil.

Dated: March 27, 2009.

# Addison D. Davis, IV,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Environment, Safety and Occupational Health.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.335A. Dates:

Applications Available: April 8, 2009. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 8, 2009.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 7, 2009.

#### **Full Text of Announcement**

# I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The CCAMPIS Program supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care services.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), this priority is from section 419N(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended and reauthorized by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1070e(d)).

Competitive Preference 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 a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award up to an additional 10 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

This priority is:

Priority is given to institutions of higher education that submit applications describing child care programs that: (1) Leverage significant local or institutional resources, including in-kind contributions, to support the activities assisted under section 419N of the HEA; and (2) Utilize a sliding fee scale for child care services provided under this program in order to support a high number of low-income parents pursuing postsecondary education at the institution.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070e. Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99.

**Note:** Because there are no program specific regulations for the CCAMPIS Program, applicants are encouraged to carefully read the authorizing statute for this program.

#### **II. Award Information**

Type of Award: Discretionary grants. Estimated Available Funds: \$10,714,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$10,000—\$300,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$90,333.

Maximum Award: In accordance with section 419N(b)(2)(A) of the HEA, the maximum amount an applicant may receive under this program is one percent of the applicant's total amount of all Federal Pell Grant funds awarded to students enrolled at the institution for FY 2008. A grant shall not be less than \$10,000 for a single budget period of 12 months (see section 419N(b)(2)(B) of the HEA).

Estimated Number of Awards: 119.

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

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

# III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: Any institution of higher education that during FY 2008 awarded a total of \$350,000 or more of Federal Pell Grant funds to students enrolled at the institution. An institution that currently has a CCAMPIS Program grant with a project period ending in 2009 and 2010 is eligible to apply in accordance with section III. 3 of this notice.

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

3. Other: At this time, we do not anticipate conducting a competition for new awards in FY 2010. Institutions that currently have a CCAMPIS Program grant with a project period ending in 2010 should apply for a new grant during this FY 2009 competition.

Subject to the availability of funds, we plan to make new awards in FY 2010 by funding in rank order those applicants with project periods ending in 2010 who scored within the funding range under the FY 2009 competition; and by funding in rank order any other highquality applications that remain on the slate, including applicants with project periods ending in 2010. Those applicants with project periods ending in 2010 may be awarded a new grant to begin in FY 2010 if: (1) The FY 2009 application scores in the funding range for new awards, and (2) the applicant met all the terms and conditions of the previous grant, including the submission of all required reports.

# IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: J. Alexander Hamilton;

Antoinette Clark-Edwards; or Dorothy Marshall, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006–8510. Telephone: (202) 502–7583; (202) 502–7656; or (202) 502–7734 (respectively) or by e-mail: *TRIO@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 accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting one of the program contact persons 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 program.

Page Limit: Part III, the program narrative is where you, the applicant, address the competitive priority and selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III, Program Narrative, to no more than 45 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. Page numbers and an identifier may be within the 1″ margin.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the Program Narrative (Part III), including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, captions and all text in charts, tables, 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 and Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, Budget Information Non-Construction Program (ED Form 524); Part IV, 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 Part III, the Program Narrative section, including the narrative budget justification.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times: Applications Available: April 8, 2009. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 8, 2009. Applications for grants under this program 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 one of the persons 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

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 7, 2009.

- 4. Intergovernmental Review: This program 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 program.
- 5. Funding Restrictions: We specify funding restrictions as outlined in the HEA. We reference additional regulations outlining restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.
- 6. Other Submission Requirements: Applications for grants under this program 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 CCAMPIS Program, CFDA number 84.335A, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at 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

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 CCAMPIS Program at http://www.Grants.gov. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.335, not 84.335A).

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 4:30:00 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 program 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 <a href="http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf">http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf</a>.

- 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). 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 one of the persons 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: Eileen S. Bland, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006–8510. FAX: (202) 502–7857.

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 84.335A), 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 84.335A), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202–4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8 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–

## V. Application Review Information

1. Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for this competition are from section 419N(c) of the HEA and 34 CFR 75.210 as follows:

The maximum score for the total of these criteria (selection criteria A through E) is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses, and the maximum score for each factor is in the application package for this competition.

A. Need for the Project. (Maximum 35 Points)

In determining the need for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the extent to which the applicant demonstrates, in its application, the need for campus-based child services for low-income students at the institution by including the following:

- 1. Information regarding student demographics.
- 2. An assessment of child care capacity on or near campus.
- 3. Information regarding the existence of waiting lists for existing child care.

- 4. Information regarding additional needs created by concentrations of poverty or by geographic isolation.
- 5. Other relevant data (see 419N(c)(3) of the HEA).
- B. Quality of project design. (Maximum 25 Points)

In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following:

- 1. The extent to which the applicant describes in its application the activities to be assisted and whether the grant funds will support an existing child care program or a new child care program (see section 419N(c)(4) of the HEA).
- 2. The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project are focused on those with the greatest needs (see 34 CFR 75.210(d)(3)(xi)).
- 3. The likely impact of the services to be provided by the proposed project on the intended recipients of those services (see 34 CFR 75.210(d)(3)(iv)).
- 4. The extent to which the application includes an assurance that the institution will meet the child care needs of low-income students through the provision of services, or through a contract for the provision of services (see section 419N(c)(6) of the HEA).
- 5. The extent to which the child care program will coordinate with the institution's early childhood education curriculum, to the extent the curriculum is available, to meet the needs of the students in the early childhood education program at the institution, and the needs of the parents and children participating in the child care program assisted under this section (see section 419N(c)(7) of the HEA).
- 6. The extent to which the proposed project encourages parental involvement (see 34 CFR 75.210(c)(2)(xix)).
- 7. If the institution is requesting grant assistance for a new child care program:
- a. The extent to which the applicant provides in its application a timeline, covering the period from receipt of the grant through the provision of the child care services, delineating the specific steps the institution will take to achieve the goal of providing low-income students with child care services (see section 419N(c)(8)(A) of the HEA).
- b. The extent to which the applicant specifies in its application the measures the institution will take to assist low-income students with child care during the period before the institution provides child care services (see section 419N(c)(8)(B) of the HEA).
- c. The extent to which the application includes a plan for identifying resources needed for the child care services, including space in which to provide child care services and technical

- assistance if necessary (see section 419N(c)(8)(C) of the HEA).
- C. Quality of management plan. (Maximum 20 Points)

In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following:

- 1. The extent to which the application includes a management plan that describes the resources, including technical expertise and financial support, the institution will draw upon to support the child care program and the participation of low-income students in the program, such as accessing social services funding, using student activity fees to help pay the costs of child care, using resources obtained by meeting the needs of parents who are not low-income students, and accessing foundation, corporate or other institutional support, and demonstrates that the use of the resources will not result in increases in student tuition (see section 419N(c)(5) of the HEA).
- 2. The qualifications, including relevant training, experience, and time commitment of key project personnel (see 34 CFR 75.210(e)(3)(ii)).
- 3. 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. (see 34 CFR 75.210(g)(2)(i)).
- 4. The extent to which the management plan includes specific plans for the institution to comply with the reporting requirements in section 419N(e)(1) of the HEA.
- D. Quality of Project Evaluation. (Maximum 15 Points)

In determining the quality of the project evaluation, the Secretary considers the following:

- 1. The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project (see 34 CFR 75.210(h)(2)(i)).
- 2. 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 (see 34 CFR 75.210(h)(2)(iv)).
- 3. The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes (see 34 CFR 75.210(h)(2)(vi)).
- E. Adequacy of resources. (Maximum 5 points)

In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following:

1. The extent to which the budget is adequate to support the proposed project (see 34 CFR 75.210(f)(2)(iii)).

2. 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 (see 34 CFR 75.210(f)(2)(v)).

2. Review and Selection Process: A panel of non-Federal readers will review each eligible application in accordance with the competitive preference priority and the selection criteria, pursuant to 34 CFR 75.217. Each reader will individually score each application by totaling the points (from the competitive preference priority and selection criteria) the reader assigned the application. An applicant's overall score will be determined by adding all reader scores for the applicant's application and then dividing the total points by the number of readers who reviewed the application. If there are insufficient funds for all applications with the same overall scores, the Secretary will choose among the tied applications so as to serve geographical areas that have been underserved by the CCAMPIS Program.

## 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 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 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: The success of the CCAMPIS Program will be measured by the postsecondary persistence and degree of completion rates of CCAMPIS Program participants who remain at the grantee institution. All CCAMPIS Program grantees will be required to submit an annual performance report documenting the persistence and degree attainment of their participants. Because students may take different lengths of time to complete their degrees, multiple years of performance report data are needed to determine the degree completion rates of CCAMPIS Program participants.

## VII. Agency Contacts

For Further Information Contact: J. Alexander Hamilton, if unavailable, contact Antoinette Clark-Edwards or Dorothy Marshall, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006–8510. Telephone: (202) 502–7583; (202) 502–7656; or (202) 502–7734, respectively, or by e-mail: TRIO@ed.gov.

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

#### VIII. Other Information

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

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.

Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzelan, Director,

Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: April 3, 2009.

#### Daniel T. Madzelan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis. [FR Doc. E9–7992 Filed 4–7–09; 8:45 am]

#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### **Striving Readers**

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.371A. AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education proposes priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria for the Striving Readers program grant competition. The Assistant Secretary may use these priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2009 and later years. The Assistant Secretary intends to use the priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria to provide Federal financial assistance to support the implementation and evaluation of intensive, supplemental literacy interventions for struggling readers.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before May 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about this notice to Marcia J. Kingman, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E106, Washington, DC 20202–6400.

If you prefer to send your comments by e-mail, use the following address: *Marcia.Kingman@ed.gov*. You must include the term "Striving Readers—Comments on FY 2009 Proposed Priorities" in the subject line of your electronic message.

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

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcia J. Kingman. Telephone: (202) 401–0003 or by e-mail: Marcia.Kingman@ed.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation to Comment: We invite you to submit comments regarding this notice. To ensure that your comments have maximum effect in developing the