

Register (70 FR 1881) that established a deadline of February 28, 2005, for transmittal of applications for the fiscal year ("FY") 2005 Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the notice inviting applications, with a new deadline date for transmittal of applications for this program. A total of 96 current recipients that enroll approximately 16,600 Indian students did not submit their applications by the deadline. This year's deadline was several months earlier than usual, and some of those current grantees, who were focusing on assembling information required under their fiscal year 2004 grants, may not have understood that, during the months of January and February, they needed both to complete the submission of that information for their 2004 grants and to submit their fiscal year 2005 applications. The new deadline date for the transmittal of applications or amendments to applications already submitted is March 28, 2005.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Vasques, Office of Indian Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3W115, Washington, DC 20202-6335. Telephone: (202) 260-3774 or by e-mail: oiegrants@ed.gov.

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Assistant Deputy Secretary for Indian Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education, Overview Information, Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program—Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) Recruitment Grants for States and Partnerships; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.336C.

DATES: Applications Available: March 21, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 2, 2005.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 1, 2005.

Eligible Applicants: States (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the insular areas), and partnerships that comprise, at a minimum, an institution of higher education with an eligible teacher preparation program, a school of arts and sciences, and a high-need local educational agency (LEA). These terms are defined in section 203 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and in sections 103(16) and 202(b) of the HEA.

States and partnerships that previously received a grant under this program are not eligible for a FY 2005 grant.

Estimated Available Funds: \$16,579,318.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$650,000–\$1,100,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$828,966.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

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 this program is to afford an opportunity for States and partnerships receiving grants to address the challenge of America's teacher shortage by making significant and lasting systemic changes in the way that teachers are recruited, prepared and supported to teach in high-need schools. The Department of Education's goal is that these systemic changes lead to important improvements to the supply of well-trained and highly-qualified teachers.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1024.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

(b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 611 (including the

amendments to these regulations published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**).

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

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

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III. Eligibility Information

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2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* See 34 CFR 611.62.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package:

You may obtain an application package via Internet by downloading the package from the program Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/index.html>.

You may also obtain a copy of the application package by contacting Luretha Kelley, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 7096, Washington, DC 20006-8526. Telephone: (202) 502-7645 or by e-mail: luretha.kelley@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 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 50 pages. In addition, you must limit the accompanying abstract to the equivalent of no more than one page; work plan to the equivalent of no more than 10 pages; budget narrative to the equivalent of no more than 10 pages; and evaluation to the equivalent of no more than 5 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).

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget forms, the assurances and certifications; the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:*

Applications Available: March 21, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 2, 2005.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-GRANTS system. For information (including dates 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 will not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 1, 2005.

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 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 program must be submitted electronically, unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

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*.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.* Applications for grants under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program for Recruitment—CFDA Number 84.336C must be submitted electronically using e-Application available through the Department's e-Grants system, accessible through the e-Grants portal page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

While completing your electronic application, you will be entering data online that will be saved into a database. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

Please note the following:

- You must complete the electronic submission of your grant application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The e-Application system will not accept an application for this program after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process.

- The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday, Washington, DC time. Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and between 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 6 a.m. on Thursdays, Washington, DC time, for maintenance. Any modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site.

- 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 the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Any narrative sections of your application should be attached as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format.

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

- Prior to submitting your electronic application, you may wish to print a copy of it for your records.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement that will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the ED 424 to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

(1) Print ED 424 from e-Application.

(2) The applicant's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.

(3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard-copy signature page of the ED 424.

(4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 245-6272.

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

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of e-Application System Unavailability: If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if—

(1) You are a registered user of e-Application and you have initiated an electronic application for this competition; and

(2)(a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or

(2)(b) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or

(2)(c) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or

(b) The e-Application system is unavailable for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** (see VII. Agency Contact) or (2) the e-Grants help desk at 1-888-336-8930. If the system is down and therefore the application deadline is extended, an e-mail will be sent to all registered users who have initiated an e-Application. Extensions referred to in this section apply only to the unavailability of the Department's e-Application 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 e-Application system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Department's e-Application 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: Luretha Kelley, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 7096, Washington, DC 20006-8526. FAX: (202) 502-7699.

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 84.336C), 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 84.336C), 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, or
- (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, or
- (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 84.336C), 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 4 of the ED 424 the CFDA number—and suffix letter, if any—of the competition under which you are submitting your application.

(2) The Application Control Center will mail a grant application receipt acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the grant application receipt acknowledgment 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 contained in 34 CFR 611.23 and are included 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 (GPRA), the following measures will be used by the Department in assessing the performance of the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program:

(1) Pass rates will increase for pre-service teachers taking subject matter competency tests as a part of State licensure requirements, in the States that receive funds under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program

for States to prepare teachers that are highly competent in the academic content areas in which they will be teaching.

(2) The percentage of program completers who are highly qualified teachers will increase in projects funded under the Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership program.

There is no performance measure that focuses specifically on Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants for Recruitment.

VII. Agency Contact

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Recommendations for Sequencing Targets in Support of the Science Missions of the Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER)

AGENCY: Office of Science; Office of Biological and Environmental Research; U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of recommendations for sequencing targets.

SUMMARY: This **Federal Register** Notice seeks the input and nominations of interested parties for candidate microbes, microbial consortia, and 250Mb-or-less-sized organisms for draft genomic sequencing in support of Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) programs, among them, the Genomics: GTL Program, the Climate Change Research Program, the Terrestrial Carbon Processes Program, the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) Program, the Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP), the Ocean Science Program, and the Program for Ecosystem Research. Additional programs of relevance include the Energy Biosciences, and Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology Programs in the Office of Basic Energy Sciences. Nominated candidates should be relevant to DOE mission needs, e.g., organisms involved in environmental processes, including waste remediation, carbon management, and energy production. This announcement is not an offer of direct financial support for research on these organisms. Those nominations selected will result in the DNA sequence of selected organisms being determined at a draft level (6-8 X coverage) at the DOE Production Genomics Facility (PGF) at the Joint Genome Institute (JGI), (<http://www.jgi.doe.gov>). A subset of the selected organisms may be identified for sequence finishing. This announcement is designed to assist DOE in determining and prioritizing a list of microbes, microbial consortia, or modest-genome sized (not more than 250Mb) organisms (including eukaryotes) that address DOE mission needs. Following merit review, and a determination of satisfactory programmatic relevance, draft sequencing will be carried out at the PGF.

DATES: To assure consideration, nominations in response to this notice should be received by 4:30 p.m. (e.d.t.), July 14, 2005, to be accepted for merit review. It is anticipated that review will be completed early in the fall of 2005 with draft sequencing at the DOE PGF

to commence early in 2006, conditional upon the provision of high quality DNA.

ADDRESSES: Nominations responding to this notice should be sent to Dr. Daniel W. Drell, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-72, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; e-mail is acceptable and encouraged for submitting nominations using the following addresses: kim.laing@science.doe.gov and daniel.drell@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Daniel W. Drell, SC-72, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, phone: (301) 903-4742, e-mail:

daniel.drell@science.doe.gov. The full text of this notice is available via the Internet using the following Web site address: <http://microbialgenome.org/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE Office of Biological and Environmental Research supports fundamental research for a variety of missions (http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/ober_top.html). Relevant BER programs may include the the Genomics: GTL Program, the Climate Change Research Program, the Terrestrial Carbon Processes Program, the Natural and Accelerated Bioremediation Research (NABIR) Program, the Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP), the Ocean Science Program, and the Program for Ecosystem Science. Additional programs of relevance include the Energy Biosciences, and Nanoscale Science, Engineering and Technology Programs in the Office of Basic Energy Sciences. The Genomics:GTL Program, a partnership with the DOE Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, supports research into systems microbiology towards the comprehensive understanding of proteins and protein machines, gene regulatory networks, and microbial communities, and the development of computing and information infrastructure to enable a predictive understanding of biological systems. The Climate Change Research Program supports investigations of microbially-mediated fixation of atmospheric CO₂. The NABIR program supports research on microbial biotransformations and/or immobilization of metal and radionuclide wastes. The EMSP supports research into microbially-mediated biotransformations of DOE-relevant organic wastes such as chlorinated solvents. The Ocean