

responsiveness of the VR system to adults with disabilities and their vocational pursuits.

#### Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism by relying on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

In accordance with the order, this document is intended to provide early notification of the Department's specific plans and actions for this program.

#### Applicable Program Regulations

34 CFR Parts 385 and 390.

**Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 774.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.246L]

#### Rehabilitation Short-Term Training; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

*Purpose of Program:* The Rehabilitation Short-Term Training

program provides Federal support for developing and conducting special seminars, institutes, workshops, and technical instruction in areas of special significance to the delivery of vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under this program.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* August 18, 1997.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* September 17, 1997.

*Applications Available:* July 18, 1997.

*Available Funds:* \$250,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$200,000-\$250,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$250,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1.

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

*Maximum Award:* In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$250,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

*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 Parts 385 and 390.

*Priority:* The priority in the notice of final priority for this program, as published elsewhere in this issue of the

**Federal Register**, applies to this competition.

*For Applications Contact:* The Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3317 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202; or call (202) 205-8351.

*For Information Contact:* Sylvia Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9312. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at [gopher://gcs.ed.gov](http://gopher://gcs.ed.gov)); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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