

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[CFDA No: 84.353]****Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Tech-Prep Demonstration Program (TPDP); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001**

Note to Applicants: This notice is a complete application package. Together with the statute authorizing the program and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), the notice contains all of the information, application forms, and instructions needed to apply for a grant under this competition.

Summary: The Secretary invites applications for new awards of FY 2001 funds under the Tech-Prep Demonstration Program (TPDP) authorized by section 207 of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins III) (20 U.S.C.A. 2301 *et seq.*), and announces deadline dates for the transmittal of applications for funding under that program authority.

Purpose of Program: TPDP provides grants to enable consortia described in section 204(a) of Perkins III to carry out tech-prep education projects that involve the location of a secondary school on the site of a community college, a business as a member of the consortium, and the voluntary participation of secondary school students.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for funding under the TPDP, a consortium must include at least one member in each of the following three categories:

(1) a local educational agency, an intermediate educational agency, an area vocational and technical education school serving secondary school students, or a secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

(2) (a) a nonprofit institution of higher education that offers a 2-year associate degree, 2-year certificate, or 2-year postsecondary apprenticeship program, or (b) a proprietary institution of higher education that offers a 2-year associate degree program; and

(3) a business.

Under the provisions of section 204(a)(1) of Perkins III, to be eligible for consortium membership both nonprofit and proprietary institutions of higher education must be qualified as institutions of higher education pursuant to section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), including institutions receiving assistance under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and tribally

controlled postsecondary vocational and technical institutions.

In addition, nonprofit institutions of higher education are eligible only if they are not prohibited from receiving assistance under HEA, title IV, part B (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*), pursuant to the provisions of HEA section 435(a)(3) (20 U.S.C. 1083(a)). Proprietary institutions of higher education are eligible only if they are not subject to a default management plan required by the Secretary.

Applicants must submit a copy of the consortium agreement, as well as evidence that each of the required categories of membership has been satisfied and that each of the required members is eligible for membership under the provisions of Perkins III.

Under the provisions of section 204(a)(2), consortia also may include one or more: (1) institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees; (2) employer organizations; or (3) labor organizations.

Note: Eligible consortia seeking to apply for funds should read and follow the regulations in 34 CFR 75.127–75.129, which apply to group applications.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 17, 2001.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: November 16, 2001.

Project Period: 36 months.

Applicants under this competition are required to provide detailed budget information for each year of the proposed project and for the total grant requested. The Department will negotiate funding levels for each 12-month period of the grant at the time of the initial award.

Note: The Secretary has concluded that entire, multi-year projects funded by three-year awards will be necessary for TPDP grantees to fully meet the statutory purposes of section 207 and the requirements of this notice.

By definition, tech-prep is designed to prepare students enrolled in career-technical education at the secondary level to graduate from high school and make a successful transition to postsecondary occupational-technical education and high skills, high wage employment.

As outlined in this notice, three-year funding will permit grantees to devote up to nine months to planning and program development, to enroll a cohort of voluntary student participants for a full two years at the secondary level, and then to follow and evaluate their transition to postsecondary education and employment for at least six months after graduation.

Available Funds: \$5,000,000.

Note: The Secretary may reserve up to \$50,000 from these funds for the peer review of applications.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$400,000 to \$600,000 for the 36-month project period.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Applicable Statute and Regulations

(a) The relevant provisions of Perkins III, including:

(1) Section 202 (Definitions of Articulation Agreement, Community College, and Tech-Prep Education Program).

(2) Section 207 (Demonstration Program).

(3) The relevant portions of sections 204 (Tech-Prep Education) and 205 (Consortium Applications).

(4) Section 3 (Definitions, except for terms defined in section 202).

(5) Section 311(a) (Supplement Not Supplant).

(6) Section 314 (Voluntary Selection and Participation).

(7) Section 315 (Limitation for Certain Students (prior to the seventh grade)).

(8) Section 316 (Federal Laws Guaranteeing Civil Rights).

(b) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants and Agreements to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations).

(2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).

(3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(4) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

(5) 34 CFR part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement).

(6) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(7) 34 CFR part 85 (Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(8) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention).

(9) 34 CFR part 97 (Protection of Human Subjects).

(10) 34 CFR part 98 (Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing).

(11) 34 CFR part 99 (Family Education Rights and Privacy).

Description of the Program**Program Requirements**

Title II of Perkins III authorizes a State-administered grant program to

support Tech-Prep Education: coherent, non-duplicative, vocational-technical programs of study that meet specific criteria set forth in sections 202(a)(3) and 204(c) of Perkins III. Spanning at least two years each at the secondary and postsecondary levels, and leading to an associate degree or certificate and a high skills, high wage career, tech-prep represents the most comprehensive educational strategy preparing students for entry into the non-baccalaureate sectors of the labor market, particularly the technician/technologist sector.

Section 207 authorizes TPDP projects demonstrating a particular form of tech-prep. Under the TPDP, the Secretary awards grants to eligible consortia to enable them to carry out tech-prep education projects that involve a secondary school located on the site of a community college, a business as a member of the consortium, and the voluntary participation of secondary school students in the program.

In addition, as required by sections 207(b) and 207(d), funded TPDP projects must meet all of the requirements of the Perkins III State-administered Tech-Prep Education Program in general (with the exception of articulation agreements with 4-year institutions of higher education), as set forth in sections 202(3) and 204(c) of Perkins III, and modified by section 207(d)(2).

See Appendix B for the key applicable legal requirements for Tech-Prep Education projects supported under section 207 of Perkins III.

Competition Requirements

The educational community has exhibited considerable interest in the growing number of pilot projects and other initiatives involving secondary schools located on the campuses of community colleges. The campus location enables these schools to improve the quality of teaching and learning by tapping into the resources of community colleges. Students are able to take advantage of the advanced technology, quality skill training facilities, rich curriculum, career guidance and academic counseling services, employer connections, and preparation for further education and lifelong learning that are the hallmarks of the U.S. community college system.

Projects that involve the "virtual" location of a secondary school on the site of a community college, as well as projects that involve satellite community college sites located on the premises of secondary schools, are not eligible for support under this competition. This is consistent with the existing literature about the "middle

college" co-location program format, which suggests that the physical presence of secondary school students on the campus of a community college can have a positive impact on their morale, commitment to learning, and likelihood of successfully graduating from high school and transitioning to postsecondary education.

To ensure the high quality of TPDP projects assisted under this competition, and the achievement of the purposes of section 207 of Perkins III, the Secretary establishes the following additional program requirements. The requirements apply to all applicants seeking funding under this competition.

(1) *Planning and Implementation:* Each TPDP project must implement the full, two-year secondary component of a tech-prep program of study during the period of funding under this competition. Student participation in TPDP projects assisted under this competition must begin no later than the fall term of 2002. The Secretary expects to award grants in January of 2002.

Applicants may propose to devote up to nine months to planning, program development, and student recruitment and enrollment, depending on the actual dates that grants are awarded and fall terms begin.

(2) *Evaluation:* Each TPDP project assisted under this competition must follow participating secondary students for at least six months after graduation and evaluate their transition to the two-year postsecondary component of the tech-prep program, other postsecondary education programs, or to employment.

A central focus of the project evaluation must be an assessment of the academic and related outcomes of participating students, including student academic and technical skill achievement, high school graduation, enrollment, and, to the extent feasible, persistence, and success in postsecondary education, and labor market entry, in comparison with those of similar students who pursued other programs of study.

In addition to being consistent with the Perkins III requirement that recipients measure levels of performance of their vocational and technical programs, this notice is harmonious with the Department's promotion of accountability and performance measures under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). (Applicants should read and follow the regulations in 34 CFR 75.590–75.592, which further describe grantee evaluation requirements.)

Note: The specific requirements of GPRA are discussed in Appendix A of this notice.

(3) *Reporting:* For each year of project activity and at the conclusion of Federal funding, grantees must submit to the Secretary an annual performance report that: summarizes project progress and significant accomplishments, both with respect to the process of implementation and the outcomes of student participation; identifies any barriers to continued progress and outlining solutions; reviews prospects for sustained operations after the cessation of Federal support; highlights opportunities for replication and specifies implications for future research and practice. TPDP projects are also subject to the State performance accountability system established under section 113 of Perkins III and will report separately to the State eligible agency for Perkins III, following the procedures and requirements established by that agency.

Allowable Activities and Expenditures

Section 207(b)(2) specifies that TPDP projects may provide summer internships at a business for students or teachers. Other allowable activities and expenditures for TPDP projects include, but are not limited to: staff recruitment, selection, and hiring; acquisition of tech-prep program equipment; negotiation, ratification, and updating of articulation agreements; curriculum design; professional development for secondary and postsecondary faculty, counselors, and administrators; development and maintenance of business and industry partnerships; and recruitment and enrollment of students.

Section 207 gives applicants broad latitude for innovation and experimentation in terms of both the institutional framework of the tech-prep demonstration program and the program model to be carried out.

For example, although tech-prep education by definition includes at least two years of education at the secondary level preceding high school graduation and two years of postsecondary education or apprenticeship training, section 204(c)(3)(B) authorizes tech-prep programs that allow students to concurrently complete both secondary and postsecondary courses, and simultaneously satisfy requirements for a high school diploma and an associate degree or other postsecondary credential.

The Secretary recommends that applicants consult with appropriate State agencies in developing their applications, including, particularly, the State eligible agency responsible for administering Perkins III.

Unallowable Costs

(1) *Supplanting.* In accordance with section 311(a) of Perkins III, funds under this program may not be used to supplant non-Federal funds used to carry out vocational and technical education activities and tech-prep activities. Further, the prohibition against supplanting also means that grantees are required to use their negotiated restricted indirect cost rate under this program. (34 CFR 75.563).

Because of the statutory prohibition against supplanting, the Secretary cautions applicants not to plan to use Federal funds awarded under section 207 to replace non-Federal funding already available for support of the TPDP projects to be assisted.

Further, the Secretary is concerned that TPDP funds may be used to replace Federal student financial aid. The Secretary wishes to highlight the fact that the statute does not authorize the Secretary to fund projects that serve primarily as entities through which students may apply for and receive tuition and other financial assistance.

(2) *Limitation on services.* Section 315 of Perkins III prohibits the use of funds received under the Act to provide vocational and technical education programs to students prior to the seventh grade.

(3) *Construction.* Under EDGAR (34 CFR 75.533), TPDP grants cannot be used for the acquisition of real property or construction.

(4) *Articulation Agreements with Four-Year Institutions.* Under the provisions of section 207(d), tech-prep articulation agreements with four-year institutions cannot be supported with funds awarded under section 207. However, articulation agreements with four-year institutions can be developed using other resources by applicants who wish to establish "open-ended" tech-prep career pathways. Also, the inclusion of institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees in TPDP consortia is allowable under section 204(a)(2)(A).

Special Considerations

In addition to the points to be awarded to applicants based on the selection criteria, under section 207(d)(3) of Perkins III the Secretary awards 5 additional points to applications that:

- (1) Provide for effective employment placement activities;
- (2) Effectively address the issues of school dropout prevention and reentry, as well as the needs of special populations;
- (3) Provide education and training in career areas or skills in which there are

significant workforce shortages, including the information technology industry; and

(4) Demonstrate how tech-prep programs will help students meet high academic and employability competencies.

Invitational Priorities

The Secretary is particularly interested in applications that, within the program requirements for this competition, meet one or both of the following invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), the Secretary does not give an application that meets invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Invitational Priority 1: Applications that propose innovative methods for providing inservice training for teachers, counselors, and administrators at the secondary and postsecondary levels, particularly methods that both emphasize and exemplify best practices in contextual teaching and learning.

Invitational Priority 2: Applications that propose to offer high quality paid work-based learning opportunities to all participants, and to award portable, industry-validated skill certificates.

Selection Criteria

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The Secretary awards a total possible score of 100 criteria points. The maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(a) *Quality of the project design.* (35 points)

(1) The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project.

(2) In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the proposed project presents a comprehensive, detailed, and credible plan to implement all of the required elements of tech-prep education programs specified in sections 202(3) and 204(c)(1)–(3) of Perkins III (see Appendix B);

(ii) The extent to which that plan provides for all of the required services for tech-prep teachers, counselors, and participants, including members of special populations, specified in section 204(c)(4)–(7), including the academic and career counseling and employment placement training required by Section 204(c)(5).

(iii) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project support the purposes of section 207—the demonstration of tech-prep education programs involving the location of a secondary school on the site of a community college, a business as a member of the consortium, and the voluntary participation of secondary school students—and are clearly specified and measurable.

(iv) The extent to which the required members of the consortium under sections 204(a) and 207 have been involved with the design of the proposed project and have made a formal commitment to its implementation.

(v) The extent to which the business member or members of the consortium or other employers have agreed to provide opportunities for structured work-based learning, combining both academic and vocational-technical knowledge and skills and integrated into the tech-prep curriculum, such as summer internships for students and/or teachers as authorized under section 207(b)(2).

(b) *Quality of the management plan.* (20 points) (1) The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project.

(2) 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, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks.

(ii) The extent to which the management plan describes the role of each consortium member in achieving the objectives of the proposed project.

(iii) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and other key personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project.

(c) *Quality of project personnel.* (15 points)

(1) The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project.

(2) In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(3) In addition, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director.

(ii) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel, including faculty, counselors, administrators, project consultants, and subcontractors.

(d) *Adequacy of resources.* (10 points)

(1) The Secretary considers the adequacy of resources for the proposed project.

(2) In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The adequacy of support, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and other resources, from the participating institutions.

(ii) The extent to which the budget is adequate to support the proposed project.

(iii) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives and design of the proposed project.

(iv) The level of demonstrated commitment of each consortium member to the implementation and success of the proposed project.

(v) The potential for continued and sustained support of the project after Federal funding ends, including, as appropriate, the demonstrated commitment of appropriate entities to such support.

(e) *Quality of the project evaluation.* (20 points)

(1) The Secretary considers the quality of the evaluation to be conducted by an independent evaluator of the proposed project.

(2) In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the proposed evaluation will collect and analyze a comprehensive set of academic and related outcomes of participating students, including: academic and technical skill achievement; high school graduation; enrollment, and, to the extent feasible, persistence and success in postsecondary education; and labor market entry.

(ii) The extent to which the proposed evaluation will use rigorous, scientifically accepted methods to assess the effectiveness of the project, including experimental or quasi-experimental methods in which program participants are matched with non-participants that possess similar pre-program characteristics (e.g., attendance, academic and technical skill results, grade point average, socioeconomic status), and outcomes for both groups are documented and compared.

(iii) The extent to which the proposed evaluation will produce qualitative data that describes the implementation of the project and the experiences of the students.

(iv) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes.

Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for State and local government coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform activities in more than one State should immediately contact the Single Point of Contact for each of those States and follow the procedures established in each State under the Executive order.

If you want to know the name and address of any State Single Point of Contact (SPOC), you may view the latest SPOC list on the OMB web site at the following address:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

In States that have not established a process or chosen a program for review, State, area-wide, regional, and local entities may submit comments directly to the Department.

Any State Process Recommendation and other comments submitted by a State Single Point of Contact and any comments from State, area-wide, regional, and local entities must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in this notice to the following address: The Secretary, E.O. 12372—CFDA #84.353, U.S. Department of Education, Room 7E200, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202—0125.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR 75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date indicated in this notice.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE ADDRESS IS NOT THE SAME ADDRESS AS THE ONE TO WHICH

THE APPLICANT SUBMITS ITS COMPLETED APPLICATION. DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

Waiver of Rulemaking

It is the Secretary's practice, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment proposed rules. Section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) exempts from formal rulemaking requirements rules governing the first grant competition under a new or substantially revised program authority (20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1)). The program authority for the TPDP was newly established on October 31, 1998, by Public Law 105–332, and this is the first grant competition under that authority. The Secretary, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of GEPA, has decided to forego public comment in order to ensure timely grant awards. These requirements will apply only to the FY 2001 grant competition.

Instructions for Transmittal of Applications

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in EDGAR (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

The U.S. Department of Education is expanding its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include certain formula grant programs, as well as additional discretionary grant competitions. The TPDP under section 207 Perkins III is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant for TPDP funding, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.

- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.

- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) after following these steps:

1. Print ED 424 from the e-APPLICATION system.

2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.

3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.

5. Fax ED 424 to the Application Control Center within three working days of submitting your electronic application. We will indicate a fax number in e-APPLICATION at the time of your submission.

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

- You may access the electronic grant application for the TPDP at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

For additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project, see *Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications*, below.

If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the following deadline requirements:

(A) If You Send Your Application by Mail:

You must mail the original and two copies of the application on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA #84.353, Washington, DC 20202-4725.

You must show one of the following as proof of mailing:

- (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.

If you mail an 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.

(B) If You Deliver Your Application by Hand:

You or your courier must hand deliver the original and two copies of the application by 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on or before the deadline date to: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA #84.353, Room 3633, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC.

The Application Control Center accepts application deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. The Center accepts application deliveries through the D Street entrance only. A person delivering an application must show identification to enter the building.

(C) If You Submit Your Application Electronically:

You must submit your grant application through the Internet using the software provided on the e-Grants Web site (<http://e-grants.ed.gov>) by 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the deadline date.

The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight (Eastern time) Monday—Friday and 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Saturdays.

The system is unavailable on the second Saturday of every month, Sundays, and Federal holidays. Please note that on Wednesdays the Web site is closed for maintenance at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Notes: (1) 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.

(2) If you send your application by mail or deliver it by hand or by a courier service, the Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the date of mailing the application, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9493.

(3) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 3 of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424; revised November 12, 1999) the CFDA number—and suffix letter, if any—of the competition under which you are submitting your application.

(4) If you submit your application through the Internet via the e-Grants Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment when we receive your application.

Parity Guidelines Between Paper and Electronic Applications

The Department of Education is expanding the pilot project, which began in FY 2000 and allows applicants to use an Internet-based electronic system for submitting applications. This competition is among those that have an electronic submission option available to all applicants. The system, called e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS (Electronic Grant Application Package System), allows an applicant to submit a grant application to us electronically, using a current version of the applicant's Internet browser. To see e-APPLICATION visit the following address: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

In an effort to ensure parity and a similar look between applications transmitted electronically and applications submitted in conventional paper form, e-APPLICATION has an impact on all applicants under this competition.

Users of e-APPLICATION, a data driven system, will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. This will be more interactive than just e-mailing a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will go into a database and ultimately will be accessible in electronic form to our reviewers.

This pilot project is another step in the Department's transition to an electronic grant award process. In addition to e-APPLICATION, the Department is conducting a limited pilot of electronic peer review (e-READER) and electronic annual performance reporting (e-REPORTS).

To help ensure parity and a similar look between electronic and paper copies of grant applications, we are asking each applicant that submits a paper application to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Submit your application on 8½" by 11" paper.
- Leave a 1-inch margin on all sides.
- Use consistent font throughout your document. You may also use boldface type, underlining, and italics. However, please do not use colored text.
- Please use black ink for illustrations, including charts, tables, graphs and pictures.

- For the narrative component, your application should consist of the number and text of each selection criterion followed by the narrative. The text of the selection criterion, if included, does not count against any page limitation.

• Place a page number at the bottom right of each page beginning with 1, and number your pages consecutively throughout your document.

Application Instructions and Forms

All forms and accompanying instructions are included as Appendix D of this notice. Questions and answers pertaining to this program are included, as Appendix C, to assist potential applicants.

To apply for an award under this program, your application must be organized in the following order and include the following five parts. The parts and additional materials are as follows:

Part I: Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424 (Rev. 1/12/99)) and instructions.

Part II: Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED Form No. 524) and instructions.

Part III: Budget Narrative (See instructions in Appendix A).

Part IV: Program Narrative (See instructions in Appendix A).

Part V: Additional Assurances and Certifications:

a. Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424B).

b. Certification regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (ED 80-0013) and instructions.

c. Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion: Lower Tier Covered Transactions (ED Form 80-0014, 9/90) and instructions.

(Note: ED Form 80-0014 is intended for the use of grantees and should not be transmitted to the Department.)

d. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL) (if applicable) and instructions.

No grant may be awarded unless a completed application form has been received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Lyons, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW (Room 4328, Mary E. Switzer Building), Washington, D.C. 20202-7100. Voice: 202-260-7744; Fax: 202-205-5552; E-mail: christopher.lyons@ed.gov.

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of this paragraph. Please note, however, that the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the notice.

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<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister>

To use PDF you must have the 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.

Additionally, this notice, as well as other documents concerning the implementation of Perkins III, is available on the Internet at the following site:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/VocEd/InfoBoard/legis.html>.

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<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

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If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission under this grant application,

write directly to: Christopher D. Lyons, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW (Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 4328), Washington, DC 20202-7100 (e-mail: christopher.lyons@ed.gov).

Appendix A—Instructions

Instructions for Budget Information

Sections A and B—Budget Summary by Categories

(1) Personnel: Show salaries to be paid to personnel for each budget year.

(2) Fringe Benefits: Indicate the rate and amount of fringe benefits for each budget year.

(3) Travel: Indicate the amount requested for both local and out of State travel of Project Staff for each budget year. Include funds for at least one trip per year for two people to attend a Project Directors' Workshop.

(4) Equipment: Indicate the cost of non-expendable personal property that has a cost of \$5,000 or more per unit for each budget year.

(5) Supplies: Include the cost of consumable supplies and materials to be used during the project period for each budget year.

(6) Contractual: Show the amount to be used for: (1) procurement contracts (except those which belong on other lines such as supplies and equipment); and (2) subcontracts for each budget year.

(7) Construction: Not Applicable.

(8) Other: Indicate all direct costs not clearly covered by lines 1 through 6 above, including consultants and capital expenditures for each budget year.

(9) Total Direct Cost: Show the total for Lines 1 through 8 for each budget year.

(10) Indirect Costs: Indicate the rate and amount of indirect costs for each budget year. Applicants must use a restricted indirect cost rate.

(11) Training/stipend Cost: Not applicable. This item pertains only to student and institutional allowances.

(12) Total Costs: Show total for lines 9 through 11 for each budget year.

Instructions for Budget Narrative

The budget narrative should explain, justify, and, if needed, clarify your budget summary. For each line item (personnel, fringe benefits, travel, etc.) in your budget, explain why it is there and how you computed the costs. Please be sure that each page of the budget narrative is numbered consecutively.

Instructions for Program Narrative

The program narrative will comprise the largest portion of your application. This part is where you spell out the who, what, when, why, and how, of your proposed project.

Although you will not have a form to fill out for your narrative, there is a format. This format is based on the special consideration and selection criteria. Because your application will be reviewed and rated by a review panel on the basis of the selection

criteria, your narrative should follow the order and format of the criteria.

Before preparing your application, you should carefully read the legislation and EDGAR regulations governing this program, and the eligibility requirements, priorities, special consideration criteria, and the selection process and criteria.

Your program narrative should be clear, concise, and to the point. The program narrative should be organized in this way:

(1) Begin the narrative with a one page abstract or summary of your project, including a short description of the project's objectives and activities. Provide a short description of the student populations to be served in the proposed project.

(2) Include a table of contents listing the parts of the narrative in the order of the selection criteria and the page numbers where the parts of the narrative are found. Be sure to number the pages.

(3) Describe the project in detail, addressing each selection criterion in order. Do not simply paraphrase the criteria.

(4) If appropriate, describe how the project meets the special considerations.

(5) Attach a consortium agreement delineating the contribution each member intends to make, signed by the appropriate official for each member, and documenting the fact that the three mandatory membership categories have been satisfied.

(6) Applicants may include supporting documentation as appendices to the narrative. This material should be concise and pertinent to the application.

The Secretary suggests that you limit the program narrative to no more than 50 double-spaced, typed pages (on one side only), although both shorter and longer applications will receive full consideration. Be sure to number consecutively ALL pages in your application.

You are advised that—

(a) The Secretary considers only information contained in the application in ranking applications for funding consideration.

(b) The technical review panel evaluates each application solely on the basis of the special consideration and selection criteria contained in this notice.

(c) Letters of support which are included as appendices to an application (and which are of direct relevance to, or contain commitments that pertain to, the established selection criteria) will be reviewed by the panel. Letters of support which are sent separately from the formal application package will not be considered in the panel review. (34 CFR 75.217)

GPRA Performance Measures

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) places new management expectations and requirements on Federal departments and agencies by creating a framework for more effective planning, budgeting, program evaluation, and fiscal accountability for Federal programs. The intent of GPRA is to improve public confidence by holding departments and agencies accountable for achieving program results. Under GPRA, Departments and agencies must clearly describe the goals and

objectives of their programs, identify resources and actions needed to accomplish these goals and objectives, develop a means of measuring progress made, and regularly report on their achievement.

One important source of program information on successes and lessons learned is the project evaluation conducted under individual grants.

Factors that may be considered in evaluating the success of TPDP projects may include:

(1) Number of students who participate in TPDP projects;

(2) Number and percent of participating students who master high level academic and technical skills;

(3) Number and percent of participants who receive a high school diploma or GED;

(4) Number and percent of participants who enroll in postsecondary education;

As specified in Competition Requirement (2) and Selection Criterion (e), an evaluation plan must be included in each grant application. The application should describe the plan in detail, including such information as: (1) What types of data will be collected; (2) what instruments will be used; (3) when reports of results and outcomes will become available; and (4) how information will be used by the project to monitor progress and provide accountability information to stakeholders.

Appendix B—Key Tech-Prep Education Legal Requirements

This Appendix sets forth the requirements of sections 202, 204, and 207 of Perkins III. Additional requirements that apply to the TPDP or to this competition are discussed in the notice. This Appendix is provided for the applicant's convenience and is not meant to substitute for a careful reading of all the statutory provisions that are applicable as discussed in the notice. Amendments to section 204 made by section 207 are reflected below.

Title II—Tech-Prep Education

Sec. 202. DEFINITIONS

(a) In this title:

(1) **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**—The term “articulation agreement” means a written commitment to a program designed to provide students with a nonduplicative sequence of progressive achievement leading to degrees or certificates in a tech-prep education program.

(2) **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**—The term “community college”—

(A) means an institution of higher education, as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, that provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree; and

(B) includes tribally controlled colleges or universities.

(3) **TECH-PREP PROGRAM**—The term “tech-prep program” means a program of study that—

(A) combines at a minimum 2 years of secondary education (as determined under State law) with a minimum of 2 years of postsecondary education in a nonduplicative, sequential course of study;

(B) integrates academic, and vocational and technical, instruction, and utilizes work-based and worksite learning where appropriate and available;

(C) provides technical preparation in a career field such as engineering technology, applied science, a mechanical, industrial, or practical art or trade, agriculture, health occupations, business, or applied economics;

(D) builds student competence in mathematics, science, reading, writing, communications, economics, and workplace skills through applied, contextual academics, and integrated instruction, in a coherent sequence of courses;

(E) leads to an associate or a baccalaureate degree or a postsecondary certificate in a specific career field; and

(F) leads to placement in appropriate employment or to further education.

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Sec. 204. TECH-PREP EDUCATION

(a) **GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED—**

(1) **IN GENERAL**— * * *

The grants shall be awarded to consortia between or among—

(A) a local educational agency, an intermediate educational agency or area vocational and technical education school serving secondary school students, or a secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

(B)(i) a nonprofit institution of higher education that offers—

(I) a 2-year associate degree program, or a 2-year certificate program, and is qualified as institutions of higher education pursuant to section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), including an institution receiving assistance under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and a tribally controlled postsecondary vocational and technical institution; or

(II) a 2-year apprenticeship program that follows secondary instruction, if such nonprofit institution of higher education is not prohibited from receiving assistance under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.) pursuant to the provisions of section 435(a)(3) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1085(a)(3)); or

(ii) a proprietary institution of higher education that offers a 2-year associate degree program and is qualified as an institution of higher education pursuant to section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), if such proprietary institution of higher education is not subject to a default management plan required by the Secretary.

(2) **SPECIAL RULE**—In addition, a consortium described in paragraph (1) may include 1 or more—

(A) institutions of higher education that award a baccalaureate degree; and

(B) employer or labor organizations.

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(c) **CONTENTS OF TECH-PREP**

PROGRAM—Each tech-prep program shall—

(1) be carried out under an articulation agreement between the participants in the consortium;

(2) consist of at least 2 years of secondary school preceding graduation and 2 years or more of higher education, or an

apprenticeship program of at least 2 years following secondary instruction, with a common core of required proficiency in mathematics, science, reading, writing, communications, and technologies designed to lead to an associate's degree or a postsecondary certificate in a specific career field;

(3) include the development of tech-prep programs for both secondary and postsecondary, including consortium, participants in the consortium that—

(A) meets academic standards developed by the State;

(B) links secondary schools and 2-year postsecondary institutions . . . including the investigation of opportunities for tech-prep secondary students to enroll concurrently in secondary and postsecondary coursework;

(C) uses, if appropriate and available, work-based or worksite learning in conjunction with business and all aspects of an industry; and

(D) uses educational technology and distance learning, as appropriate, to involve all the consortium partners more fully in the development and operation of programs;

(4) include in-service training for teachers that—

(A) is designed to train vocational and technical teachers to effectively implement tech-prep programs;

(B) provides for joint training for teachers in the tech-prep consortium;

(C) is designed to ensure that teachers and administrators stay current with the needs, expectations, and methods of business and all aspects of an industry;

(D) focuses on training postsecondary education faculty in the use of contextual and applied curricula and instruction; and

(E) provides training in the use and application of technology;

(5) include training programs for counselors designed to enable counselors to more effectively—

(A) provide information to students regarding tech-prep education programs;

(B) support student progress in completing tech-prep programs;

(C) provide information on related employment opportunities;

(D) ensure that such students are placed in appropriate employment; and

(E) stay current with the needs, expectations, and methods of business and all aspects of an industry;

(6) provide equal access, to the full range of technical preparation programs, to individuals who are members of special populations, including the development of tech-prep program services appropriate to the needs of special populations; and

(7) provide for preparatory services that assist participants in tech-prep programs.

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Sec. 207. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

(a) **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED**—From funds appropriated under subsection (e) of this section for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award grants to consortia described in section 204(a) of this title to enable the consortia to carry out tech-prep education programs.

(b) **PROGRAM CONTENTS**—Each tech-prep program referred to in subsection (a) of this section—

(1) shall—

(A) involve the location of a secondary school on the site of a community college;

(B) involve a business as a member of the consortium; and

(C) require the voluntary participation of secondary school students in the tech-prep education program; and

(2) may provide summer internships at a business for students or teachers.

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Appendix C—Questions and Answers

Potential applicants frequently direct questions to officials of the Department regarding application notices and programmatic and administrative regulations governing various direct grant programs. To assist potential applicants, the Department has assembled the following most commonly asked questions followed by the Department's answers.

Q: Can we get an extension of the deadline?

A: No. A closing date may be changed only under extraordinary circumstances. Any change must be announced in the **Federal Register** and must apply to all applications. Waivers for individual applications cannot be granted regardless of the circumstances.

Q: If I submit a paper application instead of electronic, how many copies of the application should I submit and must they be bound?

A: Applicants who elect to prepare paper applications are required to submit one original and two copies of the grant application. To aid with the review of applications, the Department encourages paper applicants to submit three additional copies of the grant application. However, the Department will not penalize applicants who do not provide additional copies. Sending applications in notebooks, binders, folders, or other coverings is discouraged.

Q: We just missed the deadline for a particular competition. May we submit under another competition?

A: Yes, however, the likelihood of success is not good. A properly prepared application must meet the specifications of the competition to which it is submitted.

Q: I'm not sure which competition is most appropriate for my project. What should I do?

A: We are happy to discuss any such questions with you and provide clarification on the unique elements of the various competitions.

Q: Will you help us prepare our application?

A: We are happy to provide general program information. Clearly, it would not be appropriate for staff to participate in the actual writing of an application, but we can respond to specific questions about application requirements, evaluation criteria, and priorities. Applicants should understand, however, that prior contact with the Department is not required, nor will it in any way influence the success of an application.

Q: When will I find out if I'm going to be funded?

A: You can expect to receive notification as soon as possible after the application closing date, depending on the number of

applications received and the number of Department competitions with similar closing dates.

Q: Once my application has been reviewed by the review panel, can you tell me the outcome?

A: No. Every year we are called by a number of applicants who have a legitimate reason for needing to know the outcome of the panel review prior to official notification. Some applicants need to make job decisions, some need to notify a local school district, etc. Regardless of the reason, because final funding decisions have not been made at that point, we cannot share information about the results of panel review with anyone.

Q: Will my application be returned if I am not funded?

A: No. We no longer return unsuccessful applications. Thus, applicants should retain at least one copy of their application.

Q: Can I obtain copies of reviewers' comments?

A: Upon written request, reviewers' comments will be mailed to unsuccessful applicants.

Q: Is travel allowed under these projects?

A: Travel associated with carrying out the project is allowed. Because we may request the project director of funded projects to attend an annual project directors' meeting, you may also wish to include a trip or two to Washington, DC, in the travel budget.

Travel to conferences is sometimes allowed when the purpose of the conference will be of benefit and relates to the project.

Q: If my application receives high scores from the reviewers, does that mean that I will receive funding?

A: Not necessarily. It is often the case that the number of applications scored highly by the reviewers exceeds the dollars available for funding projects under a particular competition. The order of selection, which is based on the scores of all the applications reviewed and other relevant factors, determines the applications that can be funded.

Q: What happens during pre-award clarification discussions?

A: During pre-award clarification discussions, technical and budget issues may be raised. These are issues that have been identified during the panel and staff reviews that require clarification. Sometimes issues are stated as "conditions." These are issues that have been identified as so critical that the award cannot be made unless those conditions are met. Questions may also be raised about the proposed budget. Generally, these issues are raised because an application contains inadequate justification or explanation of a particular budget item, or because the budget item seems unimportant to the successful completion of the project. If you are asked to make changes that you feel could seriously affect the project's success, you may provide reasons for not making the changes or provide alternative suggestions. Similarly, if proposed budget reductions will, in your opinion, seriously affect the project activities, you may explain why and provide additional justification for the proposed expenses. An award cannot be made until all issues under discussion have been resolved.

Q: How do I provide an assurance?

A: Except for SF-424B, "Assurances—Non-Construction Programs," you may provide an assurance simply by stating in writing that you are meeting a prescribed requirement.

Q: Where can copies of the **Federal Register**, program regulations, and Federal statutes be obtained?

A: Copies of these materials can usually be found at your local library. If not, they can be obtained from the Government Printing Office by writing to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Telephone: (202)

708-8228. When requesting copies of regulations or statutes, it is helpful to use the specific name or public law, number of a statute, or part number of a regulation. A copy of the Code of Federal Regulations that contains the Education Department General Administrative Regulations, 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99, may be obtained from the Government Printing Office by writing to Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or by telephoning (202) 512-1800. It may also be obtained on the internet

at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su-docs>, or <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr>.

Federal Register notices can also be accessed on the internet at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>.

Q: Where in the notice does it explain how the required parts of the application should be ordered?

A: The ordering for the required parts of the application is specified in the section of the notice entitled "Application Instructions and Forms."

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Appendix D—Forms and Instructions 1

Application for Federal Education Assistance		U.S. Department of Education Form Approved OMB No. 1875-0106 Exp. 06/30/2001																					
Applicant Information																							
1. Name and Address Legal Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ City _____ State _____ County _____ ZIP Code + 4 _____ 2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number 3. Applicant's T-I-N - 4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #: 84353 → Title: <u>Tech-Prep Demonstration Program (TPDP)</u> 5. Project Director: _____ Address: _____ _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code + 4 _____ Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____ E-Mail Address: _____		Organizational Unit 6. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "Yes," attach an explanation.) 7. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.) ☐ A State H Independent School District B County I Public College or University C Municipal J Private, Non-Profit College or University D Township K Indian Tribe E Interstate L Individual F Intermunicipal M Private, Profit-Making Organization G Special District N Other (Specify): _____ 8. Novice Applicant ☐ Yes ☐ No																					
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9. Type of Submission: —PreApplication —Application ☐ Construction ☐ Construction ☐ Non-Construction ☐ Non-Construction 10. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process? ☐ Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372 process for review): ____/____/____ ☐ No (If "No," check appropriate box below.) ☐ Program is not covered by E.O. 12372. ☐ Program has not been selected by State for review. 11. Proposed Project Dates: Start Date: End Date: ____/____/____		12. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period? ☐ Yes ☐ No a. If "Yes," Exemption(s) #: OR b. Assurance of Compliance #: _____ c. IRB approval date: _____ { ☐ Full IRB or ☐ Expedited Review 13. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: 																					
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Instructions for ED 424

1. **Legal Name and Address.** Enter the legal name of applicant and the name of the primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity.
2. **D-U-N-S Number.** Enter the applicant's D-U-N-S Number. If your organization does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can obtain the number by calling 1-800-333-0505 or by completing a D-U-N-S Number Request Form. The form can be obtained via the Internet at the following URL: <http://www.dnb.com/dbis/aboutdb/intlduns.htm>.
3. **Tax Identification Number.** Enter the tax identification number as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
4. **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number.** Enter the CFDA number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.
5. **Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
6. **Federal Debt Delinquency.** Check "Yes" if the applicant's organization is delinquent on any Federal debt. (This question refers to the applicant's organization and not to the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.) Otherwise, check "No."
7. **Type of Applicant.** Enter the appropriate letter in the box provided.
8. **Novice Applicant.** Check "Yes" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants and you meet the program requirements for novice applicants. By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets the novice applicant requirements specified by ED. Otherwise, check "No."
9. **Type of Submission.** Self-explanatory.
10. **Executive Order 12372.** Check "Yes" if the application is subject to review by Executive Order 12372. Also, please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000). Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Otherwise, check "No."
11. **Proposed Project Dates.** Please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000).
12. **Human Subjects.** Check "Yes" or "No". If research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period, check "No." The remaining parts of item 12 are then not applicable.

If research activities involving human subjects, whether or not exempt from Federal regulations for the protection of human subjects, are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution, check "Yes." If all the research activities are designated to be exempt under the regulations, enter, in item 12a, the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in "Protection of Human Subjects in Research" attached to this form. Provide sufficient information in the application to allow a determination that the designated exemptions in item 12a, are appropriate. Provide this narrative information in an "Item 12/Protection of Human Subjects Attachment" and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page. Skip the remaining parts of item 12.

If some or all of the planned research activities involving human subjects are covered (nonexempt), skip item 12a and continue with the remaining parts of item 12, as noted below. In addition, follow the instructions in "Protection of Human Subjects in Research" attached to this form to prepare the six-point narrative about the nonexempt activities. Provide this six-point narrative in an "Item 12/Protec-

tion of Human Subjects Attachment" and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page.

If the applicant organization has an approved Multiple Project Assurance of Compliance on file with the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff (GPOS), U.S. Department of Education, or with the Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR), National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, enter the Assurance number in item 12b and the date of approval by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the proposed activities in item 12c. This date must be no earlier than one year before the receipt date for which the application is submitted and must include the four (4) digit year (e.g., 2000). Check the type of IRB review in the appropriate box. An IRB may use the expedited review procedure if it complies with the requirements of 34 CFR 97.110. If the IRB review is delayed beyond the submission of the application, enter "Pending" in item 12c. If your application is recommended/selected for funding, a follow-up certification of IRB approval from an official signing for the applicant organization must be sent to and received by the designated ED official within 30 days after a specific formal request from the designated ED official. If the applicant organization does not have on file with GPOS or OPRR an approved Assurance of Compliance that covers the proposed research activity, enter "None" in item 12b and skip 12c. In this case, the applicant organization, by the signature on the application, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 within 30 days after a specific formal request from the designated ED official for the Assurance(s) and IRB certifications.

13. **Project Title.** Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.
14. **Estimated Funding.** Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 14.
15. **Certification.** To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office.

Be sure to enter the telephone and fax number and e-mail address of the authorized representative. Also, in item 15e, please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000) in the date signed field.

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PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH (Attachment to ED 424)

I. Instructions to Applicants about the Narrative Information that Must be Provided if Research Activities Involving Human Subjects are Planned

If you marked item 12 on the application "Yes" and designated exemptions in 12a, (all research activities are exempt), provide sufficient information in the application to allow a determination that the designated exemptions are appropriate. Research involving human subjects that is exempt from the regulations is discussed under II.B. "Exemptions," below. The Narrative must be succinct. Provide this information in an "Item 12/Protection of Human Subjects Attachment" and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page.

If you marked "Yes" to item 12 on the face page, and designated no exemptions from the regulations (some or all of the research activities are nonexempt), address the following six points for each nonexempt activity. In addition, if research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), provide this information before discussing the six points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct. Provide the six-point narrative and discussion of other performance sites in an "Item 12/Protection of Human Subjects Attachment" and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page.

(1) Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable.

(2) Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the cir-

cumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

II. Information on Research Activities Involving Human Subjects

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

—Is it a research activity?

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge, such as an exploratory study or the collection of data to test a hypothesis, it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

—Is it a human subject?

The regulations define human subject as “a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information.” (1) *If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person’s environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met.* (2) *If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met.* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the only involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of *exemptions* are not covered by the regulations:

(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

(2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation. *If the subjects are children, this exemption applies only to research involving educational tests or observations of pub-*

lic behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

(3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

(4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

(5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

(6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Copies of the Department of Education’s Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff (GPOS) Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C., telephone: (202) 708-8263, and on the U.S. Department of Education’s Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site at <http://ocfo.ed.gov/humansub.htm>.

 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET INFORMATION NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS		OMB Control Number: 1890-0004				
Name of Institution/Organization		Expiration Date: 02/28/2003				
		Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.				
SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS						
Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)						

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SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY NON-FEDERAL FUNDS						
Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
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7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
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SECTION C - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION (see instructions)						

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Education, Information Management and Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1875-0102, Washington DC 20503.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ED FORM 524

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total

contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Other Budget Information Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B.
2. If applicable to this program, enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period. In addition, enter the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.
3. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse, Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED

**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110—

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check ☐ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion — Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

1. Type of Federal Action: ☐ a. contract ☐ b. grant ☐ c. cooperative agreement ☐ d. loan ☐ e. loan guarantee ☐ f. loan insurance		2. Status of Federal Action: ☐ a. bid/offer/application ☐ b. initial award ☐ c. post-award		3. Report Type: ☐ a. initial filing ☐ b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____	
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: ☐ Prime ☐ Subawardee Tier _____, if known: Congressional District, if known: _____			5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known: _____		
6. Federal Department/Agency: _____			7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____		
8. Federal Action Number, if known: _____			9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____		
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI): _____			b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI): _____		
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the bidders above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.			Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____		
Federal Use Only:					Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
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