

(2) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project.

(3) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the number of persons to be served and to the anticipated results and benefits.

(g) *Quality of the management plan.* (15 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(1) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks.

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

(3) The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project.

(h) *Quality of the project evaluation.* (20 points) The Secretary considers the quality of the evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(1) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project.

(2) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible.

(3) The extent to which the methods of evaluation provide for examining the effectiveness of project implementation strategies.

(4) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide timely guidance for quality assurance.

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

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. *Performance Measures:* The performance measures for the Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program are:

(1) The percentage of limited English proficiency (LEP) students in the program who make gains in English.

(2) The percentage of LEP students in the program who make gains in core academic subjects.

Grantees will be expected to report on progress in meeting these performance measures for the Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program in their Annual Performance Report and in their Final Performance Report.

VII. Agency Contact

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trini Torres, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center Plaza, room 1082, Washington, DC 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 245-7134, or by e-mail: trinidad.torres-carrion@ed.gov.

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Dated: November 30, 2005.

Kathleen Leos,

Assistant Deputy Secretary and Director, Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Teacher and Student Development Program Service; Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Availability, etc.

ACTION: Notice Announcing Technical Assistance Workshops for fiscal year (FY) 2006 Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) program.

SUMMARY: The Department expects to hold competitions for new State and Partnership grants under the GEAR UP program in FY 2006. This notice provides information about four one-day technical assistance workshops to assist institutions of higher education, local educational agencies, and States interested in preparing grant applications for FY 2006 new awards under the Gaining Early. Program staff will present information about the purpose of the GEAR UP Program, selection criteria, application content, submission procedures, and reporting requirements.

Although the Department has not yet announced an application deadline date in the **Federal Register** for the FY 2006 competitions, the Department is holding these workshops to give potential applicants guidance for preparing applications for the competitions we expect to conduct in FY 2006. Specific requirements for the FY 2006

competitions will be published in a separate **Federal Register** notice. This notice announces the technical assistance workshops only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angela K. Oliphant, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Program, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6101, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Telephone: (202) 502-7676.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technical assistance workshops will be held as follows:

1. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Monday, December 5, 2005, Hilton Philadelphia, 4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Telephone: 215-879-4000.

2. St Louis, Missouri: Tuesday, December 6, 2005, Sheraton St. Louis, 400 South 14th Street, St. Louis, MO 63105, Telephone: 314-231-5007.

3. Atlanta, Georgia: Thursday, December 8, 2005, Holiday Inn Select Conference Center, 450 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30312, Telephone: 404-591-2000.

4. Los Angeles, California: Thursday, December 8, 2005, The Wilshire Grand Los Angeles, 930 Wilshire Boulevard 90017, Telephone: 213-688-7777.

All Technical Assistance Workshop sessions will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Registration is 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the day of the session. There is no fee for these workshops. However, space is limited. Attendees are required to make their own reservations directly with the hotel. The Department has reserved a limited number of rooms at each of the hotel sites at a special government room rate. To reserve this rate, be certain to inform the hotel that you are attending the "U.S. Department of Education GEAR UP Program Technical Assistance Workshop." We encourage attendance from those who will be responsible for providing technical support for uploading the application materials onto the Department of Education's portal site for electronic grants.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities Attending the Technical Assistance Workshop

The technical assistance workshop site is accessible to individuals with

disabilities. If you need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the workshop (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternative format), notify the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Although we will attempt to meet a request, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Dated: December 2, 2005.

Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition: Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.116N.

DATES: Applications Available: December 9, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 17, 2006.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 14, 2006.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education (IHEs) or combinations of IHEs and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$300,000 for this program for FY 2006. The actual

level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$25,000–30,000 for the first year only.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$30,000 for the first year only. \$210,000 for four-year duration of grant.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$215,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

Priority: Under this competition, we are particularly interested in applications that address the following priority.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2006 this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American, Canadian, and Mexican institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students, and the opening of educational opportunities among the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Canada and Mexico. These awards support only the participation of U.S. institutions and students in these consortia of American, Canadian, and Mexican institutions. Canadian and Mexican institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) or the Mexican Secretariat for Public Education (SEP), for additional funding under separate but parallel Canadian and Mexican competitions.