

application that does not meet these requirements.

Authority: Section 7143; 20 U.S.C. 7473.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are included in full in the application package for this competition. These selection criteria were established based on the regulations for evaluating discretionary grants found in 34 CFR 75.200 through 75.209.

Application Procedures

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Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In FY 2002, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program, CFDA 84.299A, is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program, 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.
- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application

fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

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 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 at (202) 260-1349.
- 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 Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Indian Professional Development; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Indian Education; Notice Inviting Applications for New Discretionary Grant Program Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

Purpose of Program: The purposes of this program are to (1) increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indian people;

(2) provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers, administrators, teacher aides, social workers, and ancillary educational personnel; and (3) improve the skills of qualified Indian individuals who serve in the capacities described in (2). Activities may include, but are not limited to, continuing programs, symposia, workshops, conferences, and direct financial support.

For FY 2002 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priority described in the PRIORITY section of this application notice.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for this program are institutions of higher education, including Indian institutions of higher education; State or local educational agencies, in consortium with institutions of higher education; Indian tribes or organizations, in consortium with institutions of higher education; and Bureau-funded schools. An application from a consortium of eligible entities must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129. The consortium agreement, signed by all parties, must be submitted with the application. Letters of support do *not* meet the consortium requirements.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 22, 2002.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 22, 2002.

Applications Available: July 23, 2002.

Available Funds: \$5,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300,000 to \$500,000.

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

Estimated Number of Awards: 15.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

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

Budget Requirement: Projects funded under this competition must budget for a two-day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, DC during each year of the project.

Maximum Annual Award Amount: In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$500,000 for a single budget period of 12 months for the first 24 months of the award period. The last 24-month budget period of a 36-month award will be limited to induction services only at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding these maximum amounts.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where an applicant addresses the selection criteria that are used by

reviewers in evaluating the application. An applicant must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 75 double-spaced pages, using the following standards:

(1) A "page" is 8½" x 11" (one side only) with one-inch margins (top, bottom and sides).

(2) All text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs, must be double-spaced (no more than three lines per vertical inch).

(3) For all text (including charts, tables, and graphs), use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section (including the narrative budget justification); the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, appendices, resumes, bibliography, and letters of support. However, all of the application narrative addressing the selection criteria must be included in the narrative section.

Reviewers will not read any pages of applications that—

- Exceed the page limit if one applies these standards; or
- Exceed the equivalent of the page limit if one applies other standards.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) 34 CFR part 263, Professional Development Program.

Absolute Priority

Under Section 34 CFR 75.102 of EDGAR, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the priority selected. The program regulations at 34 CFR 263.5(c) identifies the absolute priorities for the Professional Development that may be selected by the Secretary. For the FY 2002 grant competition, the Secretary reserves all of the funds available for new awards under the Professional Development program to fund only those applications that meet the following absolute priority found at 34 CFR 263.5(c)(1):

Pre-Service Training for Teachers

Provides support and training to Indian individuals to complete a pre-service education program that enables individuals to meet the requirements for full State certification or licensure as a teacher through:

(i) Training that leads to a bachelor's degree in education before the end of the award period; or

(ii) For States allowing a degree in a specific subject area, training that leads to a bachelor's degree in the subject area as long as the training meets the requirements for full State teacher certification or licensure; or

(iii) Training in a current or new specialized teaching assignment that requires at least a bachelor's degree and in which a documented teacher shortage exists; and

(iv) One year induction services after graduation, certification, or licensure, provided during the award period to graduates of the pre-service program in which they are completing their first year of work in schools with significant Indian student populations.

Note: In working with various institutions of higher education and State certification/ licensure requirements, we found that States requiring a degree in a specific subject area (e.g., specialty areas or teaching at the secondary level), generally require a Master's degree or fifth-year requirement before an individual can be certified or licensed as a teacher. These students would be eligible to participate as long as their training meets the requirements for full State certification or licensure as a teacher.

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Fiscal Information: Stipends may be paid only to full-time students. For the payment of stipends to project participants being trained, the Secretary expects to set the stipend maximum at \$1,750 per month for full-time students and \$175 allowance per month per dependent during the academic year. The terms "stipend," "full-time student," and "dependent allowance" are defined in 34 CFR 263.3.

Competitive Preference

(1) The Secretary will award five (5) additional points to an application submitted by an Indian tribe, organization, or institution of higher education. A consortium application of eligible entities that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129 and includes an Indian tribe, organization or institution of higher education will be considered eligible to receive the five (5) additional priority points.

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(2) The Secretary will award a total of five additional points to an application submitted by a consortium of eligible applicants that includes a tribal college or university and that designates that tribal college or university as the fiscal agency for the application. The

consortium application of eligible entities must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129 of EDGAR to be considered eligible to receive the five priority points. The consortium agreement must be signed by all partners and submitted with the application. Letters of support do not meet the consortium requirements. These competitive preference points are in addition to the five competitive preference points that may be given under Competitive Preference 1—Preference for Indian Applicants.

Tribal colleges and universities are those institutions cited in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), any other institution that qualifies for funding under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and Dine College, authorized in the Navajo Community College Assistance Act of 1978, Public Law 95–471, Title II (25 U.S.C. 640a note).

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