

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Rehabilitation Short-Term Training; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: The Short-Term Training program supports special seminars, institutes, workshops, and other short-term courses in technical matters relating to the vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs, independent living services programs, and client assistance programs.

For FY 2000 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priority that we describe in the PRIORITY section of this application notice.

Eligible Applicants: State agencies and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 3, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 2, 2000.

Applications Available: February 16, 2000.

Available Funds: \$200,000.

Estimated Range of Award: \$175,000 to \$200,000.

Estimated Average Size of Award: \$200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

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

Maximum Award: In no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$200,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this maximum amount.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Page Limit: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria used by reviewers in evaluating the application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages, using the following standards:

(1) A page is 8.5" x 11", on one side only with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

(2) You must double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as

well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

If you use a proportional computer font, you may not use a font smaller than 12-point font or an average character density greater than 18 characters per inch. If you use a nonproportional font or a typewriter, you may not use more than 12 characters per inch.

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

If, in order to meet the page limit, you use print size, spacing, or margins smaller than the standards specified in this notice, we will not consider your application for funding.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 390.

Priority

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the absolute priority in the notice of final priority for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet the absolute priority.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its Web site (<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>) or its E-mail address (edpubs@inet.ed.gov). If you request an application from Ed Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.246K.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

For Further Information Contact:

Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Room 18T91, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone: (404) 562-6336. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number at (404) 562-6347. Internet address: Beverly_Steberg@ed.gov.

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