

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice Inviting Applications From Test Publishers for a Determination of the Suitability of a Test for Use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education**

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications from test publishers for a determination of the suitability of a test for use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) announces the date by which test publishers must submit tests to the Secretary for review and approval for use in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department's regulations in 34 CFR part 462 establish procedures for determining the suitability of tests for use in the NRS.

Criteria and Requirements the Secretary uses: In order for the Secretary to consider a test suitable for use in the NRS, the test must meet the criteria and requirements established in 34 CFR 462.13.

Submission Requirements

a. A test publisher must comply with the requirements in 34 CFR 462.11 when submitting an application.

b. In accordance with § 462.10, the deadline for transmittal of applications is October 1, 2009.

c. You may submit your application by mail or hand delivery only. Whether you submit your application by mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) or you hand deliver (or use a courier service) your application, you must mail or deliver three copies of your application, on or before the deadline date, to the following address: NRS Assessment

Review, c/o American Institutes for Research, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

d. If you submit your application by mail or commercial carrier, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(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 of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your 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.

e. If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: 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.

f. If you submit your application by hand delivery, you (or a courier service) must deliver three copies of the application by hand, on or before 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time on the application deadline date.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Overview Information; Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010**

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.330B.

Dates: Applications Available: September 11, 2009.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 10, 2009.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: January 9, 2010.

Full Text of Announcement**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

Purpose of Program: The AP Test Fee program awards grants to eligible State educational agencies (SEAs) to enable them to pay all or a portion of advanced placement test fees on behalf of eligible low-income students who (1) are enrolled in an advanced placement course and (2) plan to take an advanced placement exam. The program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who take advanced placement tests and receive scores for which college academic credit is awarded.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6531-6537.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administration Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 97, 98, and 99.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$43,540,000 for the AP Test Fee and Advanced Placement Incentive (API) programs authorized under Title I, Part G of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), for FY 2010, of which we expect to use an estimated \$15,374,000 for the AP Test Fee program. The remaining funds would support continuation grants under the API program. 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:

\$10,200—\$4,378,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$366,000.