

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos.: 84.129E, 84.129F, 84.129P, 84.129Q, and 84.129R]

Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training; Notice Inviting Applications For New Awards For Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

Purpose of program: The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for—

(1) Projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary;

(2) Projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary; and

(3) Projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Eligible Applicants: State agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies

and organizations, including Indian Tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 18, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: November 17, 1998.

Applications Available: July 24, 1998.

Available Funds: \$1,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Estimated Average Size of Award: \$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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 the amount listed in the Maximum Level of Awards column in the following chart 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, Maximum Number of Awards, Maximum Level of Awards, and Absolute Priorities: The Secretary is conducting a single competition to select a total of 10 awards across the 5 priority areas identified by the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration as areas of personnel shortages related to the public rehabilitation program (section 302(b)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended). The project period and maximum level of awards to be made in each priority area are listed in the following chart. The maximum number of awards to be made are listed in parentheses following each priority area. Applicants must submit a separate application for each area in which they are interested. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 386.1, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet one of the following priorities. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that propose to provide training in one of the following areas of personnel shortages:

CFDA number	Priority Area (maximum number of awards in parentheses)	Project period	Maximum level of awards
84.129E1	Rehabilitation Technology (3)	Up to 60 months	100,000
84.129F1	Vocational evaluation and work adjustment (3)	Up to 60 months	100,000
84.129P1	Specialized personnel for rehabilitation of individuals who are blind or have vision impairment (3).	Up to 60 months	100,000
84.129Q1	Rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing (4)	Up to 60 months	100,000
84.129R1	Job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities (2)	Up to 60 months	100,000.

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 386.

For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Service Team, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Room 3317, Switzer Building), Washington, D.C. 20202-2550; or (202) 205-8351. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. The preferred method for requesting information is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary C. Lynch, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3322, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-8291.

For information on a specific training category, please contact the following: For Vocational evaluation and work adjustment and Job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities, contact Ellen Chesley, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W. Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone (202) 205-9481. For Specialized personnel for rehabilitation of individuals who are blind or have vision impairments and Rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, contact Sylvia Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9481. For Rehabilitation Technology, contact Mary C. Lynch, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence

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