

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999**

*Purpose of Program:* To support cooperative agreements for training centers that serve either a Federal region or another geographic area and provide a broad, integrated sequence of training activities throughout a multi-State geographical area.

*Eligible Applicants:* State and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* September 25, 1998.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* November 24, 1998.

*Applications Available:* July 24, 1998.

*Available Funds:* \$1,034,270.

*Maximum Awards by Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Region:* In no case does the Secretary make an initial award greater than the amount listed for each of the following RSA regions for a single budget period of 12 months. The Secretary rejects and does not consider an application that proposes a budget exceeding this amount.

*Maximum Level of Awards by RSA Region:* Region I—\$369,079; Region IV—\$355,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$310,191–\$369,079.

**Note:** Applicants should apply for level funding for each project year. Also, applicants are subject to a four percent cost-share requirement on awards.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 3.

**Note:** Applications are invited for the provision of training for Department of Education Regions I and IV only. The Department expects to make two awards in region IV, due to the size of the region. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 385 and 389.

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

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR Part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

*For Applications Contact:* The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2550. Telephone: (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 applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205–8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary C. Lynch, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3318 Switzer Building, Washington,

D.C. 20202–2649. Telephone: (202) 205–9481.

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