

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Notice Inviting Applications and Pre-Application Meeting for a New Award for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose: On March 19, 1999 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13632) inviting applications for a new FY 1999 award for a RRTC on rehabilitation of minorities with disabilities. Satisfactory applications were not received under this priority area. There is a continuing need for this center.

The purposes of this notice are to: (1) Invite interested parties to participate in a pre-application meeting to discuss the funding priority and receive technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority; and (2) invite applications for a RRTC on rehabilitation of minorities with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: Parties eligible to apply for grants under this program are States; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

Applications Available: November 10, 1999.

Pre-Application Meeting: Interested parties are invited to participate in a pre-application meeting to discuss the funding priority for a RRTC on rehabilitation of minorities with disabilities and to receive technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority. The pre-application meeting will be held on December 13, 1999 at the Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Switzer Building, Room 1002, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. NIDRR staff will also be available at this location from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on that same day to provide technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority. For further information contact Delores Watkins, U.S. Department of Education, Switzer Building, room 3426, 400 Maryland

Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. Telephone: (202) 205-9195.

NIDRR will make alternative arrangements to accommodate interested parties who are unable to attend the pre-application meeting in person.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities at the Public Meeting

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed above at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request we receive after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 350; and (c) the notice of final priority published on March 19, 1999 in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13632); and the notice inviting application published on March 19, 1999 in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 13637).

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 4, 2000.

Maximum Award Amount Per Year: \$500,000.

Note: The Secretary will reject without consideration or evaluation any application that proposes a project funding level that exceeds the stated maximum award amount per year (See 34 CFR 75.104(b)).

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Note: The estimate of funding level and awards in this notice does not bind the Department of Education to a specific level of funding or number of grants.

Project Period: 60 months.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), PO 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 at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or you may contact ED Pubs at its E-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

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, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8207. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number at (202) 205-4475. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: In order to obtain further information about the funding priority and the pre-application meeting on the RRTC on rehabilitation of minorities with disabilities, contact Delores Watkins, U.S. Department of Education, Switzer Building, Room 3426, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202, or call (202) 205-9195. Individuals who use a telecommunications device (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-4475. Internet: Delores_Watkins@ed.gov

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