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REGULATION ASSIGNMENT CONTROL SHEET

LOG CONTROL NUMBER: 168 **ANALYST ASSIGNED: CAREY**

TYPE OF ACTION: AN

TITLE: REHABILITATION TRAINING: REHABILITATION CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (RCEP)

RECEIVED: 6/25/02

DATE ASSIGNED: 6/25/02

DATE DUE: 7/11/02

ANALYST SIGNATURE: Rad. Carey

COMPLETION DATE: 7-12-02

FINAL APPROVAL: Joseph Schubert **DATE:** July 18, 2002

OMB NO: 1820-0018 Expires 8-31-04

REG PART:

Rudolph, Kim

From: Carey, Sheila
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2002 1:22 PM
To: Rudolph, Kim
Subject: FW: CDN for RCEP - Please review for clearance

approve 1820-0018 expires 8/31/04

-----Original Message-----
From: Marschall, Christine
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2002 2:00 PM
To: Anthony, Edward; Carey, Sheila; Fuller, Carole; Gregory, Wava; March, Greg; Miller, Meredith; Muzzio, Timothy; Price, Deborah; Rosen, Jeff; Winters, Deborah; Wolfe, Christine
Subject: FW: CDN for RCEP - Please review for clearance

Meredith and Christine: Sorry you weren't included on the original clearance request. We learned to add you after the original was sent. Would you review and respond as soon as possible? Thank you!

I've received changes from Jeff and Carole. Still waiting for your other responses. Please review asap. Thank you!

RCEP CDN 6-28 revised.rtf

-----Original Message-----
From: Marschall, Christine
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2002 11:39 AM
To: Fuller, Carole; Rosen, Jeff; Gregory, Wava; March, Greg; Carey, Sheila; Winters, Deborah; Price, Deborah
Cc: Muzzio, Timothy
Subject: CDN for RCEP - Please review for clearance

Attached is the Closing Date Notice for Rehab Training: Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program (RCEPs). **Please review for clearance by COB Thursday, July 11th.**

Thank You!

RCEP CDN 6-17-02.rtf

Christine E. Marschall
Rehabilitation Services Administration
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(CFDA No.: 84.264A)

Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program (RCEP)

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2003.

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: To support training centers that serve either a Federal region or another geographical area and provide for a broad, integrated sequence of training activities that focus on meeting recurrent and common training needs of employed rehabilitation personnel throughout a multi-State geographical area.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education. Applications under this notice are invited for the provision of training for Department of Education Regions II, III, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X only.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER]

DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS: [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION DATE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

DEADLINE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW: [INSERT DATE]

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDS: The Administration has requested funding for the Rehabilitation Training Program for FY 2003, of which an estimated $3,194,025 would be allocated for this competition. 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.

Note: This competition will be awarded using FY 2003 funds.

ESTIMATED RANGE OF AWARDS: $325,000-$578,490.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: $375,000.

MAXIMUM AWARDS BY REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (RSA) REGION: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding the following stated maximum award amount for a single budget period of 12 months.

MAXIMUM LEVEL OF AWARDS BY RSA REGION:

Region II - $483,700

Region III - $578,490

Region VI - $555,830

Region VII - $383,350

Region VIII - $350,473

Region IX - $471,350

Region X - $370,832

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: We expect to make one (1) award per eligible region.

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

PROJECT PERIOD: Up to 60 months.

PAGE LIMIT: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 45 pages, using the following standards:

(1) A page is 8.5 inches by 11 inches, on one side only, with 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

(2) 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.

(3) Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (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.

We will reject your application if—

! You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or

! You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

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 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.

PILOT PROJECT FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION

In Fiscal Year 2002, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional discretionary grant competitions. The Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program, CFDA 84.264A, is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under CFDA 84.264A, you

may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- Within three working days of submitting your electronic application fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:
    1. Print ED 424 from the e-APPLICATION system.

2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).
4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.
5. Fax ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349
6. We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program at:

http://e-grants.ed.gov

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

SELECTION CRITERIA: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, we use the selection criteria in 34 CFR 385.31 and 389.30. The selection criteria to be

used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

The maximum score for all these criteria is 100 points; however, we will also use the competitive preference priority so that up to an additional 10 points may be earned by an applicant for a total possible score of 110 points.

PRIORITY

Competitive Preference Priority:

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the competitive preference priority in the notice of final competitive preference for this program, published in the Federal Register on August 31, 2000 (65 FR 52996). Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 10 points to an application that is otherwise eligible for funding under this competition based on the extent to which an application includes effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities in projects awarded under the competition. In determining the effectiveness of those strategies, we will consider the applicant's prior success, as described in the application, in employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

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 at its Web site:

http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.264A.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative 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 alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Marschall, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3325 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-8286. If you use a telecommunications

device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

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http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html

PROGRAM AUTHORITY: 29 U.S.C. 772.

Dated:

Robert H. Pasternak, Ph.D.

Assistant Secretary

For Special Education and

Rehabilitative Services