(2) The budget is adequate to support the Center’s activities; and
(3) Costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the Center.
(f) Coordination activities. (5 points)
The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which there is an effective plan for the coordination of activities described in §413.3(a) and (b), and whether these activities are carried out between two institutions or within one institution.

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§ 413.22 What selection criteria does the Secretary use to evaluate an application proposing dissemination and training activities?
The Secretary uses the following selection criteria in evaluating each dissemination and training application:
(a) Program factors. (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which each of the required dissemination and training activities, described in §413.3(b), will be of high quality and effective.

(b) The selection criteria and points in §413.21(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

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Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?

§ 413.30 What are the restrictions on the use of funds?
(a) A National Center that performs both research and development activities and dissemination and training activities shall use at least two-thirds of its award for applied research and development.
(b) Not more than 10 percent of each year’s budget for a National Center may be used to respond to field-initiated needs unanticipated prior to the annual funding period and that are in the mission of the National Center, but not part of the scope of work of the grant or cooperative agreement.

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§ 413.31 Must a National Center have a director?
A National Center must have a full-time director who is appointed by the institution serving as the grantee.

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§ 413.32 What are the requirements for coordination?
If the Secretary designates two National Centers, the two centers must coordinate their activities.

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§ 413.33 What substantive studies must the National Center or Centers conduct and submit?
(a) The National Center conducting research and development activities shall annually prepare a study on the research conducted on approaches that lead to effective articulation for the education-to-work transition, including tech-prep programs, cooperative education or other work-based programs, such as innovative apprenticeship or mentoring approaches.

(b) The National Center conducting dissemination and training activities shall annually prepare a study of its dissemination and training activities.

(c) Annual studies described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section must be submitted to the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

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§ 413.34 What activities must be performed during the final year of an award?
During the fifth year of the award cycle, the National Center or Centers shall develop and remain prepared to implement a contingency plan for completing all substantive work by the end of the eleventh month of that year and transferring all projects, services, and activities to a successor during the twelfth month of that year.

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