models for the delivery, to both rural and urban areas, of innovative, cost-effective rehabilitation technology services that promote use of rehabilitation technology; and

(i) Other scientific research to assist in meeting the employment and independent living needs of, and addressing the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities, including individuals with severe disabilities;

(ii) Other scientific research to assist in meeting the employment and independent living needs of, and addressing the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities, including individuals with severe disabilities;

(b) To the extent consistent with the nature and type of research or demonstration activities described in paragraph (a) of this section, carry out research, training, and information dissemination activities by—

(1) Providing training opportunities to individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to enable them to become rehabilitation technology researchers and practitioners of rehabilitation technology in conjunction with institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations; and

(2) Responding, through research or demonstration activities, to the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities who may benefit from the application of technology within the subject area of focus of the Center.

(c) Conduct orientation seminars for rehabilitation service personnel to improve the application of rehabilitation technology;

(d) Conduct activities that specifically demonstrate means for utilizing rehabilitation technology; and

(e) Provide technical assistance and consultation that are responsive to concerns of service providers and consumers.

(Authority: Sec. 204(b)(3); 29 U.S.C. 762(b)(3))

§ 350.34 Which Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers must have an advisory committee?

A Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center conducting research or demonstration activities that facilitate service delivery systems change must have an advisory committee.

(Authority: Sec. 204(b)(3)(D); 29 U.S.C. 762(b)(3)(D))

§ 350.35 What are the requirements for the composition of an advisory committee?

The majority of a Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center advisory committee’s members must be comprised of individuals with disabilities who are users of rehabilitation technology, or their parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives.

(Authority: Sec. 204(b)(3)(D); 29 U.S.C. 762(b)(3)(D))

Subpart E—How Does One Apply for an Award?

§ 350.40 What is required of each applicant regarding the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds?

(a) Unless the Secretary indicates otherwise in a notice published in the