for funding an unsolicited application that has not been submitted under a competition announced in the Federal Register for that fiscal year, if the project proposes activities described in §411.3.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 34 CFR 75.100, the Secretary may fund an unsolicited application without publishing an application notice in the Federal Register.

(c) The Secretary may select an unsolicited application for funding in accordance with the procedures in §§411.20(e) and 411.24.

(d) The Secretary assigns the 15 points reserved under §411.20(b) as follows:

(1) Ten points to the selection criterion in §411.21(a)—national need.

(2) Five points to the selection criterion in §411.21(b)—plan of operation.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2402)

§ 411.24 How does the Secretary select an unsolicited application for funding?

(a) After evaluating an unsolicited research application on the basis of the criteria in §411.21, the Secretary compares that application to other unsolicited research applications the Secretary has received.

(b) The Secretary may fund an unsolicited research application at any time during the fiscal year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2402)

PART 412—NATIONAL NETWORK FOR CURRICULUM COORDINATION IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Subpart A—General

§ 412.1 What is the National Network for Curriculum Coordination in Vocational and Technical Education?

The National Network for Curriculum Coordination in Vocational and Technical Education (Network) is a system of six curriculum coordination centers that disseminate information resulting from research and development activities carried out under the Act, in order to ensure broad access at the State and local levels to the information being disseminated.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2402(c))

§ 412.2 Who is eligible for an award?

State and local educational agencies, postsecondary educational institutions, and other public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions are eligible for an award under this program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2402(c))

§ 412.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

(a) The Secretary provides grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts to six regional curriculum coordination centers (CCCs).

(b) Each CCC must—(1) Provide for national dissemination of information on effective vocational and technical education programs and materials, with particular attention to regional programs;

(2) Be accessible by electronic means;