§ 350.34
(1) Increase awareness and understanding of how rehabilitation technology can address their needs; and
(2) Increase awareness and understanding of the range of options, programs, services, and resources available, including financing options for the technology and services covered by the subject area of focus of the Center.

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

§ 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 Federal Register, an applicant for assistance under this program must demonstrate in its application how it will address, in whole or in part, the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

(b) The approaches an applicant may take to meet this requirement may include one or more of the following:

1. Proposing project objectives addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.
2. Demonstrating that the project will address a problem that is of particular significance to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.
3. Demonstrating that individuals from minority backgrounds will be included in study samples in sufficient numbers to generate information pertinent to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.
4. Drawing study samples and program participant rosters from populations or areas that include individuals from minority backgrounds.
5. Providing outreach to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds to ensure that they are aware of rehabilitation services, clinical care, or training offered by the project.
6. Disseminating materials to or otherwise increasing the access to disability information among minority populations.

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(Authority: Sec. 21(b)(6); 29 U.S.C. 718b(b)(6))

§ 350.41 What State agency review must an applicant under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program obtain?

(a) An applicant that proposes to conduct research, demonstrations, or related activities that will either involve clients of the State vocational rehabilitation agency as research subjects or study vocational rehabilitation services or techniques under this program, shall follow the requirements in 34 CFR 75.155 through 75.159.

(b) For the purposes of this Program, State as used in 34 CFR 75.155 through 75.159 means the State rehabilitation agency or agencies in the primary State or States to be affected by the proposed activities.

(Authority: Secs. 204(c) and 306(i); 29 U.S.C. 762(c) and 766(a))