

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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National Diffusion Network—Private School Facilitator Project; Notice Inviting Applications for a New Award for Fiscal Year 1995

Purpose of Program: To award a grant to support a National Diffusion Network (NDN) Private School Facilitator project. Using a network of facilitators who assist education service providers, the NDN supports nationwide dissemination of validated effective educational programs and promising practices. On a nationwide basis, the Private School Facilitator project assists interested private schools in gaining access to the dissemination system offered by the NDN.

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private nonprofit agency, organization, or institution with demonstrated expertise in the areas of applied education research and program dissemination.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 26, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 25, 1995.

Applications Available: April 10, 1995.

Estimated Available Funds: \$186,400.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$175,000 to \$186,400.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$186,400.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

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

Project Period: Up to 9 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 98 (Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs, and Testing) and 34 CFR part 99 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy); and (c) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 785 and 789.

Priorities*Competitive Preference Priority*

In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 8651(g)(2) and 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(ii), the Secretary gives preference to Private School Facilitator projects that meet the following competitive priority. An application that meets this competitive priority is selected by the Secretary over applications of comparable merit that do not meet the priority:

Private School Facilitator projects that propose to disseminate effective schoolwide projects, programs addressing the needs of high poverty schools (to the extent that such nonpublic schools exist), and programs with the capacity to offer high-quality, sustained technical assistance.

Invitational Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following

invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

The Secretary encourages projects that respond to the needs of private schools that serve disadvantaged students.

To Request an Application: Voice Mail: (202) 219-2133; Facsimile machine: (202) 219-1407; Mail: NDN/PSF Application, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Room 506c, Washington, DC 20208-5643. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8651.

Dated: April 4, 1995.

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