

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**National Diffusion Network (NDN)—  
Developer Demonstrators Notice  
Inviting Applications for New Awards  
for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995**

Purpose of Program: To award grants to support nationwide dissemination of exemplary educational programs that have been previously approved by the Department of Education's Program Effectiveness Panel (PEP).

Eligible Applicants: Public or private nonprofit agencies, organizations, or institutions (1) that have demonstrated expertise in the areas of applied education research and program dissemination and (2) that have developed programs, products, or practices (a) that the PEP has approved and (b) that are in use in sites that can be visited.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 26, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 25, 1995.

Applications Available: April 10, 1995.

Available Funds: \$2,222,000.  
Estimated Range of Awards:  
\$75,000—\$180,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:  
\$125,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 18.

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

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

Budget Period: Up to 12 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 part 785 and 786.

Supplementary Information: This notice announces a competition for the

FY 1995 new Developer Demonstrator competition under the National Diffusion Network (NDN) program. The NDN program is authorized by Title XIII, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 8651). The Secretary has established a competitive preference priority for this competition to respond to mandates contained in the new statute for the National Diffusion Network. These mandates require the Secretary to give priority to identifying, validating, and disseminating effective schoolwide projects, programs addressing the needs of high poverty schools, and programs with the capacity to offer high quality, sustained technical assistance.

The Secretary is concerned that American educators understand and learn from the effects of projects funded under this priority and suggests that such projects provide documentation of their impact on improving teaching and learning in one or more education sites. The Secretary also suggests that schoolwide projects aim to upgrade the entire educational program in a school.

**Priorities***Competitive Preference Priority*

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and 20 U.S.C. 8651(g)(2) the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards up to 25 points to an application that carries out in a particularly effective way all three activities cited in the priority, or up to 15 points to an application that executes in a particularly effective way two activities cited in the priority, or up to 5 points to an application that carries out in a particularly effective way one activity cited in the priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

The Secretary gives priority to projects that propose nationwide dissemination of validated educational projects that incorporate one or more of

the following activities: (1) Effective schoolwide approaches, (2) approaches that address the needs of high poverty schools, (3) approaches 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:

Projects that provide documentation of the project's impact on improving teaching and learning in one or more education sites.

To Request an Application: *Voice Mail:* (202) 219-2133; *Facsimile machine:* (202) 219-1407; *Mail:* NDN/DD Application, 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., 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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