

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program—National Research and Development Center; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995**

*Purpose of Program:* To support a national research and development center to study the education of gifted and talented children and youth.

*Eligible Applicants:* The following are eligible for a new award under this program: institutions of higher education, State educational agencies, or a combination of these entities.

*Deadline for Transmittal of*

*Applications:* June 26, 1995.

*Applications Available:* May 12, 1995.

*Estimated Available Funds:* This center will be awarded as a cooperative agreement. In fiscal year 1995, \$1,750,000 is available for the first year of funding for a national research and development center to study the education of gifted and talented children and youth. The following list indicates the estimated funding levels over the five-year project period. The funding levels for years 1 through 5 are estimates. Actual funding will depend upon the availability of funds and needs as reflected in the approved application.

First Year Funding: \$1.75 Million

Second Year Funding: \$1.75 Million

Third Year Funding: \$1.75 Million

Fourth Year Funding: \$1.75 Million

Fifth Year Funding: \$1.75 Million

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

*Budget Period:* 12 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

*Priority and Selection Criteria:* The priority and selection criteria in the notice of final priority, selection criteria and post-award requirements for this program, as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** apply to this competition.

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p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices or 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. 10204.

Dated: April 19, 1995.

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**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of final priority, selection criteria and post-award requirements for fiscal year 1995.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces a priority, selection criteria, and post-award requirements for fiscal year 1995. The Secretary takes this action to support a national research and development center to study the education of gifted and talented children and youth. The work of the center is intended to increase knowledge related to improving educational practices so that the nation's gifted and talented children and youth may better contribute to the national welfare. The priority is intended to increase knowledge related to improving educational practices for all students.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This notice of final priority, selection criteria and post-award requirements takes effect May 25, 1995.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary seeks to improve the education of gifted and talented children and youth and to use the methods and materials developed in gifted and talented education programs to improve education for all children. This is an integral part of advancing the National Education Goals and GOALS 2000, which require that all students attain high standards of academic excellence. Gifted and talented education programs and methods can contribute to systemic reform, in which schoolwide efforts are used to coordinate high standards, assessments, challenging curricula, and teacher preparation to improve the education of all students. The Secretary also believes that the educational needs of gifted and talented students from populations historically underserved by gifted education programs deserve particular attention.

Under the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act of 1994 (Javits Act) as authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended, the Secretary seeks to provide support for a national research and development center designed to conduct sound and coherent education research programs on methods and techniques for gifted and talented education. A deliberate, sustained, and coordinated initiative must be undertaken to carry out research and development activities related to improving the education of gifted and talented students.

The Secretary plans to make the award under this competition as a cooperative agreement. Applicants for the award must be institutions of higher education, State educational agencies, or a combination of these entities. The Secretary believes that this center can strengthen its capacity to accomplish the work of its mission by involving partners such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), tribal colleges, community colleges, or state and local education research organizations. As described in the Javits Act, the purpose of the center is to increase the understanding of how to improve the education of gifted and talented students, including those who may not be identified or served through traditional assessment methods and programs, such as economically disadvantaged individuals, individuals of limited-English proficiency, and individuals with disabilities. Furthermore, the Secretary believes that the experience and knowledge gained in developing and implementing programs for gifted and talented students can and should be used as a basis to develop