

*Abstract:* ED proposes to survey local Title I directors and representatives of private-school organizations in their districts. The purpose of the survey is to determine how changes in Chapter 1/ Title I legislation has affected (1) the number of private-school students receiving Title I services; (2) consultation between public-school and private-school administrators; and (3) the educational services provided to private-school students. ED will use this information to prepare mandated reports to Congress and to provide effective technical assistance and information to state and local education agencies providing Title I services to private-school students.

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[CFDA No. 84.177A]

**Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997**

*Purpose of program:* This program supports projects that—

(a) Provide independent living services to older individuals who are blind;

(b) Conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals; and

(c) Conduct activities to help improve public understanding of the problems of these individuals.

*Eligible applicants:* Any designated State agency that does not currently have a project funded under this program (in accordance with the priority identified in this notice) and that is authorized to provide rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind is eligible to apply for an award under this competition.

*Deadline for transmittal of applications:* January 15, 1997.

*Deadline for intergovernmental review:* March 17, 1997.

*Applications available:* November 6, 1996.

*Available funds:* \$290,000.

*Estimated range of awards:* \$40,000–\$170,000.

*Estimated average size of award:* \$72,500.

*Estimated number of awards:* 4.

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

*Project period:* Up to 36 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; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 367.

*Priority:* The priority in the notice of final priority for this program, published in the Federal Register on December 27, 1994 (59 FR 66616), applies to this competition.

*For applications or information contact:* Raymond Melhoff, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3327 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2741. Telephone: (202) 205-9320. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTD) may call (202) 205-9362.

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*Program authority:* 29 U.S.C. 796f.

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[CFDA No. 84.128G]

**Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects Program for Migratory Agricultural Workers and Seasonal Farmworkers With Disabilities Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997**

*Purpose of program:* To provide grants for vocational rehabilitation services for migratory agricultural workers or seasonal farmworkers with disabilities.

*Eligible applicants:* State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies (SVRAs); nonprofit agencies working in collaboration with the SVRAs; and local agencies administering vocational rehabilitation programs under written agreements with SVRAs.

*Deadline for transmittal of applications:* December 9, 1996.

*Deadline for intergovernmental review:* February 10, 1997.

*Applications available:* October 25, 1996.

*Available funds:* \$639,274.

*Estimated range of awards:* \$150,000–\$175,000.

*Estimated average size of award:* \$160,000.

*Estimated number of awards:* 4.

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

*Project period:* Up to 60 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; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 369 and 375.

*For applications or information contact:* Mary Winkler-Chambers, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2740. Telephone: (202) 205-8435. 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.

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*Program authority:* 29 U.S.C. 777b.

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[CFDA No.: 84.129A through R]

**Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997**

*Purpose of Program:* The Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program provides financial assistance for—

(1) Projects that provide basic or advanced training leading to an academic degree in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary;

(2) Projects that provide a specified series of courses or program of study leading to award of a certificate in areas of personnel shortages in rehabilitation as identified by the Secretary; and

(3) Projects that provide support for medical residents enrolled in residency

training programs in the specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

*Eligible applicants:* State agencies and other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian Tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program.

*Deadline for transmittal of applications:* December 20, 1996.

*Deadline for intergovernmental review:* February 18, 1997.

*Applications available:* October 23, 1996.

*Estimated range of awards:* \$60,000 to \$150,000.

*Estimated average size of award:* \$95,000.

*Available funds:* \$5,250,000.

*Estimated number of awards:* 53.

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

*Project period, maximum number of awards, maximum level of awards, and absolute priorities:* The Secretary is conducting a single competition to select a total of 53 awards across the 15 priority areas. The project period and maximum level of awards to be made in

each priority area are listed in the following chart. The maximum number of awards to be made are listed in parentheses following each priority area. Applicants shall submit a separate application for each area in which they are interested. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 386.1, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet one of the following priorities. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that propose to provide training in one of the following areas of personnel shortage:

CFDA No.	Priority area	Project period	Maximum level of awards
84.129A1	Rehabilitation nursing (2)	Up to 60 months	\$100,000
84.129A5	Rehabilitation medicine (4)	Up to 60 months	100,000
84.129A7	Prosthetics and orthotics (2)	Up to 60 months	150,000
84.129C1	Rehabilitation administration (3)	Up to 60 months	100,000
84.129D1	Physical therapy (3)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129D3	Occupational therapy (4)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129E1	Rehabilitation technology (4)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129F1	Vocational evaluation and work adjustment (5)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129H1	Rehabilitation of individuals who are mentally ill (5)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129J1	Rehabilitation psychology (3)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129L1	Undergraduate education in rehabilitation services (6)	Up to 60 months	70,000
84.129M1	Independent living (3)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129N1	Speech pathology and audiology (2)	Up to 36 months	70,000
84.129P1	Specialized personnel for rehabilitation of individuals who are blind or have vision impairments (8).	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129Q1	Rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing (9)	Up to 36 months	100,000
84.129R1	Job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities (4).	Up to 36 months	100,000

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 385 and 386.

*For Applications Contact:* Joyce R. Jones, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3038, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649; or call the following telephone number: (202) 205-8351.

*For Information Contact:* Ellen Chesley, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3318, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9481.

For information on a specific training category, please contact the following: For Rehabilitation medicine, Rehabilitation psychology, and Rehabilitation nursing, contact Beverly Brightly, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3322, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9561; For Rehabilitation administration, Vocational evaluation and work

adjustment, Undergraduate education in rehabilitation services, Independent living, and Job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities, contact Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Region IV, P.O. Box 1691, Atlanta, Georgia 30301. Telephone: (404) 331-0530; For Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, Rehabilitation technology, Speech pathology and audiology, Specialized personnel for rehabilitation of individuals who are blind or have vision impairments, and Rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, contact Sylvia Johnson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9481; and, For Rehabilitation of individuals who are mentally ill, contact Ellen Chesley, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3322, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9481.

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