

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Title I Migrant Education Coordination Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1997 Using Fiscal Year 1996 Funds

Purpose of the Program: To support projects that use technology in innovative ways to strengthen the academic achievement of migrant students who move between school districts. The fiscal year 1997 competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the notice of final priority for this program, as published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

Eligible Applicants: Any State educational agency (SEA), local educational agency (LEA), institution of higher education (IHE) or other public or private nonprofit entity is eligible to apply. The Secretary specifically invites the following entities to submit applications: SEAs that administer Migrant Education Programs; LEAs with a high number or high percentage of migrant students; and non-profit community-based organizations that work with migrant families. Applicants must apply as part of a consortium made up of at least two entities previously described, and consortium members must provide educational

services to migrant students in at least two or more school districts. The consortium must include at least one other partner from the business community, institutions of higher education, academic content experts, software designers, or other entities.

Deadline for the Transmittal of Applications: February 28, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 28, 1997.

Applications Available: December 24, 1996.

Available Funds: \$3,000,000 per year for 5 years (depending on appropriations).

Estimated Range of Awards: \$200,000 to \$600,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 6.

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

Project Period: Up to five years.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75 (except §§ 75.201, 75.210 and 75.217), 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and 34 CFR 200.40. The selection criteria, as published elsewhere in a notice in this issue of the Federal Register, apply to this program.

Priority: The priority in the notice of final priority for this program, as published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register, applies to this competition.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION

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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; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at http://gcs.ed.gov). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6398(a).

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