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State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: This program is designed to support projects for training State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel in program areas essential to the effective management of the unit's program of vocational rehabilitation services or in skill areas that will enable personnel to improve their ability to provide vocational rehabilitation services leading to employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. The State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program responds to needs identified in the comprehensive system of personnel development in section 101(a)(7) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The program may include training designed (a) to address recruitment and retention of qualified rehabilitation professionals; (b) to provide for leadership development and capacity building; and (c) to provide training on the amendments to the Act made by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992.

Eligible Applicants: Only State agencies designated under a State plan for vocational rehabilitation services under section 101(a) of the Act are eligible to receive an award under this program.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 19, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 21, 1997.

Applications Available: Applications will be mailed to the director of the Designated State Units of Vocational Rehabilitation on or about April 2, 1997. Extra copies of applications will be available on or about April 2, 1997.

Available Funds: \$5,944,350, of which \$4,755,480 is available for allocation to designated agencies for basic awards and \$1,188,870 is available for allocation to high quality applications (see the "Priorities" section of this notice).

Estimated Range of Base Awards: \$19,795-\$311,000.

Estimated Average Size of Base Awards: \$59,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 81.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85; (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 388; and (c) §§ 385.4 and 385.40 through 385.46 of 34 CFR Part 385.

Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and § 388.22 the Secretary reserves a portion of the funds to support some or all of the proposals that have been awarded a rating of 80 points or more under the criteria described in § 388.20. In making a final selection of proposals to support under this program, the Secretary considers the extent to which proposals have exceeded a rating of 80 points and gives an absolute priority preference to applications that meet one or more of the following priorities. The Secretary funds under the quality portion of this program only applications that meet one or more of these absolute priorities:

Absolute Priority 1—Development and Dissemination of Model In-Service Training Materials and Practices

The proposed project demonstrates an effective plan to develop and disseminate information on its State Vocational Rehabilitation In-Service Training program, including the identification of training approaches and successful practices, in order to permit the replication of these programs by other State vocational rehabilitation units.

Absolute Priority 2—Distance Education

The proposed project demonstrates innovative strategies for training State vocational rehabilitation unit personnel through distance education methods, such as interactive audio, video, computer technologies, or existing telecommunications networks.

Absolute Priority 3—Enhanced Employment Outcomes for Specific Populations

The proposed project supports specialized training in the provision of vocational rehabilitation or related services to individuals with disabilities to increase the rehabilitation rate into competitive employment for all individuals or specified target groups.

For applications: Applications will be mailed to the Director of the Designated State Units of Vocational Rehabilitation on or about April 2, 1997. To request an extra application package, please write the Grants and Contracts Services Team,

U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202, or call (202) 205-8351.

For information contact: Ms. Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Room 18T91, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone: (404) 562-6336. 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; 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:

29 U.S.C. 770 and 771a.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Policy

Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

Pursuant to Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), notice is hereby given of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy, as amended, and the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The subsequent arrangement to be carried out under the above-mentioned agreements involves approval of the following retransfer: RTD/CA(AU)-2 for the transfer of 200.8 kilograms of heavy water, containing approximately 5.5 ci/kilogram tritium, from Australia to Canada as part of the detritiation exchange, will be used by Ontario