

rests solely within the Secretary of the Navy's discretion.

CONCLUSION: The Reuse Plan prepared by the City of Philadelphia is consistent with the prescriptions of the FPMR and Section 90.4 of the DoD Rule. The LRA has determined in its Reuse Plan that the property should be used for several purposes including light and heavy industrial, manufacturing, administrative, research and development, educational, intermodal transportation, and waterfront commercial and industrial activities. The property's location, physical characteristics, and existing infrastructure, as well as the current uses of adjacent property, make it appropriate for the proposed uses.

The Reuse Plan responds to local and regional economic conditions, promotes rapid economic recovery from the impact of the Base's closure, and is consistent with President Clinton's Five-Part Plan for revitalizing base closure communities, which emphasizes local economic redevelopment of the closing military facility and creation of new jobs as the means to revitalize these communities. 32 CFR Parts 90 and 91, 59 FR 16123 (1994). The acquiring entity, under the direction of Federal, State and local agencies with regulatory authority over protected resources, will be responsible for implementing necessary mitigation measures.

Although the "No action" alternative has less potential for causing adverse environmental impacts, that alternative would not alleviate the economic hardship that Congress expressly recognized as accompanying base closures. It would not foster local economic redevelopment of the Naval Base property and would not create new jobs. Additionally, it would not take advantage of the property's location, physical characteristics, and infrastructure or the current uses of adjacent property.

Accordingly, Navy will dispose of Naval Base Philadelphia in a manner that is consistent with the City of Philadelphia's Reuse Plan for the property.

Dated: June 26, 1997.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Conversion and Redevelopment).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Centers for Independent Living; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program

This program provides support for planning, conducting, administering, and evaluating centers for independent living (centers) that comply with the standards and assurances in section 725 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), consistent with the State plan for establishing a statewide network of centers. Centers are consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agencies that are designed and operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and provide an array of independent living (IL) services.

Eligible Applicants

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must be a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agency as defined in 34 CFR 364.4; have the power and authority to meet the requirements in 34 CFR 366.2(a)(1); be able to plan, conduct, administer, and evaluate a center for independent living consistent with the requirements of section 725 (b) and (c) of the Act and Subparts F and G of 34 CFR Part 366; and either—(1) not currently be receiving funds under Part C of Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Act; or (2) propose the expansion of an existing center through the establishment of a separate and complete center (except that the governing board of the existing center may serve as the governing board of the new center) in a different geographical location. Eligibility under this competition is limited to entities that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 366.24 and propose to serve areas that are unserved or underserved in the States and territories listed under *Available Funds*.

Supplementary Information: The current grantee under this program that is eligible for a grant under the statute has withdrawn its application. Therefore, the funds are available to other applicants.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 15, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 29, 1997.

Applications Available: July 9, 1997.

Available Funds: \$431,691 as distributed in the following manner: South Carolina \$431,691.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$100,000–431,691.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1–4 per eligible State.

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 96; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 364 and 366.

For Applications or Further Information Contact: John Nelson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3326 Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone (202) 205-9362. 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 downloaded from the Rehabilitation Services Administration's electronic bulletin board, telephone (202) 205-5574 (2400 bps) and (202) 205-9950 (9600 bps) or from the World Wide Web (at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/RSA/rsakits.html>); and 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 this competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 721 (c) and (e) and 796(f).

Dated: July 2, 1997.

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Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing the availability of