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Applicable Program Regulations: 34 CFR Parts 385, 386 and 389.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 774.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 84.129 and 84.264, the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training, and Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program.)

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Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training—Undergraduate Education in the Rehabilitation Services; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001.

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 Assistant 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 Assistant 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 and other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian Tribes and institutions of higher education.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 16, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 18, 2000.

Applications Available: September 1, 2000.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$39,629,000 for the training program in fiscal year 2001, of which an estimated \$255,000 would be allocated for this competition. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the fiscal year, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$65,000 to \$75,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$75,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3.

Maximum Award: Consistent with 34 CFR 75.104(b), it is the practice of the Assistant Secretary to reject any application that proposes a project funding level for any year that exceeds \$75,000 in any project year.

Reasonable Accommodation Language: The Assistant Secretary will consider, and may fund, requests for additional funding as an addendum to an application to reflect the costs of reasonable accommodations necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to be employed on the project as personnel on project activities.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Page Limit: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria used by reviewers in evaluating the application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages, using the following standards:

(1) A page is 8.5" x 11" on one side only with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

(2) You must double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

If you use a proportional computer font, you may not use a font smaller than a 12-point font or an average character density greater than 18 characters per inch. If you use a nonproportional font or a typewriter, you may not use more than 12 characters per inch.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

If, in order to meet the page limit, you use print size, spacing, or margins smaller than the standards specified in this notice, we will not consider your application for funding.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86 and 99; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 386.

Absolute Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and 34 CFR 386.1, the Assistant Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Assistant Secretary funds under this competition only applications that propose to provide training in the following area of personnel shortage: Undergraduate Education in the Rehabilitation Services.

Selection Criteria: The Assistant Secretary will use the selection criteria in 34 CFR 385.31 and 386.20 to evaluate applications under this program (These selection criteria will appear in the application package). The maximum score for all the criteria is 100 points; however, the Assistant Secretary will also use the following criterion so that up to an additional ten points may be earned by an applicant for a total possible score of 110 points.

Within the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training, we will give the following competitive preference under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) to applications that are otherwise eligible for funding under this competition.

Up to ten (10) points based on the extent to which an application includes effective strategies for employing and advancing in employment qualified

individuals with disabilities in projects awarded under this competition. In determining the effectiveness of those strategies, we will consider the applicant's prior success, as described in the application, in employing and advancing in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or its E-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-9817. If you use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Chesley, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3318, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone (202) 205-9481. If you use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (RCEP): Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Program: To support training centers that serve either a Federal region or another geographical area and provide for a broad, integrated sequence of training activities that focus on meeting recurrent and common training needs of employed rehabilitation personnel throughout a multi-State geographical area.

Eligible Applicants: State and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: October 16, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 18, 2000.

Applications Available: September 1, 2000.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$39,629,000 for the Training Program for FY 2001, of which an estimated \$1,500,377 would be allocated for this competition. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the fiscal year, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$475,000—\$501,486.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$499,000.

Maximum Awards By Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Region: Consistent with EDGAR 34 CFR 75.104(b), it is the practice of the Assistant Secretary to reject any application that proposes a project funding level for any year that exceeds the stated maximum award amount for that year.

MAXIMUM LEVEL OF AWARDS BY RSA REGION

Region V	\$501,486
Region VII	499,916
Region IX	498,975

Reasonable Accommodation Language: The Assistant Secretary will consider, and may fund, requests for additional funding as an addendum to an application to reflect the costs of reasonable accommodations necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to be employed on the project as personnel on project activities.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS

Region V	1
Region VII	1
Region IX	1

Note: Applications under CFDA No. 84.264B (Community Rehabilitation Program/Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program) are invited for the provision of training for Department of Education Regions V, VII and IX, only. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Page Limit: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria used by reviewers in evaluating the application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 45 pages, using the following standards:

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