DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Special Focus Competition: Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.116N.
Dates:

Full Text of Announcement
I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: To provide grants for or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

Priorities: This competition includes one absolute priority and one invitational priority.

Absolute Priority: This priority is from the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the Federal Register on December 11, 2009 (74 FR 65764). For FY 2010 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105 (c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:
   Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (84.116N).

This priority supports the formation of educational consortia of United States (U.S.), Canadian, and Mexican institutions. To meet this priority, the applicant must propose a project that supports cooperation in the coordination of curricula; the exchange of students; if pertinent to grant activities; and the opening of educational opportunities among the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. In order to be eligible for an award under this priority, the applicant in the U.S. must be a U.S. institution, the applicant in Mexico must be a Mexican institution, and the applicant in Canada must be a Canadian institution.

Canadian and Mexican institutions participating in any consortium proposal under this priority may apply, respectively, to Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) or the Mexican Secretariat for Public Education (SEP), for additional funding under separate but parallel Canadian and Mexican competitions.

Invitational Priority: For FY 2010, this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:
   This priority supports exchanges between Mexican, Canadian, and U.S. minority-serving institutions to increase the participation of underrepresented minorities in the program.


Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education (IHES) only.

II. Award Information
Type of Award: Discretionary grants.
Estimated Available Funds: $300,000.
Estimated Range of Awards: $30,000 for the first year; $185,000–$195,000 for the entire four-year grant.
Estimated Average Size of Awards: Any 2010 application that is funded