DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Reopening: Application Period for Certain Applicants Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Educational Opportunity Centers Program Competition

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) reopens the competition for FY 2021, for certain eligible applicants described elsewhere in this notice, under the Educational Opportunity Centers program, Assistance Listing Number 84.066A. The Department takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by eligible applicants affected by the severe winter weather in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, where the President has issued a disaster declaration. The reopening of the application deadline date for this competition is intended to help affected eligible applicants compete fairly with other eligible applicants under this competition.

DATES:
Deadline for Transmittal of Applications for Applicants Meeting the Eligibility Criteria in this Notice: March 15, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 13, 2021, we published the notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for the FY 2021 Educational Opportunity Centers competition in the Federal Register (86 FR 2658). Under the NIA, applications were due on March 1, 2021.

We are reopening this competition for eligible applicants from affected areas in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, for which the President has issued a disaster declaration, to allow those applicants more time to prepare and submit applications. For applicants that meet the eligibility criteria in this notice, we are reopening the competition until March 15, 2021. We are also extending the intergovernmental review deadline until May 25, 2021.

Eligibility: The reopening of the competition in this notice applies to eligible applicants under the Educational Opportunity Centers program, Assistance Listing Number 84.066A, that are located in an area for which the President has issued an emergency declaration (see www.fema.gov/disasters/), in Louisiana (FEMA Disaster designation 3556), Oklahoma (FEMA Disaster designation 3555), and Texas (FEMA Disaster designation 3554).

In accordance with the NIA, eligible applicants for this competition are institutions of higher education, public and private agencies or organizations, including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, secondary schools, and combinations of such institutions, agencies, and organizations, for planning, developing, or carrying out one or more of the services identified under this program.

Note: All information in the NIA for this competition remains the same, except for, with respect to eligible applicants, the deadline for the transmittal of applications and the deadline for intergovernmental review.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 and 1070a–16.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requester with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braaille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management & Planning, Office of Postsecondary Education. Delegated authority to perform functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Application for New Awards; Promise Neighborhoods Program; Corrections

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; corrections.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education published a document in the Federal Register of January 19, 2021 regarding applications (NIA) for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Promise Neighborhoods (PN) Program competition, Assistance Listing Number 84.215N. The Department is amending the PN NIA by removing one of the competitive preference priorities and extending the deadline for transmittal of applications to April 19, 2021 and the deadline for intergovernmental review to June 21, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If an applicant has already submitted an application, program staff will send notification of the opportunity to resubmit the application at the extended date. Applicants that have already timely submitted applications under the FY 2021 PN NIA competition may resubmit applications, but are not required to do so. If a new application is not submitted, the Department will use the application that was submitted by the original deadline and will review the application without regard to any response to the competitive preference priority that we are removing. If a new application is submitted, the Department will consider the
application that is last submitted and timely received.

All other requirements and conditions stated in the PN NIA remain the same.


Corrections

1. In the Federal Register of January 19, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021–00907, on page 5154, in the second column, make the following corrections under the DATES caption:

(1) Following the heading “Date of Pre-Application Meetings,” revise the first sentence to read:

The Department will hold an additional pre-application meeting March 15, 2021 via webinar for prospective applicants.

(2) Following the heading “Deadline for Transmittal of Application,” remove “March 5, 2021” and add, in its place, “April 19, 2021”.

(3) Following the heading “Deadline for Intergovernmental Review,” remove “May 4, 2021” and add, in its place, “June 21, 2021”.

2. In the Federal Register of January 19, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021–00907, on page 5154, in the third column, make the following corrections under the “Priorities” heading:

(1) In the first paragraph, remove the word “four” and add, in its place, the word “three.”

(2) Revise the second paragraph to read as follows:

Absolute Priorities 1 and 3 and Competitive Priority Priorities 1 and 3 are from the notice of final priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria for this program published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register (NFP). Absolute Priority 2 and Competitive Priority Priority 2 are from the notice of final priorities published in the Federal Register on March 9, 2020 (85 FR 13640) (Administrative Priorities).

3. In the Federal Register of January 19, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021–00907, on page 5155, in the third line of the second column, remove the number “10” and add in its place the number “7.”


(1) Remove the heading “Competitive Preference Priority 2—Spurring Investment in Qualified Opportunity Zones (0 to 3 points)” and the two paragraphs that follow the heading.

(2) In the heading “Competitive Preference 3,” remove the number “3” and add, in its place, the number “2.”

(3) In the heading “Competitive Preference 4,” remove the number “4” and add, in its place, the number “3.”

5. In the Federal Register of January 19, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021–00907, on page 5159, in the second column, at the end of the first paragraph, remove “(g) The Opportunity Zones NFP.”

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Applications for New Awards; Assistance for Arts Education Program; Corrections

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; corrections.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education published a document in the Federal Register of January 15, 2021, inviting applications (NIA) for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Assistance for Arts Education (AAE) program competition, Assistance Listing Number 84.351A. The Department is amending the NIA by removing one of the competitive preference priorities and extending the deadline date for transmittal of applications to April 15, 2021, and the deadline for intergovernmental review to June 14, 2021.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of January 15, 2021, we published the NIA for the FY 2021 AAE competition. Following publication of the NIA, the new Administration came into office. Upon review of the NIA, we decided to eliminate Competitive Preference Priority 1—Applications from New Potential Grantees.

Accordingly, we are amending the NIA to notify prospective applicants that we are no longer using Competitive Preference Priority 1—Applications from New Potential Grantees, and are making related conforming changes. In addition, we are extending the deadline for transmittal of applications in order to allow applicants more time to prepare and submit their applications, and are also extending the deadline for intergovernmental review. The application package will be adjusted to reflect the changes.

Applicants that have already submitted applications under the FY 2021 AAE competition may resubmit applications but are not required to do so. If a new application is not submitted, the Department will use the application that was submitted by the original deadline, without regard to any response to the competitive preference priority that we are removing. If a new application is submitted, the Department will consider the application that is most recently submitted before the deadline of April 15, 2021.

All other requirements and conditions stated in the NIA remain the same.


Corrections

In the Federal Register of January 15, 2021, in FR Doc. No. 2021–00705, we make the following corrections:

1. On page 4012, in the second column, correct the following in the DATES caption:

(1) Following the heading “Deadline for Intergovernmental Review,” remove “April 15, 2021.”

(2) Following the heading “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications,” remove “March 16, 2021” and add, in its place, “April 15, 2021.”

2. On page 4013, in the middle of the first column, replace the text of the first paragraph after the heading “Priorities:” with the following:

This notice contains one competitive preference priority and one invitational priority. The competitive preference priority is from section 4642 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7292).

3. On page 4013, in the middle of the first column, replace the heading “Competitive Preference Priorities:” with the heading “Competitive Preference Priority:” and replace the text of the paragraphs under the heading “Competitive Preference Priority” with the following:

For FY 2021 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award an additional five points to an application that meets the competitive preference priority.

This priority is:

Applicants That Are National Nonprofit Organizations. (0 or 5 points)

Under this priority, the Secretary gives priority to eligible entities that are eligible national nonprofit organizations. The term “eligible