

Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Consolidation Loan Rebate Fee Report.

Frequency: Monthly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 400.

Burden Hours: 5,200.

Abstract: The Consolidation Loan Rebate Fee Report for payment by check for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will be used by approximately 400 lenders participating in the Title IV, Part B loan programs. The information collected is used to transmit interest payment rebate fees to the Secretary of Education.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) and Violence Prevention Survey.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 250.

Burden Hours: 63.

Abstract: The Department of Education requires that a formal assessment be conducted to determine the status of AOD and violence prevention efforts and the current and emerging needs of institutions of higher education. The Department will utilize findings in planning and policy development and the contractor will use the findings to help it better meet the needs of its clients.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.132A-3]

Centers for Independent Living; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

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—(a) be a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential, private nonprofit agency as defined in 34 CFR 364.4(b); (b) have the power and authority to meet the requirements in 34 CFR 366.2(a)(1); (c) 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 (d) 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*.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 6, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 6, 1998.

Applications Available: January 9, 1998.

Available Funds: \$1,352,041 as distributed in the following manner:

Arizona	\$53,407
California	244,181
Delaware	50,970
Florida	118,792
Georgia	66,114
Illinois	57,577
Indiana	43,025
Louisiana	29,835
New Jersey	57,811
North Carolina	63,162
Ohio	76,485
Pennsylvania	77,288
Texas	152,128
Guam	53,610
American Samoa	154,046
Northern Mariana Islands	53,610

Estimated Range of Awards: \$29,835-\$154,046.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1–2 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 86; and (b) the regulations for the program in 34 CFR parts 364 and 366.

For Further Information Contact: Merri Pearson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3316, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2741. Telephone: (202) 205–8484 (voice) and (202) 205–8243 (TDD).

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For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Services Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 205–8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205–8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.250G]

Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians with Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Program: To provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted only by the governing bodies of Indian Tribes and consortia of those governing bodies located on Federal or State reservations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 19, 1998.

Applications Available: December 22, 1997.

Available Funds: \$6,200,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$250,000–\$350,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$300,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 20.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates 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, 80, 81, and 82; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 371.

Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards 10 points to an application that meets this competitive

priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

Competitive Preference Priority—Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs

Section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides that in making new awards under this program the Secretary gives priority consideration to applications for the continuation of tribal programs that have been funded under this program. For this competition in fiscal year 1998, the Secretary implements this priority by giving a competitive preference of 10 bonus points, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), to applications that meet this priority.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in § 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Services Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 205–8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205–8717.

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For Further Information Contact: Pamela Martin, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C., 20202–2650. Telephone: (202) 205–8494.

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