

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs (Training Program); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards Under the Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Programs: (a) To provide Federal financial assistance to train the staff and leadership personnel employed in, or preparing for employment in, projects under the Federal TRIO Programs.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education; and public and nonprofit private agencies and organizations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Priorities: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2) and 642.34(a) the Secretary gives competitive preference to applications that meet one or more of the following priorities. The Secretary awards up to 8 1/3 points to an application that provides effective training in one or more of the following subjects:

- (1) Student financial aid.
- (2) General project management for new directors.
- (3) Legislative and regulatory requirements for the operation of the Federal TRIO Programs.
- (4) The design and operation of model programs for projects funded under the Federal TRIO Programs.
- (5) Retention and graduation strategies.
- (6) Counseling.
- (7) Reporting student and project performance.
- (8) Coordinating project activities with other available resources and activities.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: February 20, 1998.

Applications Available: December 22, 1997.

Available Funds: The estimated amount of funds available for this program is based on the FY 1998 Appropriation Act for the Department.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$170,000–\$280,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$250,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 16.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 642.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format, also, by contacting that person. However, the

Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package. Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, 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/](http://gcs.ed.gov/)); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

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