

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Notice Reinviting Applications and Pre-application Meeting for a New Award for a Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose: On March 9, 1998 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 11562) inviting applications for a new FY 1998 award for a RERC on communication enhancement. Satisfactory applications were not received for this priority area. There is a continuing need for this project.

The purposes of this notice are to: (1) reinvite applications for a RERC on communication enhancement for FY 1998; and (2) invite interested parties to participate in a pre-application meeting to discuss the funding priority and receive technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority.

Eligible Applicants: Parties eligible to apply for grants under this program are States; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education; and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Applications Available: June 19, 1998.

Pre-Application Meetings: Interested parties are invited to participate in a pre-application meeting to discuss the funding priority for a RERC on communication enhancement and to receive technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority. The pre-application meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 1998 at the Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Switzer Building, Room 3065, 330 C St. SW, Washington, DC between

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. NIDRR staff will also be available at this location from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on that same day to provide technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority. NIDRR will make alternate arrangements to accommodate interested parties who are unable to attend the pre-application meeting in person.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86; (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 350; and (c) the notice of final priorities published on March 9, 1998 in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 11554); and the notice inviting applications published on March 9, 1998 in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 11562).

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 19, 1998.

Maximum Award Amount Per Year: \$900,000.

Note: The Secretary will reject without consideration or evaluation any application that proposes a project funding level that exceeds the stated maximum award amount per year (See 34 CFR 75.104(b)).

Estimated Number of Awards: 1

Note: The estimate of funding level and awards in this notice do not bind the Department of Education to a specific level of funding or number of grants.

Project Period: 60 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: In order to obtain further information about the funding priority and the pre-application meeting on the RERC on communication enhancement contact William Peterson, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3425 Switzer Building, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. Telephone: (202) 205-9192. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-9136.

In order to obtain an application package, contact Donna Nangle, U.S.

Department of Education, Room 3423 Switzer Building, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. Telephone: (202) 205-5880. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-9136.

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