

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[CFDA Nos. 84.153A and 84.220A]****Business and International Education Program (CFDA 84.153A) and Centers for International Business Education Program (CFDA 84.220A); Notice Inviting Applications For New Awards For Fiscal Year (FY) 1999**

Purpose of Program: (a) The Business and International Education Program provides grants to enhance international business education programs and expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities. (b) The Centers for International Business Education Program provides grants to eligible applicants to pay the Federal share of the cost of planning, establishing, and operating centers for international business.

Eligible Applicants: (a) Institutions of higher education that have entered into agreements with business enterprises, trade organizations, or associations engaged in international economic activity are eligible to apply for a grant under the Business and International Education Program. (b) Institutions of higher education and combinations of institutions of higher education may apply for a grant under the Centers for International Business Education Program.

Applications Available: September 28, 1998.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:

November 13, 1998—(84.153A)

November 16, 1998—(84.220A)

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:

January 12, 1999—(84.153A)

January 15, 1999—(84.220A)

Available Funds: The Congress has not yet enacted a FY 1999 appropriation for the Department of Education. However, the Department is publishing this notice in order to give potential applicants adequate time to prepare applications. The estimated amount of funds available for this program is based on the President's FY 1999 budget.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$50,000–\$90,000—(84.153A)

\$150,000–\$310,000—(84.220A)

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$74,000—(84.153A)

\$264,462—(84.220A)

Estimated Number of Awards:

22—(84.153A)

13—(84.220A)

Project Period:

24 months—(84.153A)

36 months—(84.220A)

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Business and International Education Program grantees shall pay a minimum of 50 percent of the cost of projects for each fiscal year.

Applicable Regulations

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, and 86 apply to the Business and International Education Program and the Centers for International Business Education Program; (b) Specific regulations for the Business and International Education Program in 34 CFR parts 655 and 661; and (c) Because there are no program specific regulations for the Centers for International Business Education Program, applicants are encouraged to read the authorizing statute at section 612 of part B, title VI, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by section 601 of Pub. L. 102–325. In addition, reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is currently pending before the Congress. Some changes to the Centers for International Business Education Program are being proposed. Applicants should review any changes finally enacted for either of these programs.

Selection Criteria

The Secretary selects from the criteria in 34 CFR 75.209 and 75.210 to evaluate applications for the Centers for International Business Education Program. Under 34 CFR 75.201, the Secretary announces in the application package the selection criteria and factors, if any, for this competition and the maximum weight assigned to each criterion.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: For the *Business and International Education Program (84.153A)* contact Sarah T. Beaton and for the *Centers for International Business Education Program (84.220A)* contact Susanna C. Easton. Both of these individuals may be contacted by mail at International Education and Graduate Program Service, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Suite 600C, Portals Building, Washington, DC

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