

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Awards Program for Model Professional Development; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

Purpose of the Program: To recognize a variety of schools and school districts with model professional development activities in the pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade levels that have led to increases in student achievement. The FY 1999 competition focuses on schools and school districts that meet the eligibility and selection criteria for this program, as published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 1997 (62 FR 58870).

Eligible Applicants: Schools and school districts in the States (including schools located on Indian reservations, and in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the outlying areas) that provide educational programs in the pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade levels.

Deadline for the Transmittal of Applications: January 15, 1998.

Applications Available: October 15, 1998. Application packages may be obtained electronically over the World Wide Web at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/inits/teacher/teach/html>

Individuals not having access to the World Wide Web may obtain a copy of the application package by making a request by fax machine at (202) 219-2198, e-mail at sharon_horn@ed.gov, by calling the U.S. Department of Education at (202) 219-2187 and asking for the application package for the "National Awards Program for Model

Professional Development", or by writing to the agency contact identified near the end of this notice.

Estimated Range of Awards: The Department does not intend to make monetary awards.

Estimated Number of Awards: No more than 10.

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

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: The eligibility, selection criteria and selection procedures in the notice of final eligibility and selection criteria, as published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 1997 (62 FR 58870) apply to this competition.

For Applications and Information Contact: To obtain a copy of the application or to obtain information on the program, call or write Sharon Horn, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Room 506E, Washington, DC 20208-5644. Telephone: 202-219-2203. Inquiries also may be sent by e-mail to sharon_horn@ed.gov or by FAX at (202) 219-2198. 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.

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