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Dated: January 31, 2005.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* National Assessment of Educational Progress, Year 2006 Assessment, Reading, Writing.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 20,048.

*Burden Hours:* 5,074.

*Abstract:* The components of this clearance package are for the 2006 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Specifically they are a reading precalibration and a writing pilot for the forthcoming assessment activities.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005**

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.120A.

*Dates:* Applications Available: February 3, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 21, 2005.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 19, 2005.

*Eligible Applicants:* There are four types of MSEIP projects. For institutional, design, and special projects described in 34 CFR 637.12 through 637.14, eligible applicants include public and private nonprofit minority institutions of higher education as defined in section 361(1) and (2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and described later in this notice. For special projects described in 34 CFR 637.14(b) and (c), eligible applicants include nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, institutions of higher education, and consortia or organizations as defined in section 361(3) and (4) of the HEA and described later in this notice. For cooperative projects described in 34 CFR 637.15, eligible applicants are groups of nonprofit accredited colleges and universities whose primary fiscal agent is an eligible minority institution as defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b).

**Note:** A minority institution is defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b) as an accredited college or university whose enrollment of a single minority group or combination of minority groups exceeds 50 percent of the college's or university's total enrollment.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$3,749,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* See chart in Section II. Award Information.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* See chart in Section II. Award Information.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* See chart in Section II. Award Information.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Applicants should periodically check the MSEIP's web site for further information on this program. The address is: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iduesmsi/index.html>.

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

#### **Full Text of Announcement**

##### **I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* The MSEIP is designed to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific and technological careers.

*Priorities:* In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), these priorities are from Section 352 of the HEA.

*Competitive Priorities:* Section 352 of the HEA requires the Secretary to give priority to: (a) Applications from institutions that have not previously received funding from the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program;

(b) Applications from previous grantees with a proven record of success; and

(c) Applications that contribute to achieving balance among funded projects with respect to—(1) Geographic region; (2) Academic discipline; and (3) project type. Competitive Priority points: Applications described in competitive priority (a) above will be awarded 10 priority points. Applications described in competitive priority (b) and (c) above, will receive preference, in the following order, if we have more applications with the same score than we have available funds. First, applications that satisfy the requirements of both (b) and (c); second, applications that satisfy the requirement of (b); and third, applications that satisfy the requirements of (c).

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1067-1067k.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85,

86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 637.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

**II. Award Information**

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$3,749,000.

Type of project	Estimated range of awards	Estimated number of awards	Estimated average size of awards
Institutional .....	\$100,000–\$300,000	20	164,950
Design .....	0	0	0
Special .....	20,000–100,000	5	50,000
Cooperative .....	100,000–500,000	5	200,000

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Applicants should periodically check the MSEIP web site for further information on this program. The address is: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/idadesmsi/index.html>.

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

**III. Eligibility Information**

1. *Eligible Applicants:* (a) For institutional, design, and special projects described in 34 CFR 637.12 through 637.14, eligible applicants are public and private nonprofit minority institutions of higher education as defined in Section 361(1) and (2) of the HEA. Section 361(1) and (2) define such institutions as:

(1) Public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education that:

- (A) Award baccalaureate degrees; and
- (B) Are minority institutions.

(2) Public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education that:

- (A) Award associates degrees; and
- (B) Are minority institutions that:
  - (i) Have a curriculum that includes science or engineering subjects; and
  - (ii) Enter into a partnership with public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees in science and engineering;

(b) For special projects described in 34 CFR 637.14(b) and (c), eligible applicants are nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, institutions of higher education, and consortia of organizations. Section 361(3) and (4) of the HEA defines these types of entities as:

(3) Nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, and institutions of higher education that award baccalaureate degrees, that:

- (A) Provide a needed service to a group of minority institutions; or
- (B) Provide in-service training for project directors, scientists, and engineers from minority institutions; or

(4) Consortia of organizations that provide needed services to one or more minority institutions, the membership of which may include:

- (A) Institutions of higher education that have a curriculum in science or engineering;
- (B) Institutions of higher education that have a graduate or professional program in science or engineering;
- (C) Research laboratories of, or under contract with, the Department of Energy;
- (D) Private organizations that have science or engineering facilities; or
- (E) Quasi-governmental entities that have a significant scientific or engineering mission.

(c) For cooperative projects described in 34 CFR 637.15, eligible entities are groups of nonprofit accredited colleges and universities whose primary fiscal agent is an eligible minority institution as defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b).

**Note:** A minority institution is defined in 34 CFR 637.4(b) as an accredited college or university whose enrollment of a single minority group or combination of minority groups exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This program has no cost sharing or matching requirements.

**IV. Application and Submission Information**

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* Ms. Carolyn Proctor, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th floor, Washington, DC 20006–8517. Telephone: (202) 502–7777 or by e-mail: [OPE\\_MSEIP@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_MSEIP@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille,

large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact persons listed in this section.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

*Page Limit:* We have established a mandatory page limit for the narrative portion for each type of project application. The page limits are as follows:

*Design Project Application:* Applications are not requested for design project grants.

*Institutional and Cooperative Project Application:* The narrative portions must not exceed the equivalent of 20 double-spaced pages.

*Special Project Application:* The narrative portion must not exceed the equivalent of 15 double-spaced pages. You must use the following standards:

- A “page” is 8.5” × 11”, on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles and headings. You may single space the abstract, footnotes, quotations, references, captions, tables, and forms (including the ED Forms), however, you must still use font size 12.

- Use a font that is size 12.
- We will reject your application if—
- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit.
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

3. *Submission Dates and Times:* Applications Available: February 3, 2005.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 21, 2005.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant

Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-Grants system. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically or by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV. 6. Other Submission Requirements in this notice.

We will not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 19, 2005.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* a. *General.* We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

b. *Executive Order 13202:* Applicants that apply for construction funds under MSEIP must comply with Executive Order 13202, signed by President Bush on February 17, 2001 and amended on April 6, 2001. This Executive Order provides that recipients of Federal Construction funds may not "require or prohibit bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors to enter into or adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other constructions project(s)" or "otherwise discriminate against bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors for becoming or refusing to become or remain signatories or otherwise adhere to agreements with one or more labor organizations, on the same or other construction project(s)." However, the Executive Order does not prohibit contractors or subcontractors from voluntarily entering into these agreements.

Projects funded under MSEIP that include construction activity will be provided a copy of this Executive Order and will be asked to certify that that will adhere to it.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:* Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically, unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and

submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.*

Applications for grants under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program-CFDA Number 84.120A must be submitted electronically using e-Application available through the Department's e-Grants system, accessible through the e-Grants portal page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

While completing your electronic application, you will be entering data online that will be saved into a database. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

Please note the following:

- You must complete the electronic submission of your grant application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The e-Application system will not accept an application for this program after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process.

- The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday, Washington, DC time. Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and between 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 6 a.m. on Thursdays, Washington, DC time, for maintenance. Any modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Education Assistance Under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- Any narrative sections of your application should be attached as files

in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.

- Prior to submitting your electronic application, you may wish to print a copy of it for your records.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement that will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

(1) Print the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program from e-Application.

(2) The applicant's Authorizing Representative must sign the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program.

(3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard-copy signature page of the Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program.

(4) Fax the signed Application for Federal Assistance under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program to the Application Control Center at (202) 245-6272.

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on other forms at a later date.

*Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of e-Application System Unavailability:* If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if—

(1) You are a registered user of e-Application and you have initiated an electronic application for this competition; and

(2)(a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or

(b) The e-Application system is unavailable for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.,

Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** (see VII. Agency Contact) or (2) the e-Grants help desk at 1-888-336-8930. If the system is down and therefore the application deadline is extended, an e-mail will be sent to all registered users who have initiated an e-Application. Extensions referred to in this section apply only to the unavailability of the Department's e-Application system.

*Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement:* You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the e-Application system because—

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Department's e-Application system; and
- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevent you from using the Internet to submit your application. If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Carolyn Proctor, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6048, Washington, DC 20006-8517. FAX: (202) 502-7861.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

*b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.*

If you qualify for any exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the

application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

*By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:* U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.120A), 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4260; or

*By mail through a commercial carrier:* U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center—Stop 4260, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.120A), 7100 Old Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785-1506.

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark,

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service,

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark, or
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

*c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application, by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.120A), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

*Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:* If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department:

- (1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the

Department—in Item 4 of the ED 424 the CFDA number—and suffix letter, if any—of the competition under which you are submitting your application.

(2) The Application Control Center will mail a grant application receipt acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the grant application receipt acknowledgment within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

**V. Application Review Information**

*Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this program are in 34 CFR 637.32.

**VI. Award Administration Information**

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Reporting:* At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118 and 34 CFR 75.720.

4. *Performance Measures:* The Secretary plans to establish new performance measures for the MSEIP and will provide the key measures for assessing effectiveness to successful applicants.

**VII. Agency Contact**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Carolyn Proctor, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Telephone: (202) 502-7777 or by e-mail: [OPE\\_MSEIP@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_MSEIP@ed.gov).

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### VIII. Other Information

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

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Dated: January 31, 2005.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.031S.

**DATES:** Applications Available: February 3, 2005.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 21, 2005.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 19, 2005.

*Eligible Applicants:* Except as noted below, institutions of higher education that qualify as eligible Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) are eligible to apply for new Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. The requirements for satisfying the definition of an eligible HSI are in the Notice Inviting

Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for Fiscal Year 2005 that was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2004 (69 FR 69589).

The complete HSI eligibility requirements are in 34 CFR 606.2 through 606.5 and can be accessed from the following Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

### Relationship Between HSI and Title III, Part A Programs

**Note 1:** A grantee under the Developing HSI Program, authorized under Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may not receive a grant under any HEA, Title III, Part A Program. The Title III, Part A Programs include the Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs. Further, a current Developing HSI Program grantee may not give up its grant in order to receive a grant under any Title III, Part A Program.

**Note 2:** An HSI that does not fall within the limitation described in Note 1 may apply for a FY 2005 grant under all Title III, Part A Programs for which it is eligible, as well as under the Developing HSI Program. However, a successful applicant may receive only one grant.

*Estimated Available Funds:*  
\$26,549,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:*  
\$475,000-\$700,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:*  
Individual Development Grant:  
\$496,000 per year. Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant:  
\$650,000 per year.

*Estimated Number of Awards:*  
Individual Development Awards: 43.  
Cooperative Arrangement Development Awards: 8.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. Applicants should periodically check the HSI Program Web site for further information. The address is: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/dueshsi/index.html>.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The Developing HSI Program assists HSIs to expand educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students. The Developing HSI Program also enables HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability.

*Priorities:* This competition includes two competitive preference priorities taken from the statute for this program. These priorities are as follows:

In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), the following priorities are from sections 511(d) and 514(b) of the HEA.

*Competitive Preference Priorities:* For FY 2005, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. These priorities are:

*Competitive Preference Priority 1:*  
Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional five (5) points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority. Section 511(d) of the HEA provides that we must give priority to applications for development grants that contain satisfactory evidence that the HSI has entered into, or will enter into, a collaborative arrangement with at least one local educational agency or community-based organization to provide that agency or organization with assistance (from funds other than funds provided under Title V of the HEA) in reducing dropout rates for Hispanic students, improving rates of academic achievement for Hispanic students, and increasing the rates at which Hispanic secondary school graduates enroll in higher education.

*Competitive Preference Priority 2:*  
Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(ii) we give preference to an application that meets this priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priority. Section 514(b) of the HEA provides that we must give priority to applications for cooperative arrangement grants that are geographically and economically sound or will benefit the applicant HSI.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1101-1101d, 1103-1103g.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 606.

#### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grant. Five-year Individual Development Grants and Cooperative Arrangement Development Grants will be awarded in FY 2005. Planning grants will not be awarded in FY 2005.

*Estimated Available Funds:*  
\$26,549,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:*  
\$475,000-\$700,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:*  
Individual Development Grant:  
\$496,000 per year. Cooperative Arrangement Development Grant:  
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