

criteria, each of approximate equal weight.

1. Extent that the proposed University Center investment addresses the economic development needs, issues and opportunities of the proposed service area.

2. Extent that the service and value of the proposed University Center investment is unique, or fills a void not offered by other organizations in the proposed service area that provide potentially complementary or duplicate services.

3. Extent that the proposed University Center investment will maximize coordination with those other entities in "2" and will minimize the duplication of the services provided by those entities.

4. Likelihood that the proposed University Center investment will benefit economically distressed areas as defined in part III.

5. Extent that the proposed University Center investment will access, take advantage of, and be supported by the other resources of the sponsoring institutions.

6. Degree of evidence demonstrating the support and commitment (both financial and nonfinancial) of the proposed University Center investment from the leadership of the sponsoring institution for the University Center and its activities.

C. Support for Existing University Center Network

Funds to establish new University Centers will be available only if an existing University Center withdraws or is dropped from the program.

XI. Program: Economic Adjustment Assistance—(Pub. L. 89-136, as Amended by Pub. L. 105-393, 42 U.S.C. 3149)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.307 Economic Adjustment Assistance)

Funds in the amount of \$40,634,150 have been appropriated for funding under the Economic Adjustment Assistance program. Of this amount, \$16,900,000 is available for economic adjustment projects located in regions impacted by coal industry downsizing, timber industry issues and Alaska fishing-dependent communities. The average funding level for an Economic Adjustment investment in FY 2002 was \$508,600. This amount is not intended to restrict the size of future awards.

XII. Program: Research and Evaluation—(Pub. L. 89-136, as amended by Pub. L. 105-393, 42 U.S.C. 3147)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.312 Economic Development—Research and Evaluation Program)

Funds in the amount of \$496,750 have been appropriated for this program. The average funding level for an investment in FY 2002 was \$105,000. This amount is not intended to restrict the size of future awards.

Multi-year funding may be available for this program. Funding for each year's activities is contingent upon continued satisfactory performance during the preceding period, the availability of program funds, and will be at EDA's sole discretion.

A separate **Federal Register** notice(s) will set forth the application process, specific funding priorities, and time frames for certain research and evaluation investments. For further information, contact: John J. McNamee, Director, Research and National Technical Assistance Division, Economic Development Administration, Room 7019, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Telephone: (202) 482-2309.

XIII. Program: Trade Adjustment Assistance—Title II Chapters 3 and 5 of the Trade Act of 1974, as Amended by Pub. L. 93-618, 98-120, 98-369, 99-272, 99-514, 100-418, 103-66, 105-277, 107-210; 19 U.S.C. 2341-2391

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.313 Economic Development—Trade Adjustment Assistance)

Funds in the amount of \$10,431,750 have been appropriated for this program. EDA expects these funds will be used to support the existing network of Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs). The average funding level for a TAAC in FY 2002 was \$875,000. This amount is not intended to restrict the size of future awards. Continuation grants will not be competed. No new TAACs are expected this fiscal year. For further information on this program contact: Anthony J. Meyer, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance, Planning and Development Assistance Division, Economic Development Administration, Room 7317, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Telephone: (202) 482-2127.

XIV. Other Information and Requirements

EDA regulations at 13 CFR chapter III are available on the EDA Web site <http://www.doc.gov/eda>. The

Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation and can be found on EDA's Web site <http://www.doc.gov/eda>. Certain Departmental and other requirements are noted below:

A. Projects are expected to be completed in a timely manner consistent with the nature of the project. For Public Works and most Economic Adjustment implementation investments, the maximum period for which assistance will be made available is generally not more than five years from the date of award.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This notice involves a collection of information requirement subject to the provisions of the PRA and has been approved by OMB under Control Number 0610-0094. The EDA preapplication (ED-900P) and application (ED-900A), which incorporates the SF-424, are the forms in the EDA application kit, approved under the aforementioned OMB control number.

C. The implementing regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) require EDA to provide public notice of the availability of project specific environmental documents such as environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, findings of no significant impact, records of decision etc., to the affected public as specified in 40 CFR 1506.6(b).

Depending on the project location, environmental information concerning specific projects can be obtained from the Regional Environmental Officer (REO) in the appropriate EDA regional office listed in part XVI.

D. If an application is selected for funding, EDA has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with an award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the sole discretion of EDA.

E. EDA will notify unsuccessful applicants in writing and unsuccessful applications will be maintained in the