

and is estimated to take twenty hours to complete. This report will be submitted in hard copy and on electronic disk using a format and following instructions that will be provided by ODEP. A draft of the final report is due to the ODEP thirty (30) days before the termination of the grant. The final report is due to ODEP sixty (60) days following the termination of the grant.

The Department has established priorities for FY 2003 as noted in the introduction of part VII—Government Requirements/Statement of Work. Innovative State Alignment Grants for Improving Transition Outcomes grantees will be expected to support these priorities.

ODEP may arrange for and conduct an independent evaluation of the outcomes, impacts, and accomplishments of each funded project. Grantees must agree to make available records on all parts of project activity, including participant post secondary and employment data, and to provide access to personnel, as specified by the evaluator(s), under the direction of ODEP. This independent evaluation is separate from the ongoing evaluation for continuous improvement required of the grantee for project implementation. Grantees must also agree to collaborate with other research institutes, centers, studies, and evaluations that are supported by DOL and other relevant Federal agencies, as appropriate. Finally, Grantees must agree to actively utilize the programs sponsored by the ODEP, including the Job Accommodation Network, (<http://www.jan.wvu.edu>), and the Employer Assistance Referral Network (<http://www.earnworks.com>).

Part IX. Review Process and Evaluation Criteria

All applications will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements of this notice. A careful evaluation of applications will be made by a technical review panel, which will evaluate the applications against the rating criteria

listed in this SGA. The panel results are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Officer. The Department may elect to award grants either with or without discussion with the applicant. In situations without discussions, an award will be based on the applicant's signature on the SF 424, which constitutes a binding offer. The Grant Officer may consider any information that is available and will make final award decisions based on what is most advantageous to the Government, considering factors such as:

Panel findings; Geographic distribution of the competitive applications and the currently existing Youth Innovative Grants (NAPA and San Diego, CA; Kapolei, HI; Chicago, IL; Greenfield, IN; Wheaton, MD; Detroit, MI; Bloomington, MN; Jackson, MS; New York, NY; Oklahoma City, OK; Portland, OR; Philadelphia, PA; Falls Church, VA; and Seattle, WA); and Availability of funds.

Part X. Administration Provisions

I. A. Administrative Standards and Provisions

Grantees are strongly encouraged to read these regulations before submitting a proposal. The grants awarded under this SGA shall be subject to the following as applicable:

- 29 CFR part 95—Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, and With Commercial Organizations, Foreign Governments, Organizations Under the Jurisdiction of Foreign Governments, and International Organizations.
- 29 CFR part 96—Audit Requirements for Grants, Contracts, and Other Agreements.
- 29 CFR part 97—Uniform Administrative Requirement for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

II. B. Allowable Costs

Determinations of allowable costs shall be made in accordance with the

following Federal cost principles as applicable:

- State and Local Government—OMB Circular A-87.
- Nonprofit Organizations—OMB Circular A-122.
- Profit-Making Commercial Firms—48 CFR part 31.

Profit will *not* be considered an allowable cost in any case.

III. C. Grant Assurances

As a condition of the award, the applicant must certify that it will comply fully with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the following laws:

- 29 CFR part 31—Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Labor, effectuation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 29 CFR part 32—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Assistance. (Implementing section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. 794).
- 29 CFR part 36—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance. (Implementing title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).

Signed in Washington, DC this 10th day of June, 2003.

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Grant Officer.

Appendix A. Application for Federal Assistance, Form SF 424

Appendix B. Budget Information Sheet, Form SF 424A

Appendix C. Assurances and Certifications Signature Page

Appendix D. Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity

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