

the IRI process. The IRI process brings together diverse professionals from rehabilitation to publish and distribute best practices related to topics selected based on their immediate relevance to the field. IRIs contribute significantly to enhanced staff knowledge and skill and to improved service to persons with disabilities throughout the rehabilitation field. In addition, because of the nature of the IRI PSG process, PSG members establish professional relationships with others on a national basis and enhance their own understanding of the topic, professional writing, and trends of national importance in the rehabilitation field. One anecdotal benefit of IRI participation has been that PSG members often return to their employment with an increased commitment to rehabilitation. Benefits to the Federal Government include the production of a low-cost, high quality tool for the training and development of rehabilitation staff, positive regard from our professional partners, and improved services to individuals with disabilities.

#### **Intergovernmental Review**

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance. This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

*Applicable Program Regulations:* 34 CFR parts 385 and 389.

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