

conducting a separate general competition for an estimated \$24,318,750 in funds available for both novice and non-novice applicants. Notices pertaining to that competition were published in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 2003 (68 FR 33318–33323).

Range of Awards: \$300,000–\$500,000.

In previous grant competitions, applicants have routinely requested more money than the above award ranges dictate. As a result, plans submitted to the Department have included any number of activities that could only be made possible if an applicant received a funding amount much higher than intended in the award range. Based on this experience, the Department will fund only those applications that correctly request funds within the award range specified in this notice. Therefore, applicants who request more than \$500,000 will be declared ineligible and will not receive funding.

Note: The size of awards will be based on a number of factors. These factors will include the scope, quality, and comprehensiveness of the proposed program, and the recommended range of awards indicated above.

Matching Requirement: Pursuant to Section 5512(c) of ESEA, as amended by NCLB, Federal funds may not pay for more than 50 percent of total project costs. In order to apply for and receive a grant award under this competition,

each applicant must furnish from nonfederal sources at least 50 percent of its total project costs. Applicants may satisfy this requirement in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including services.

Note: The U.S. Department of Education is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: 12 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99 and (b) the regulations in the notice of final priority, program requirements, and selection criteria for FY 2003 as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Priority: This competition gives an absolute priority to applicants that meet the conditions outlined in the Notice of Final Priority for this program, which is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need further assistance and need to speak with someone in the CTC program, you may contact Gisela Harkin by phone at (202) 205–4238, by mail at 330 C Street, SW., Room 4324, Washington, DC 20202, or via e-mail at commtech.center@ed.gov.

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