

(EDT) on September 19, 2003.

Applications received after the closing date will be classified as late and not considered for funding. Applications should be mailed to: ACYF Operations Center, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: 1-800-351-2293, E-mail: HSB@esilsg.org.

Application for Head Start Discretionary Grants: Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Applications received after the closing date and time will be classified as late. Applicants will receive a confirmation postcard upon receipt of their application package.

Applications hand carried by applicants, courier services, or by overnight/express mail couriers shall be considered as meeting the announced deadline only if they are received on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the ACYF Operations Center, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

ACYF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACYF electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt.

Late applications: Applications, which do not meet the criteria above, are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered.

Extension of deadlines: ACF may extend an application deadline for applicants affected by acts of God such as floods, hurricanes, or when there is widespread disruption of the mails, or when it is anticipated that many applications will come from rural or remote areas. A determination to waive or extend deadline requirements rests with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

E. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the Department is required to submit to OMB for review and approval any reporting and record keeping requirements in regulations including program announcements. All information collections within this program announcement are approved under the following current valid OMB

control number 0970-0139 which expires 12/31/2003.

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 10 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed and reviewing the collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

F. Required Notification of the State Single Point of Contact

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and 45 CFR part 100, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Program and Activities. Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, and Palau have elected to participate in the Executive Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these twenty-six jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applicants for projects to be administered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372.

All remaining jurisdictions participate in the Executive Order process and have established SPOCs. Applicants from participating jurisdictions should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive instructions. The applicant must submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of the submittal (or the date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a. Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the Federal program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. A listing of the SPOC for each participating state and territory with contact and address information is

available at <http://whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards.

SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the accommodate or explain rule.

When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: William Wilson, ACYF/Office of Grants Management, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: Head Start Partnerships with Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities. A list of the Single Points of Contact for each State and Territory can be found on the Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Dated: July 14, 2003.

Joan E. Ohl,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

Appendix A—HBCUs That Have Received Partnerships Grants

1997 Institutions (Expired 2001)

South Carolina State University
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Texas Southern University
North Carolina Central University
Kentucky State University
Howard University
Tennessee State University
Jackson State University

1998 Institutions (Expiring 2003)

Delaware State University
The University of the District of Columbia
University of Maryland—Eastern Shore
Florida A & M University
Shaw University
Norfolk State University
Hampton University

1999 Institutions (Expiring 2003)

Howard University
Southern University and A&M College
Council Trenholm State Technical College
Kentucky State University
Dillard University
Bluefield State College

2000 Institutions (Expiring 2004)

Harris-Stowe State College
Kentucky State University
North Carolina Central University
Southern University and A&M College
Texas Southern University
The University of the District of Columbia
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Bluefield State University

2001 Institutions (Expiring 2005)

Spelman College