

coursework and credits will be linked to academic credits and course sequences leading to academic degrees. Applicant should indicate how many Head Start and Early Head Start staff members will be included in this effort.

7. Describe the organizational structure that will support the project objectives. Indicate how joint planning and assessment with the AIANPB Head Start and Early Head Start grantees will be implemented with timelines and clear lines of responsibility. Indicate how project staff positions are assigned and describe their major functions and responsibilities.

8. Describe the role the institution will play in the TCU consortium funded under this initiative, and as a partner in the national training and technical assistance network.

9. Describe the activities that will continue after the completion of this project that will ensure that the TCU will continue to participate in providing educational opportunities for AIANPB Head Start and Early Head Start staff.

Criterion 2. Results or Benefits Expected: (20 points)

The extent to which the application identifies the results and benefits to be derived; describes the anticipated contribution to policy, practice, theory and/or research; specific benefits should be described for both the TCU and AIANPB Head Start program.

The Head Start Bureau is particularly interested in the following:

1. Based on the stated program objectives, identify the results and benefits to be derived. Identify the specific results or benefits that could be expected for the Head Start grantees and the TCU. Describe how Head Start children will benefit from the project.

2. Identify both qualitative and quantitative data the program will collect to measure progress towards the stated results or benefits. Identify how the program will determine the extent to which it has achieved its stated objectives.

3. To propose academic training leading to a college degree, provide a projection of the estimated number of teachers that will earn degrees over the duration of the project based on an analysis of the current levels of credits/courses earned by participants and a proposed sequence of courses.

Criterion 3. Budget and Budget Justification: (15 Points)

The extent to which the project's costs are reasonable in view of the activities to be carried out and the anticipated outcomes.

Applicable Administrative Regulations

Applicable administrative regulations include 45 CFR part 74, Administration of Grants, for profit agencies and 45CFR part 92, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and local Governments.

Post-Award Reporting Requirements

Post-Award Reporting Requirements include submission of quarterly programmatic and budget reports. Program reports must clearly outline status on the accomplishment of stated goals and objectives. Financial reports must provide status of budget expenditures, as well as identifying any projected savings or shortages.

Criterion 4. Objectives and Need for Assistance: (10 Points)

The extent to which the application identifies relevant physical, economic, social, financial, institutional or other problems requiring a grant; demonstrates the need for assistance; states the principal and subordinate objectives of the project; provides supporting documentation or other testimonies from concerned interests other than the applicant.

The Head Start Bureau is particularly interested in the following:

1. State the objectives for the program. Indicate how these objectives are based on an assessment of community needs and how they relate to Head Start goals. Describe the process used to assess the need for the proposed program including the total number of staff needing training, including preschool and infant/toddler teachers. If an assessment already exists, the applicant should describe the process used and explain any additional consultation as it relates to the development of the proposed program.

2. Specifically identify the population to be served. Indicate the AIANPB Head Start and Early Head Start grantees that are proposed as participating partners, the numbers and types of staff to be trained and the proposed areas of training, courses, and/or degrees to be awarded, as appropriate.

3. Describe the development of institution's agreement with Head Start partnerships and any other consultation related to the development of the proposed initiative. Describe any efforts to frame the proposed initiative within broader state or community efforts to enhance professional and career development for staff in all forms of early childhood and child care programs. Include support letters that document consultation and support

from the proposed grantee or delegate agency partners, the Regional Head Start Quality Improvement Center (QICs), the Head Start State Collaboration Office, and any existing state early care and education initiatives.

Criterion 5. Geographic Location: (10 Points)

The extent to which the application gives a precise location of the project and area to be served, including the location of the AIANPB Head Start and Early Head Start grantees.

B. Review Process

Applications received by the due date will be reviewed and scored competitively. Experts in the field, generally persons from outside the Federal government, will use the evaluation criteria listed in part III of this announcement to review and score the applications. The results of this review are a primary factor in making funding decisions. ACYF may also solicit comments from ACF Regional Office staff and other Federal agencies.

Part V. Instructions For Submitting Applications

A. Required Forms

Eligible applicants interested in applying for funds must submit a complete application including the required forms included at the end of this program announcement. In order to be considered for a grant under this announcement, an application must be submitted on the Standard Form 424 (approved by the Office of Management and Budget under Control Number 0348-0043). A copy has been provided. Each application must be signed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant and to assume responsibility for the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of the grant award. Applicants requesting financial assistance for non-construction projects must file the Standard Form 424B, Assurances: Non-Construction Programs (approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0348-0040). Applicants must sign and return the Standard Form 424B with their application. Applicants must provide a certification concerning lobbying. Prior to receiving an award in excess of \$100,000, applicants shall furnish an executed copy of the lobbying certification (approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0348-0046). Applicants must sign and return the certification with their application.

Applicants must make the appropriate certification of their compliance with