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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Indian Education; Professional Development Program, Notice Inviting Applications for New Discretionary Grant Program Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose of Program: The purposes of the Professional Development program are to (1) increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indian people; (2) provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers, administrators, teacher aides, social workers, and ancillary educational personnel; and (3) improve the skills of qualified Indian individuals who serve in the capacities described in (2). Activities may include, but are not limited to, continuing programs, symposia, workshops, conferences, and direct financial support. For FY 2003 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priority described in the Priority section of this application notice.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for this program are institutions of higher education, including Indian institutions of higher education; State or local educational agencies, in consortium with institutions of higher education; Indian tribes or organizations, in consortium with institutions of higher education; and Bureau-funded schools. An application from a consortium of eligible entities must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129. The consortium agreement, signed by all parties, must be submitted with the application in order to be considered as a consortium application.

Note: Letters of support do *not* meet the consortium requirements. The Secretary rejects any application that does not meet these requirements.

Note: In order to be considered an eligible entity, applicants, including institutions of higher education, must be eligible to provide the level and type of degree proposed in the application or must apply in consortium with an institution of higher education that is eligible to grant the target degree. The Secretary rejects any application that fails to meet the consortium requirements described in this notice.

Applications Available: July 24, 2003.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: August 25, 2003.

Deadline for Intergovernmental

Review: September 9, 2003.

Estimated Available Funds:
\$2,484,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:
\$310,500.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8.

Project Period: 36 months.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Budget Requirement: Projects funded under this competition must budget for a two-day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, DC during each year of the project.

Maximum Annual Award Amount: in no case does the Secretary make an award greater than \$500,000 for a single budget period of 12 months for the first 24 months of the award period. The last 12-month budget period of a 36-month award will be limited to induction services only at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. The Secretary rejects any application that proposes a budget exceeding these maximum amounts.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where an applicant addresses the selection criteria that are used by reviewers in evaluating the application. An applicant must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 50 double-spaced pages, using the following standards:

(1) A "page" is 8½" x 11" (one side only) with one-inch margins (top, bottom and sides).

(2) All text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs, must be double-spaced (no more than three lines per vertical inch).

(3) For all text (including charts, tables, and graphs), use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, appendices, resumes, bibliography, and letters of support. However, all of the application narrative addressing the selection criteria must be included in the narrative section.

Reviewers will not read any pages of applications that—

- Exceed the page limit if you apply these standards; or
- Exceed the equivalent of the page limit if you apply other standards.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98 and 99; and (b) 34 CFR part 263.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.