

### 3, Employment Outcomes: Economic Policy and Labor Market Trends.

#### Priority 2—Research Infrastructure Capacity Building

The Assistant Secretary will fund one DRRP that will focus on a research, development, and dissemination project on Research Infrastructure Capacity Building. The reference for this topic can be found in the Plan, chapter 9, Capacity Building: Priorities in Capacity Building. In carrying out this priority the DRRP must:

(1) Develop and evaluate an innovative method(s) for establishing long-term collaborative research partnerships, with an emphasis on relationships among minority entities, Indian tribes, and nonminority entities;

(2) Research, develop, and evaluate strategies to assess the efficacy of existing research theories, methodologies, and measures for studying and describing underrepresented individuals with disabilities from minority racial and ethnic populations and their needs;

(3) Research, identify and modify or develop, and evaluate scientifically valid measurement strategies and methodologies for research involving the study of underrepresented minority racial and ethnic populations; determine their efficacy; and examine the implications of introducing newly developed approaches designed specifically for the study of this population;

(4) Develop and evaluate research principles or standards for culturally appropriate and linguistically competent disability and rehabilitation research, and disseminate guidelines; and

(5) Develop, implement, and evaluate approaches for disseminating research findings, information about best practices for research involving underrepresented minority racial and ethnic populations, and information about research collaboration.

In carrying out the purposes of the priority, the DRRP must:

- In the first three months of the grant, develop and implement a research partnership plan ensuring that all activities are predominantly focused on research infrastructure capacity building and provide for mutual benefit for each member of the partnership, including persons with disabilities or their representatives;

- In the first year of the grant, implement a plan to disseminate research results;

- In the third year of the grant, conduct a state-of-the-science

conference focused on the funded area of research and related topics;

- In the fourth year of the grant, publish and disseminate a comprehensive report on the outcomes and proceedings of the conference;

- Demonstrate how the research project can transfer research findings to practical applications in planning, policy-making, program administration, and delivery of services to individuals with disabilities; and

- Conduct ongoing program evaluation and produce a closing report describing research outcomes, as they relate to the research goals and objectives, and future directions for research infrastructure development and capacity building.

#### Priority 3—Resource and Technical Assistance Center on Parenting with a Disability

The Assistant Secretary will fund one DRRP that will focus a dissemination, utilization, training, and technical assistance project to be a “Resource and Technical Assistance Center on Parenting with a Disability.” The references for this topic can be found in the Plan, chapter 2, Dimensions of Disability: Disability, Employment, and Independent Living, and chapter 8, Knowledge Dissemination and Utilization: Overview. The DRRP must:

(1) Develop quality standards to guide the identification of information for dissemination;

(2) Provide information and technical assistance to people with disabilities who are or wish to be parents. A variety of methods and tools will be developed to provide information and technical assistance. Tools might include such items as: catalogues and listings of assistive technology, fact sheets, and articles for publication in various media. Methods to reach interested parties might include: interactive features of the Internet, wide area telephone service, presentations at meetings or conferences and personal visits;

(3) Develop parent-to-parent support methods, including approaches for sharing of information about “best practices” in parenting with a disability;

(4) Train parents, potential parents, service providers, and others on issues relating to parenting with a disability and the research, information, and services available to them; and

(5) Evaluate project technical assistance and information dissemination activities.

In carrying out the purposes of the priority, the DRRP must:

- Through consultation with the NIDRR project officer, coordinate and

establish partnerships, as appropriate, with other projects sponsored by OSERS, academic institutions, and organizations that are relevant to the project’s proposed activities;

- Demonstrate how the project will yield measurable results for people with disabilities;

- Identify specific performance targets and propose outcome indicators, along with time lines to reach these targets; and

- Using information developed from the project’s dissemination, training, and technical assistance activities, with emphasis on materials from NIDRR projects, provide materials, consultation, technical assistance, and related capacity-building activities to NIDRR grantees on how to assist parents with disabilities.

#### Priority 4—Development Projects

The Assistant Secretary will fund one or more DRRPs that will focus on stabilizing and improving lives of persons with disabilities. In carrying out the purposes of the priority, projects awarded under each of the following topics, in consultation with the NIDRR project officer, must:

- Coordinate and establish partnerships, as appropriate, with other academic institutions and organizations that are relevant to the project’s proposed activities;

- Demonstrate use of culturally appropriate data collection, evaluation, dissemination, training, and development methodologies and significant knowledge of the needs of individuals with disabilities from traditionally underserved populations;

- Involve, as appropriate, individuals with disabilities or their family members, or both, in all aspects of development as well as in the design of clinical services and dissemination activities;

- Demonstrate how the project will yield measurable results for people with disabilities;

- Identify specific performance targets and propose outcome indicators, along with time lines to reach these targets; and

- Disseminate findings on products and technologies to appropriate audiences, including information on best practices, where applicable.

An applicant must propose development activities and dissemination of findings under one of the following topics:

(a) *Voting Access and Privacy*. Under this topic, a project must develop technologies, strategies, and approaches that can be used to improve and expand access, including physical accessibility,