

this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We request your participation in e-Application. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for its improvement.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operation. We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to initiate an e-Application package.
- You will not receive additional point value because you submit a grant application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit an application in paper format.
- You may submit all documents electronically, including the Title Page which substitutes for ED 424 in the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, the Budget Summary Sheet which substitutes for ED 524 in the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- Your e-Application must comply with any page limit requirements described in this notice.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).
- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Title Page, which substitutes for ED 424 in the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print the Title Page, which substitutes for ED 424, from e-Application.
2. The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign the Title Page, which substitutes for ED 424.
3. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the Title Page, which substitutes for ED 424.
4. Fax the signed Title Page, which substitutes for ED 424, to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on other forms at a later date.
- *Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability:* If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Program for North American Mobility in

Higher Education and you are prevented from submitting your application on the application deadline date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension—

1. You must be a registered user of e-Application, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and
2. (a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or  
(b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date.

The Department must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm the Department's acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

*For Applications Contact:* Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), PO Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free) 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>.

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.116N.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7500 or via Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/FIPSE>.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact number listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **RIN 1820 ZA31**

#### **National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of final priority.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services establishes a final priority for one new award under the Assistive Technology Act (AT Act) Technical Assistance Program (TA) for NIDRR. The Assistant Secretary may use this priority for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2003 and later years. We take this action to focus attention on an area of national need. We intend this priority to measure and improve the outcomes of the Assistive Technology (AT) State