

rehabilitative outcome(s) for patients treated at Navy-Marine Corps medical facilities; To track persons through the medical chain of evacuation, to relate outcomes with medical care received, and to conduct research studies and analyses; to track active duty personnel initially treated at these facilities throughout the medical chain of evacuation and on through long-term rehabilitative care; to provide Navy-Marine Corps data to the Joint Theater Trauma Registry at the Institute of Surgical Research, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, for the aggregation of Army, Navy, and Air Force combat casualty data.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of system of record notices also apply to this system, except as identified below.

**Note 1:** This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

**Note 2:** Personal identity, diagnosis, prognosis or treatment information of any patient maintained in connection with the performance of any program or activity relating to substance abuse education, prevention, training, treatment, rehabilitation, or research, which is conducted, regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted by any department or agency of the United States, except as provided in 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2, will be treated as confidential and will be disclosed only for the purposes and under the circumstances expressly authorized under 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2. The "Blanket Routine Uses" do not apply to these types of records.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS:**

**STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders and electronic storage media.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Individual's name and Social Security Number (SSN).

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are located in restricted areas accessible only to authorized personnel that are properly screened, cleared, and trained. Automated information is password protected and encrypted. Automated and manual records are available only to authorized personnel having a need-to-know.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Permanent.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Policy Official: Commanding Officer, Naval Health Research Center, P.O. Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

Record Holder: Principal Investigator, Navy-Marine Corps Combat Trauma Registry, Naval Health Research Center, P.O. Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the Principal Investigator, Navy-Marine Corps Combat Trauma Registry, Naval Health Research Center, P.O. Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

The request should include the individual's full name, Social Security Number (SSN), complete mailing address, and must be signed by the service member requesting the information.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Principal Investigator, Navy-Marine Corps Combat Trauma Registry, Naval Health Research Center, P.O. Box 85122, San Diego, CA 92186-5122.

The request should include the individual's full name, Social Security Number (SSN), complete mailing address, and must be signed by the service member requesting the information.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:**

The Navy's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5; 32 CFR part 701; or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Individual theater medical registry forms; medical records at Landstuhl

Regional Medical Center, Germany (LRMC); National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda (NNMC); autopsy records at Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC (AFIP); Career History Archival Medical and Personnel System (CHAMPS); Civil Composite Health Care System (CHCS); Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS); Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Joint Patient Tracking Application (JPTA); Joint Theater Trauma Registry (JTTR); and TRICARE Management Activity (TMA).

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Overview Information; Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues in Persistently Dangerous Schools; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007**

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.184V.*

*Dates: Applications Available: July 9, 2007.*

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 8, 2007.*

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 7, 2007.*

**Full Text of Announcement**

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* The Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues in Persistently Dangerous Schools Program supports the implementation of programs, activities, and strategies that address youth violence and related issues in local educational agencies (LEAs) with schools that have been identified as persistently dangerous for school year 2006-2007 pursuant to section 9532 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

*Priority:* We are establishing this priority for the FY 2007 grant competition and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1).

*Absolute Priority:* This priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

This priority supports LEA projects that are designed to address violence and related issues, such as gang activity, in schools operated by the LEA that have been identified by the State (consistent with the requirements in section 9532 of the ESEA) as persistently dangerous. Eligible LEAs may also propose activities that address violence and related issues in schools in the LEA that are at risk of becoming persistently dangerous based on objective criteria under the State's definition of persistently dangerous, and system-wide activities that would prevent other schools operated by the LEA from being identified as persistently dangerous in the future.

**Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking:**

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed priorities. Section 437(d)(1) of GEPA, however, allows the Secretary to exempt from rulemaking requirements, regulations governing the first grant competition under a new or substantially revised program authority. This is the first grant competition for this program authorized as part of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-28) and therefore qualifies for this exemption. In order to ensure timely grant awards, the Secretary has decided to forego public comment on the priority under section 437(d)(1) of GEPA. This priority will apply to the FY 2007 grant competition and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7131; Section 5502, Title V, Chapter 5, of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-28).

**Applicable Regulations:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 97, 98, 99, and 299.

## II. Award Information

**Type of Award:** Discretionary grants.

**Estimated Available Funds:**

\$8,594,000. Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2008 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

**Estimated Range of Awards:**

\$250,000-\$3,000,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:**

\$661,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 13.

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

**Project Period:** Up to 18 months.

## III. Eligibility Information

1. **Eligible Applicants:** LEAs in which at least one school was identified as persistently dangerous in the school year 2006-2007 and certified by the State, as part of the State educational agency's (SEA's) annual Consolidated State Performance Report, as a persistently dangerous school under section 9532 of the ESEA by March 31, 2007.

2. **Cost Sharing or Matching:** This competition does not require cost sharing or matching.

3. **Other: (a) Equitable Participation by Private School Children and Teachers:** Section 9501 of the ESEA requires that SEAs, LEAs, or other entities receiving funds under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act provide for the equitable participation of private school children, their teachers, and other educational personnel in private schools located in areas served by the grant recipient. In order to ensure that grant program activities address the needs of private school children, LEAs must engage in timely and meaningful consultation with private school officials during the design and development of the program. This consultation must take place before any decision is made that affects the opportunities of eligible private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel to participate.

In order to ensure equitable participation of private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel, an LEA must consult with private school officials on youth violence and related issues for private schools in the LEA's service area.

(b) **Maintenance of Effort:** Section 9521 of the ESEA requires that LEAs may receive a grant only if the SEA finds that the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of the LEA and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by the LEA for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90 percent of the combined effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

1. **Address to Request Application Package:** You can obtain an application package via the Internet, or from the program office.

To obtain a copy via the Internet, use the following address: <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>.

To obtain a copy from the program office, contact: Michelle Padilla, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E246, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Telephone: (202) 260-2648 or by e-mail: [michelle.padilla@ed.gov](mailto:michelle.padilla@ed.gov).

If you use a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person in this section.

2. **Content and Form of Application Submission:** Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this competition.

**Page Limit:** The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the application narrative to the equivalent of no more than 25 pages, using the following standards:

- A page is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and on both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative. Titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs, can be single spaced.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.
- Number all pages consecutively using the style 1 of 25, 2 of 25, and so forth.

- Include a Table of Contents with page references. The 25-page limit does not apply to the Table of Contents, the cover sheet, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification, the assurances and certifications, or the one-page abstract or resumes.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of the narrative portion of your application that—

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

3. **Submission Dates and Times:**

*Applications Available:* July 9, 2007.  
*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* August 8, 2007.

Applications for grants under this competition may be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov), or in paper format by mail or hand delivery. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format, by mail or hand delivery, please refer to section IV. 6. *Other Submission Requirements* in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII in this notice. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* September 7, 2007.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the Applicable Regulations section in this notice.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:* Applications for grants under this competition may be submitted electronically or in paper format by mail or hand delivery.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.*

To comply with the President's Management Agenda, we are participating as a partner in the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site. The Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues in Persistently Dangerous Schools program, CFDA Number 84.184V, is included in this project. We request your participation in Grants.gov.

If you choose to submit your application electronically, you must use the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at <http://www.Grants.gov>. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and

submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues in Persistently Dangerous Schools competition at <http://www.Grants.gov>. You must search for the downloadable application package for this competition by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.184, not 84.184V).

*Please note the following:*

- Your participation in Grants.gov is voluntary.
- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by Grants.gov are date and time stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not consider your application if it is date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.

- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this competition to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov at <http://e-Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf>.

- To submit your application via Grants.gov, you must complete all steps in the Grants.gov registration process (see [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp)). These steps include (1) Registering your organization, a

multi-part process that includes registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR); (2) registering yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (3) getting authorized as an AOR by your organization. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (see <http://www.grants.gov/section910/Grants.govRegistrationBrochure.pdf>). You also must provide on your application the same D-U-N-S Number used with this registration. Please note that the registration process may take five or more business days to complete, and you must have completed all registration steps to allow you to submit successfully an application via Grants.gov. In addition you will need to update your CCR registration on an annual basis. This may take three or more business days to complete.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit your application in paper format.

- If you submit your application electronically, you must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications. Please note that two of these forms—the SF 424 and the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424—have replaced the ED 424 (Application for Federal Education Assistance).

- If you submit your application electronically, you must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified in this paragraph or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.

- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second notification to you by e-mail. This second notification indicates that the Department has received your

application and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application). We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

**Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical Issues with the Grants.gov System:** If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk, toll-free, at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII in this notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

**Note:** The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

**b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.** If you submit your application in paper format by mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier), you must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address: *By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:* U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.184V), 400

Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4260; or *By mail through a commercial carrier:* U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Stop 4260, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.184V), 7100 Old Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785-1506.

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

**c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.** If you submit your application in paper format by hand delivery, you (or a courier service) must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.184V), 550 12th Street, SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

**Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:** If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

## V. Application Review Information

**Selection Criteria:** The selection criteria for this competition are from section 75.210 of EDGAR and are listed in the application package.

## VI. Award Administration Information

**1. Award Notices:** If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notice (GAN). We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

**2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section in this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section in this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

**3. Reporting:** At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditures information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

**4. Performance Measures:** The Department has established the following Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) performance measures for the Grants to Address Youth Violence and Related Issues in Persistently Dangerous Schools program:

(1) The percentage of grantees that experience a decrease in the number of the types of incidents that are included in the State's definition of persistently dangerous schools.

(2) The percentage of grantees that experience a decrease in the number of schools in the LEA identified as persistently dangerous.

(3) The percentage of grantees that experience a decrease in the number of students eligible to receive a transfer to a safe public school under section 9532 of the ESEA because they are victims of a violent criminal offense, as determined by State law, while in or on the grounds of a public elementary or secondary school that the students attend.

These measures constitute the Department's indicator of success for this program. Consequently, we advise an applicant for a grant under this program to give careful consideration to these measures in conceptualizing the approach and evaluation for its proposed project. Each grantee will be required to provide, in its annual and final performance reports, data about its progress in meeting these measures.

## VII. Agency Contacts

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Padilla, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E246, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Telephone: (202) 260-2648 or by e-mail: [michelle.padilla@ed.gov](mailto:michelle.padilla@ed.gov).

If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

## VIII. Other Information

*Alternative Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII in this notice.

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Dated: July 3, 2007.

**Deborah A. Price,**

*Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Overview Information; Technical Assistance on Data Collection—General Supervision Enhancement Grants; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.373X.*

*Dates: Applications Available:* July 9, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* August 23, 2007.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* September 24, 2007.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* Under section 616(i)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended (IDEA), the Department may make awards to provide technical assistance to improve the capacity of States to meet data collection requirements.

*Priorities:* This competition contains two absolute priorities. The priorities are from the notice of final priorities for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**Note:** Eligible entities must submit separate applications under each of the priorities for which they wish to apply.

*Absolute Priorities:* For FY 2007 these priorities are absolute priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet these priorities.

These priorities are:

*Priority A—Modified Academic Achievement Standards*

*Priority B—Alternate Academic Achievement Standards*

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1411(c) and 1416(i)(2).

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The notice of final priorities for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

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

#### II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Discretionary grants.  
*Estimated Available Funds:* \$13,500,000.

*Maximum Award:* The Secretary does not intend to make awards for more than \$400,000 for year one, \$300,000 for year two, and \$300,000 for year three. We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding the stated maximum award amount for years one, two, or three of the budget period, unless the application involves a consortium, or any other group of eligible parties that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129. The level of funding for a consortium, or any other group of States, outlying areas (OAs), or freely associated States (FAS) will reflect the combined total that the entities comprising the consortium, or group, would have received if they had applied separately. The Secretary does not intend to make more than one award to serve a State, OA, or FAS. The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

*Estimated Average Size of Award:* \$400,000.

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

*Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 33.

#### III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* State educational agencies (SEAs), outlying areas (OAs), freely associated States (FAS), and, if endorsed by the SEA to apply and carry out the project on behalf of the SEA, local educational agencies (LEAs), public charter schools that are LEAs under State law, institutions of higher education (IHEs), tribes or tribal organizations, other public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

**Note:** States, OAs, and FAS are encouraged to form consortia with any other group of eligible parties that meet the requirements in 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129 to apply under Priority A or Priority B. A consortium is any combination of eligible entities. The Secretary views the formation of consortia as an effective and efficient strategy to address the requirements of the priorities in this notice.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This competition does not require cost sharing or matching.

3. *Other: General Requirements—*The projects funded under this competition must make positive efforts to employ, and advance in employment, qualified individuals with disabilities (see section 606 of the IDEA).