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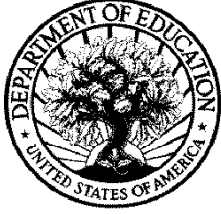
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the **International Research and Studies Program (IRS)**. Included in this application booklet are the program introduction, and the instructions and forms needed to submit a complete application package to the U.S. Department of Education.

Program officers are available to provide technical assistance if you have any questions after reviewing the application booklet. Please refer to the introduction that follows for the names and telephone numbers of the contact persons.

As a result of frequent requests for the technical review forms used to evaluate applications, we have included them in this application booklet.

Please review the Notice Inviting Applications, contained in this booklet, for the instructions concerning submission of applications and our e-Application system.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the U.S. Department of Education Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov>. The official application notice for the IRS grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register, which is included in this application booklet.

We look forward to receiving your application and appreciate your efforts to promote excellence in international education.

Sincerely,

Wilbert Bryant
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Higher Education Programs
Office of Postsecondary Education

INTRODUCTION

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES PROGRAM

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KEY DATES – FY 2005

Closing Date: November 5, 2004

Anticipated award date: May 31, 2005 (The Department of Education is not bound by the anticipated award date given.)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Public and private agencies, organizations, institutions and individuals.

PURPOSE

To improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Research and studies that contribute to achieving the purpose of the legislation. Such research and studies may include:

- Studies and surveys to determine the need for increased or improved instruction in:
 - Modern foreign languages; and
 - Area studies and other international fields needed to provide full understanding of the places in which those languages are commonly used.
- Research and studies:
 - On more effective methods of instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies or other international fields; or
 - To determine the demand for international specialists in governmental, educational and the private sector; or
 - To evaluate competency in those foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields; or
 - On the application of performance tests and standards across all areas of foreign language instruction and classroom use.
- Development and publication of specialized materials:
 - For use by students and teachers of modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields.
- Comparative studies of the effectiveness of strategies to provide international capabilities at institutions of higher education.
- Studies and surveys of the uses of technology in foreign language, area studies, and international studies.
- Studies and evaluation of effective practices in the dissemination of international information, materials, research, teaching strategies, and testing techniques.
- The application of performance tests and standards across all areas of foreign language instruction and classroom use.

EXPECTED FUNDING LEVELS – FY 2005

Amounts are anticipated only. The U.S. Department of Education is not bound by the estimates given below.

- Estimated amount funds available for new awards FY 2005: \$ 1,905,083
- Estimated number of new awards: 15
- Estimated average size new award: \$ 120,000

LIMITATION ON THE USE OF FUNDS/COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS

Funds awarded may not be used for the training of students and teachers.

No cost-sharing is required.

e-APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

You must submit your grant application through the Internet using the software provided on the e-Grants Web site (<http://e-grants.ed.gov>) by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date. The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants website are 6:00 a.m. Monday until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday; and 6:00 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday (Washington, DC time). Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and after 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday for maintenance (Washington, DC time). Any modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site.

ATTENTION: For additional information on e-grants, including the requirements for requesting a waiver, please consult the Closing Date Notice published in the *Federal Register* which is contained in this application package.

ALL FEDERAL FORMS (including standard form 424) that accompany this electronic submission MUST be filled out on paper and faxed to US/ED within 3 business days of the closing date. Please print the forms, complete, sign and fax them to US/ED's Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
[CFDA No. 84.017A]

Office of Postsecondary Education; International Research and Studies Program; Notice
Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Purpose of Program: The International Research and Studies Program provides grants to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields.

For FY 2004, we encourage applicants to design projects that focus on the invitational priorities in the Priorities section of this application notice.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, and individuals.

Applications Available: August 26, 2003.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 3, 2003.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$2,053,000 for International Research and Studies new awards for FY 2004. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$30,000--\$170,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$108,053 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: 19.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Page Limit: The application narrative, section C, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the narrative to the equivalent of no more than 30 pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions. However, you may single space all text in charts, tables, figures and graphs. Charts, tables, figures, and graphs presented in the application narrative do count toward the page limit.
- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch). However you may use a 10-point font in charts, tables, figures, and graphs. The page limit does not apply to the cover sheet; the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; the assurances and certifications; the one-page abstract; or the appendices. However, you must include your complete response to the selection criteria in the application narrative in section C.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit; or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; (b) the regulations in 34 CFR part 655; and (c) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 660.

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

Priorities

Invitational Priorities: We are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priorities.

Invitational Priority 1

Research, surveys, studies, or development of instructional materials that are nonbiased, factually accurate and solicitous of diverse views, and that serve to enhance international understanding for use at the elementary and secondary education levels, or for use in teacher education programs.

Invitational Priority 2

The development of instructional materials that are nonbiased, factually accurate and solicitous of diverse views on the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia or the languages spoken in these regions.

Invitational Priority 3

Studies assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of programs authorized under title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and related programs supported under section 102(b)(6) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets the invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Application Procedures: The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277) and the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107) encourage us to undertake initiatives to improve our grant processes. Enhancing the ability of individuals and entities to conduct business with us electronically is a major part of our response to these Acts. Therefore, we are taking steps to adopt the Internet as our chief means of conducting transactions in order to improve services to our customers and to simplify and expedite our business processes.

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

We are requiring that applications for grants for FY 2004 under the International Research and Studies Program be submitted electronically using e-Application available through the Department's e-GRANTS system.

The e-GRANTS system is accessible through its portal page at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>

An applicant who is unable to submit an application through the e-GRANTS system may submit a written request for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. In the request, the applicant should explain the reason or reasons that prevent the applicant from using the Internet to submit the application. The request should be addressed to: Jose Martinez, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K St., NW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Please submit your request no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If, within two weeks of the application deadline date, an applicant is unable to submit an application electronically, the applicant must submit a paper application by the application deadline date in accordance with the transmittal instructions in the application package. The paper application must include a written request for a waiver documenting the reasons that prevented the applicant from using the Internet to submit the application.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In FY 2004, the Department is continuing to expand its pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions.

The International Research and Studies Program--CFDA 84.017A is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the International Research and Studies Program, you must submit your application to us in electronic format or receive a waiver.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application). Users of e-Application will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. You may not e-mail a soft copy of a grant application to us. The data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We shall continue to evaluate the success of e-Application and solicit suggestions for its improvement.

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

- 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 must submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), 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 Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:
 1. Print ED 424 from e-Application.
 2. The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
 3. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.
 4. Fax the signed 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 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 a.m. 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 International Research and Studies Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose L. Martinez, U.S. Department of Education International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7635, or via Internet: jose.martinez@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document 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.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

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Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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TITLE VI – INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SEC. 601. INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES.

Part A of title VI (20 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

PART A--INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

SEC. 601. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS- Congress finds as follows:

(1) The security, stability, and economic vitality of the United States in a complex global era depend upon American experts in and citizens knowledgeable about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs, as well as upon a strong research base in these areas.

(2) Advances in communications technology and the growth of regional and global problems make knowledge of other countries and the ability to communicate in other languages more essential to the promotion of mutual understanding and cooperation among nations and their peoples.

(3) Dramatic post-Cold War changes in the world's geopolitical and economic landscapes are creating needs for American expertise and knowledge about a greater diversity of less commonly taught foreign languages and nations of the world.

(4) Systematic efforts are necessary to enhance the capacity of institutions of higher education in the United States for--

(A) producing graduates with international and foreign language expertise and knowledge; and

(B) research regarding such expertise and knowledge.

(5) Cooperative efforts among the Federal Government, institutions of higher education, and the private sector are necessary to promote the generation and dissemination of information about world regions, foreign languages, and international affairs throughout education, government, business, civic, and nonprofit sectors in the United States.

(b) PURPOSES- The purposes of this part are--

(1)(A) to support centers, programs, and fellowships in institutions of higher education in the United States for producing increased numbers of trained personnel and research in foreign languages, area studies, and other international studies;

(B) to develop a pool of international experts to meet national needs;

(C) to develop and validate specialized materials and techniques for foreign language acquisition and fluency, emphasizing (but not limited to) the less commonly taught languages;

(D) to promote access to research and training overseas; and

(E) to advance the internationalization of a variety of disciplines throughout undergraduate and graduate education;

(2) to support cooperative efforts promoting access to and the dissemination of international and foreign language knowledge, teaching materials, and research, throughout education, government, business, civic, and nonprofit sectors in the United States, through the use of advanced technologies; and

(3) to coordinate the programs of the Federal Government in the areas of foreign language, area studies, and other international studies, including professional international affairs education and research.

SEC. 605. RESEARCH; STUDIES; ANNUAL REPORT

(a) **AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES-** The Secretary may, directly or through grants or contracts, conduct research and studies that contribute to achieving the purposes of this part. Such research and studies may include--

(1) studies and surveys to determine needs for increased or improved instruction in foreign language, area studies, or other international fields, including the demand for foreign language, area, and other international specialists in government, education, and the private sector;

(2) studies and surveys to assess the utilization of graduates of programs supported under this title by governmental, educational, and private sector organizations and other studies assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of programs so supported;

(3) evaluation of the extent to which programs assisted under this title that address national needs would not otherwise be offered;

(4) comparative studies of the effectiveness of strategies to provide international capabilities at institutions of higher education;

(5) research on more effective methods of providing instruction and achieving competency in foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields;

(6) the development and publication of specialized materials for use in foreign language, area studies, and other international fields, or for training foreign language, area, and other international specialists;

(7) studies and surveys of the uses of technology in foreign language, area studies, and international studies programs;

(8) studies and evaluations of effective practices in the dissemination of international information, materials, research, teaching strategies, and testing techniques throughout the education community, including elementary and secondary schools; and

(9) the application of performance tests and standards across all areas of foreign language instruction and classroom use.

(b) **ANNUAL REPORT-** The Secretary shall prepare, publish, and announce an annual report listing the books and research materials produced with assistance under this section.

[Code of Federal Regulations]
[Title 34, Volume 3]
[Revised as of July 1, 2001]
[CITE: 34CFR655]

TITLE 34--EDUCATION

CHAPTER VI--OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PART 655—INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS--GENERAL PROVISIONS

Subpart A--General

Sec.

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Authority: 20 U.S.C 1121-1130b, unless otherwise noted.

Source: 47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A--General

Sec. 655.1 Which programs do these regulations govern?

The regulations in this part govern the administration of the following programs in international education:

(a) The National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies (section 602 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);

(b) The Language Resource Centers Program (section 603);

(c) The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (section 604);

(d) The International Research and Studies Program (section 605); and

(e) The Business and International Education Program (section 613).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1130b)

[47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993; 64CFR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

Sec. 655.3 What regulations apply to the International Education Programs?

The following regulations apply to the International Education Programs:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).

(2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).

(3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities), except that part 79 does not apply to 34 CFR parts 660, 669, and 671.

(5) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(6) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(7) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this part 655; and

(c) As appropriate, the regulations in--

(1) 34 CFR part 656 (National Resource Centers Program for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies);

(2) 34 CFR part 657 (Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program);

(3) 34 CFR part 658 (Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program);

(4) 34 CFR part 660 (International Research and Studies Program);

(5) 34 CFR part 661 (Business and International Education Program); and

(6) 34 CFR part 669 (Language Resource Centers Program).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127; 1221e-3)

[47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993; 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

Sec. 655.4 What definitions apply to the International Education Programs?

(a) Definitions in EDGAR. The following terms used in this part and 34 CFR parts 656, 657, 658, 660, 661, and 669 are defined in 34 CFR part 77:

Acquisition	EDGAR	Grant period	Private	
Applicant	Equipment	Local educational	Public	
Application	Facilities	agency	Secretary	
Award	Fiscal year	Nonprofit	State	educational
Budget	Grant	Project	agency	
Contract	Grantee	Project period	Supplies	

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127)

(b) Definitions that apply to these programs: The following definition applies to International Education Programs:

Combination of institutions of higher education means a group of institutions of higher education that have entered into a cooperative arrangement for the purpose of carrying out a common objective, or a public or private nonprofit agency, organization, or institution designated or created by a group of institutions of higher education for the purpose of carrying out a common objective on their behalf.

Critical languages means each of the languages contained in the list of critical languages designated by the Secretary pursuant to section 212(d) of the Education for Economic Security Act, except that, in the implementation of this definition, the Secretary may set priorities according to the purposes of title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Institution of higher education means, in addition to an institution that meets the definition of section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, an institution that meets the requirements of section 101(a) except that (1) it is not located in the United States, and (2) it applies for assistance under title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, in consortia with institutions that meet the definitions in section 101(a).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127, and 1141)

[47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993; 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

Subpart B--What Kinds of Projects Does the Secretary Assist?

Sec. 655.10 What kinds of projects does the Secretary assist?

Subpart B of 34 CFR parts 656, 657, 658, 660, 661, and 669 describes the kinds of projects that the Secretary assists under the International Education Programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1021-1027)

[47 FR 14116, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993, 64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

Subpart C [Reserved]

Subpart D--How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

Sec. 655.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

The Secretary evaluates an applications for International Education Programs on the basis of--

- (a) The general criteria in Sec. 655.31; and
- (b) The specific criteria in, as applicable, subpart D of 34 CFR parts 658, 660, 661, and 669.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127)

[64 FR 7739, Feb. 16, 1999]

Sec. 655.31 What general selection criteria does the Secretary use?

(a) Plan of operation. (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the plan of operation for the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

- (i) High quality in the design of the project;
- (ii) An effective plan of management that ensures proper and efficient administration of the project;
- (iii) A clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;
- (iv) The way the applicant plans to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and
- (v) A clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as—
 - (A) Members of racial or ethnic minority groups;
 - (B) Women; and
 - (C) Handicapped persons.

(b) Quality of key personnel. (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows--

- (i) The qualifications of the project director (if one is to be used);
- (ii) The qualifications of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project. In the case of faculty, the qualifications of the faculty and the degree to which that faculty is directly involved in the actual teaching and supervision of students; and
- (iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (b)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section plans to commit to the project; and
- (iv) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, handicapped persons, and the elderly.

(3) To determine the qualifications of a person, the Secretary considers evidence of past experience and training, in fields related to the objectives of the project, as well as other information that the applicant provides.

(c) Budget and cost effectiveness. (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the project has an adequate budget and is cost effective.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows--

- (i) The budget for the project is adequate to support the project activities; and
- (ii) Costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.

(d) Evaluation plan. (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the evaluation plan for the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows methods of evaluation that are appropriate for the project and, to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

(e) Adequacy of resources. (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the applicant plans to devote adequate resources to the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows--

(i) Other than library, facilities that the applicant plans to use are adequate (language laboratory, museums, etc.); and

(ii) The equipment and supplies that the applicant plans to use are adequate.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1127)

Sec. 655.32 What additional factors does the Secretary consider in making grant awards?

Except for 34 CFR parts 656, 657, and 661, to the extent practicable and consistent with the criterion of excellence, the Secretary seeks to achieve an equitable distribution of funds throughout the Nation.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1126(b)).

[58 FR 32575, June 10, 1993]

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[Title 34, Volume 3]
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TITLE 34--EDUCATION

CHAPTER VI--OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SECTION 34CFR660

[Code of Federal Regulations]
[Title 34, Volume 3, Parts 400 to End]
[Revised as of July 1, 1999]
[CITE: 34CFR660.1]

TITLE 34--EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PART 660--THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES PROGRAM

SUBPART A— WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES PROGRAM?

Sec. 660.1 What is the International Research and Studies Program? The Secretary may, directly or through grants or contracts, conduct research and studies which contribute to the purposes of the International Education Program authorized by part A of title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The research and studies may include, but are not limited to—

- (a) Studies and surveys to determine needs for increased or improved instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields, including the demand for foreign language, area, and other international specialists in government, education, and the private sector;
- (b) Research on more effective methods of providing instruction and achieving competency in foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields;
- (c) Research on applying performance tests and standards across all areas of foreign language instruction and classroom use;
- (d) Developing and publishing specialized materials for use in foreign language, area studies, and other international fields or for training foreign language, area, and other international specialists;
- (e) Studies and surveys to assess the use of graduates of programs supported under title VI of the HEA by governmental, educational, and private-sector organizations and other studies assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of supported programs;
- (f) Comparative studies of the effectiveness of strategies to provide international capabilities at institutions of higher education;

- (g) Evaluations of the extent to which programs assisted under title VI of the HEA that address national needs would not otherwise be offered;
- (h) Studies and surveys of the use of technologies in foreign language, area studies, and international studies programs; and
- (i) Studies and evaluations of effective practices in the dissemination of international information, materials, research, teaching strategies, and testing techniques throughout the educational community, including elementary and secondary schools.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)

[47 FR 14124, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993; 64 FR 7740, Feb. 16, 1999]

Sec. 660.2 Who is eligible to apply for grants under this program?

Public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions, and individuals are eligible to apply for grants under this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)

Sec. 660.3 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to this program:

- (a) The regulations in 34 CFR part 655.
- (b) The regulations in this part 660.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1121-1125)

[58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993]

Sec. 660.4 What definitions apply to the International Research and Studies Program?

The definitions in 34 CFR 655.4 apply to this program.(Authority: U.S.C. 1121-1127)

SUBPART B— WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS DOES THE SECRETARY ASSIST UNDER THIS PROGRAM?

Sec. 660.10 What activities does the Secretary assist?

An applicant may apply for funds to carry out any of the following types of activities:

- (a) Studies and surveys to determine the need for increased or improved instruction in—
 - (1) Modern foreign languages; and
 - (2) Area studies and other international fields needed to provide full understanding of the places in which those languages are commonly used.
- (b) Research and studies—
 - (1) On more effective methods of instruction and achieving competency in modern foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields;
 - (2) To evaluate competency in those foreign languages, area studies, or other international fields; or
 - (3) On the application of performance tests and standards across all areas of foreign language instruction and classroom use.
- (c) The development and publication of specialized materials—
 - (1) For use by students and teachers of modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields; and
 - (2) For use in—
 - (i) Providing such instruction and evaluation; or
 - (ii) Training individuals to provide such instruction and evaluation.
- (d) Research, surveys, studies, or the development of instructional materials that serve to enhance international understanding.

- (e) Other research or material development projects that further the purposes of the International Education Program authorized by part A of title VI of the HEA.
- (f) Studies and surveys to assess the use of graduates of programs supported under title VI of the HEA by governmental, educational, and private-sector organizations, and other studies assessing the outcomes and effectiveness of supported programs.
- (g) Comparative studies of the effectiveness of strategies to provide international capabilities at institutions of higher education.
- (h) Evaluations of the extent to which programs assisted under title VI of the HEA that address national needs would not otherwise be offered.
- (i) Studies and surveys of the uses of technology in foreign language, area studies, and international studies programs.
- (j) Studies and evaluations of effective practices in the dissemination of international information, materials, research, teaching strategies, and testing techniques through the education community, including elementary and secondary schools.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)[47 FR 14124, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 52 FR 28424, July 29, 1987; 58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993; 64 FR 7740, Feb. 16, 1999]

SUBPART C [RESERVED]

SUBPART D—HOW DOES THE SECRETARY MAKE A GRANT?

Sec. 660.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

- (a) The Secretary evaluates an application for a research project, a study, or a survey on the basis of the criteria in Secs. 660.31 and 660.32.
- (b) The Secretary evaluates an application for the development of specialized instructional materials on the basis of the criteria in Secs. 660.31 and 660.33
- (c) The Secretary awards up to 100 possible points for these criteria. The maximum possible points for each criterion are shown in parentheses.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)

Sec. 660.31 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for all applications for a grant?

The Secretary uses the following criteria in evaluating applications for research or studies projects:

- (a) Plan of operation. (10 points) (See 34 CFR 655.31(a))
- (b) Quality of key personnel. (10 points) (See 34 CFR 655.31(b))
- (c) Budget and cost effectiveness. (10 points) (See 34 CFR 655.31(c))
- (d) Evaluation plan. (5 points) (See 34 CFR 655.31(d))
- (e) Adequacy of resources. (5 points) (See 34 CFR 655.31(e))

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)

[47 FR 14124, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993]

Sec. 660.32 What additional selection criteria does the Secretary use for an application for a research project, a survey, or a study?

In addition to the criteria referred to in Sec. 660.31, the Secretary applies the following criteria to an application for a research project, study, or survey:

- (a) Need for the project. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows—
 - (1) A need for the proposed project in the field of study on which the project focuses; and
 - (2) That the proposed project will provide information about the present and future needs of the United States for study in foreign language and other international fields.
- (b) Usefulness of expected results. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the extent to which the results of the proposed project are likely to be used by other research projects or programs with similar objectives.

(c) Development of new knowledge. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the extent to which the proposed project is likely to develop new knowledge that will contribute to the purposes of the International Education Program authorized by part A of title VI of the HEA.

(d) Formulation of problems and knowledge of related research. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that problems, questions, or hypotheses to be dealt with by the applicant—

- (1) Are well formulated; and
- (2) Reflect adequate knowledge of related research.

(e) Specificity of statement of procedures. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for the specificity and completeness of the statement of procedures to be followed, including a discussion of such components as sampling techniques, controls, data to be gathered, and statistical and other analyses to be undertaken.

(f) Adequacy of methodology and scope of project. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows—

- (1) The adequacy of the proposed teaching, testing, and research methodology; and
- (2) The size, scope, and duration of the proposed project.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)[47 FR 14124, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993]

Sec. 660.33 What additional selection criteria does the Secretary use for an application to develop specialized instructional materials?

In addition to the criteria referred to in Sec. 660.31, the Secretary applies the following criteria to an application for assistance to develop specialized instructional materials.

(a) Need for the project. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that—

- (1) The proposed materials are needed in the educational field of study on which the project focuses; and
- (2) The language or languages, the area, region, or country, or the issues or studies for which the materials are to be developed, are of sufficient priority and significance to the national interest to warrant financial support by the Federal Government.

(b) Potential for the use of materials in other programs. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the extent to which the proposed materials may be used elsewhere in the United States.

(c) Account of related materials. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that—

- (1) All existing related or similar materials have been accounted for and the critical commentary on their adequacy is appropriate and accurate; and
- (2) The proposed materials will not duplicate any existing adequate materials.

(d) Likelihood of achieving results. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the outlined methods and procedures for preparing the materials are practicable and can be expected to produce the anticipated results.

(e) Expected contribution to other programs. (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the extent to which the proposed work may contribute significantly to strengthening, expanding, or improving programs of foreign language studies, area studies, or international studies in the United States.

(f) Description of final form of materials. (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows a high degree of specificity in the description of the contents and final form of the proposed materials.

(g) Provisions for pretesting and revision. (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that adequate provision has been made for—

- (1) Pretesting the proposed materials; and
- (2) If necessary, revising the proposed materials before publication.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)[47 FR 14124, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993]

Sec. 660.34 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

- (a) The Secretary may each year select for funding from among the following priorities:
- (1) Categories of eligible projects described in Sec. 660.10.
 - (2) Specific languages or regions for study or materials development; for example, the Near or Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Inner Asia, the Far East, Africa or Latin America, or the languages of those regions.
 - (3) Topics of research and studies; for example, language acquisition processes, methodology of foreign language instruction, foreign language performance testing, or assessments of resources and needs.
 - (4) Levels of education; for example, elementary, secondary, postsecondary or university-level education, or teacher education.
- (b) The Secretary announces any priorities in the application notice published in the Federal Register.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1126)
[47 FR 14124, Apr. 1, 1982, as amended at 58 FR 32577, June 10, 1993]

Sec. 660.40 What are the limitations on allowable costs?

Funds awarded under this part may not be used for the training of students and teachers.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1125)

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What happens to my application after it is received in the Department?

A. The Department's Application Control Center receives each application, assigns each an identifying number (PR/Award number), confirms receipt of applications, and sends the applications to the appropriate program office, which screens them for eligibility. The program conducts a peer review of all eligible applications sent to a program competition, ranks them and recommends the highest ranked applications for funding with exceptions as provided by law. The responsible official for the program reviews the program office's recommendations, checks the adequacy of the documentation supporting the recommendations, and approves a final list, or slate, of recommended projects and funding amounts. The final slate is the basis on which grants are negotiated.

Q. What happens to my application if the Department finds it to be ineligible?

A. The Department returns an application that does not meet the eligibility criteria for the particular program. A letter from the Department explaining why it is not being reviewed in the competition accompanies the application.

Q. How does the Department review an application?

A. Each application is assessed by knowledgeable persons from outside the Department who are asked for their judgments about the quality and significance of the proposed project. These persons represent a diversity of disciplines and institutional, regional, and academic backgrounds.

Q. What criteria do the reviewers use when scoring an application?

A. Reviewers score each application using the selection criteria in 34 CFR parts 655.31, 660.32 or 660.33 and incorporated in the enclosed technical review forms.

Q. Is a recommended application guaranteed funding?

A. No. Funding depends on the availability of funds and is not final until a grant award notification has been signed and mailed to the applicant.

Q. How long does it take the Department to complete the review process?

A. The review process normally takes approximately six months from receipt of applications until award.

Q. Can changes in the size of subsequent year awards be made after the multi-year budget has been negotiated?

A. Yes, a grantee can re-negotiate his or her multi-year budget and may be awarded additional funds if sufficient justification is presented to the Secretary and funds are available. Also, funds can be decreased if it is determined that the multi-year budget was overestimated or if available funds have decreased.

Q. How will funding continuation decisions be made since the Department has phased out the use of non-competing continuation applications.

A. Grantees will be required to complete annual performance reports that describe the projects' accomplishments, evaluations, and finances. These performance reports, along with other information, will be used by the Department to decide whether to continue funding projects.

APPLICATION NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Before preparing the narrative, please see the **Closing Date Notice** included in this package for mandatory format and invitational priorities.

Applicants should carefully read all the information included in this application package, especially the budget instructions, the program regulations, and the technical review forms. These contain the program evaluation criteria for a research project, a survey, a study, as well as a project to develop instructional materials.

The following is a suggested narrative format for applications:

1. Begin with a one-page abstract summarizing the project.
2. Describe the proposed project according to the selection criteria listed in the appropriate technical review form included in this package. Follow the selection criteria in the order they are listed in the appropriate technical review form.

Notice there is one technical review form for research, a study and a survey (01), and one technical review form for a project to develop instructional materials (03).
3. Within the framework of the selection criteria identify the population to be served, and describe in detail how program activities will be accomplished.
4. Include a plan of operation for each year for which program funds are requested (or an integrated plan of operation covering all three years).
5. Provide an itemized budget, showing both Federal and non-Federal contributions, for each year for which funding is requested.
6. Include any other pertinent information that might assist the Secretary in reviewing the application.
7. On the ED Form 424 (Application for Federal Education Assistance), you must indicate in Box 13 whether this application is for a RESEARCH PROJECT (01) or an INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROJECT (03).
8. A complete application must be submitted through the Web site: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>

Performance Reports

For requests to continue multi-year grants, grantees must submit an annual performance report. The performance report should include the most current performance and financial expenditure information to date.

To receive funding for each subsequent budget period(s), the grantee must demonstrate that substantial progress was made in the previous funding period.

A final Performance Report is required 90 days after the expiration of a grant.

PARITY GUIDELINES BETWEEN PAPER AND ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS:

In FY 2005, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand the pilot project, which began in FY 2000, which allows applicants to use an Internet-based electronic system for submitting applications. This competition is among those that have an electronic submission option available to all applicants. The system, called e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS (Electronic Grant Application System), allows an applicant to submit a grant application to the Department of Education electronically, using a current version of the applicant's Internet browser. To see e-APPLICATION visit the following address:

<http://e-grants.ed.gov>

Users of e-APPLICATION, a data driven system, will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. This will be more interactive than just e-mailing a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will go into a database and ultimately will be accessible in electronic form to our reviewers.

This pilot project continues the Department's transition to an electronic grant award process. In addition to e-APPLICATION, the Department plans to expand the number of discretionary programs using the electronic peer review (e-READER) system and to increase the participation of discretionary programs offering grantees the use of the electronic annual performance reporting (e-REPORTS) system.

To help ensure parity and a similar look between electronic and paper copies of grant applications, we are asking each applicant that submits a paper application to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Submit your application on 8 ½" by 11" paper.
- Leave a 1-inch margin on all sides.
- Use consistent font throughout your document. You may also use boldface type, underlining, and italics. However, please do not use colored text.
- Please use black and white, also, for illustrations, including charts, tables, graphs and pictures.
- For the narrative component, your application should consist of the number and text of each selection criterion followed by the narrative. The text of the selection criterion, if included, does not count against any page limitation.

Applicant Information

Organizational Unit

1. Name and Address

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

County

ZIP Code + 4

2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number |____| |____| |____| |____| |____| |____| |____| |____| |____|

6. Novice Applicant ___Yes ___No

3. Applicant's T-I-N |____| |____| - |____| |____| |____| |____| |____| |____| |____|

7. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? ___Yes ___No
(If "Yes," attach an explanation.)

4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #: **84.** |____| |____| |____| |____|

Title: _____ 8. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.) |____|

5. Project Director: _____

Address: _____

- A - State
- B - Local
- C - Special District
- D - Indian Tribe
- E - Individual
- F - Independent School District
- G - Public College or University
- H - Private, Non-profit
- I - Non-profit Organization
- J - Private, Profit-Making

City _____ State _____ Zip code + 4 _____
Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____

K - Other (Specify): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Application Information

9. Type of Submission:

- PreApplication -Application
- ___ Construction ___ Construction
- ___ Non-Construction ___ Non-Construction

12. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period?
___ Yes (Go to 12a.) ___ No (Go to item 13.)

10. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process?

- ___ Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372 process for review): ____/____/____
- ___ No (If "No," check appropriate box below.)
- ___ Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.
- ___ Program has not been selected by State for review.

12a. Are all the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations?
___ Yes (Provide Exemption(s) #): _____
___ No (Provide Assurance #): _____

11. Proposed Project Dates: ____/____/____ - ____/____/____

Start Date: End Date:

13. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Estimated Funding

- 14a. Federal \$ _____ . 00
- b. Applicant \$ _____ . 00
- c. State \$ _____ . 00
- d. Local \$ _____ . 00
- e. Other \$ _____ . 00
- f. Program Income \$ _____ . 00
- g. TOTAL \$ _____ . 00

Authorized Representative Information

15. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this preapplication/application are true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.

a. Authorized Representative (Please type or print name clearly.) _____

b. Title: _____

c. Tel. #: () _____ - _____ Fax #: () _____ - _____

d. E-Mail Address: _____

e. Signature of Authorized Representative : _____ Date _____

Instructions for Form ED 424

- 1. Legal Name and Address.** Enter the legal name of applicant and the name of the primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity.
- 2. D-U-N-S Number.** Enter the applicant's D-U-N-S Number. If your organization does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can obtain the number by calling 1-800-333-0505 or by completing a D-U-N-S Number Request Form. The form can be obtained via the Internet at the following URL: <http://www.dnb.com>.
- 3. Tax Identification Number.** Enter the taxpayer's identification number as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number.** Enter the CFDA number and title of the program under which assistance is requested. The CFDA number can be found in the federal register notice and the application package.
- 5. Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
- 6. Novice Applicant.** Check "Yes" or "No" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants. Otherwise, **leave blank**.

Check "Yes" if you meet the requirements for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424." By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check "No" if you do not meet the requirements for novice applicants.
- 7. Federal Debt Delinquency.** Check "Yes" if the applicant's organization is delinquent on any Federal debt. (This question refers to the applicant's organization and not to the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.) Otherwise, check "No."
- 8. Type of Applicant.** Enter the appropriate letter in the box provided.
- 9. Type of Submission.** See "Definitions for Form ED 424" attached.
- 10. Executive Order 12372.** See "Definitions for Form ED 424" attached. Check "Yes" if the application is subject to review by E.O. 12372. Also, please enter the month, day, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2001). Otherwise, check "No."
- 11. Proposed Project Dates.** Please enter the month, day, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2001).
- 12. Human Subjects Research.** (See I.A. "Definitions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424.")

If Not Human Subjects Research. Check "No" if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 12 are then not applicable.

If Human Subjects Research. Check "Yes" if research activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution. Check "Yes" even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I.B. "Exemptions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424.")
- 12a. If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations.** Check "Yes" if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I.B. "Exemptions." In addition, follow the instructions in II.A. "Exempt Research Narrative" in the attached page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424." Insert this narrative immediately following the ED 424 face page.
- 12a. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations.** Check "No" if some or all of the planned research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II.B. "Nonexempt Research Narrative" in the page entitled "Definitions for Form ED 424." Insert this narrative immediately following the ED 424 face page.
- 12a. Human Subjects Assurance Number.** If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide (FWA) or Multiple Project Assurance (MPA) with the Office

for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter "None." In this case, the applicant, by signature on the face page, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

Note about Institutional Review Board Approval. ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

13. Project Title. Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.

14. Estimated Funding. Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate **only** the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show

breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 14.

15. Certification. To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. Be sure to enter the telephone and fax number and e-mail address of the authorized representative. Also, in item 15e, please enter the month, day, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2001) in the date signed field.

Paperwork Burden Statement. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1875-0106**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to:** Joyce I. Mays, Application Control Center, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W. ROB-3, Room 3633, Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

Definitions for Form ED 424

Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225). For discretionary grant programs under which the Secretary gives special consideration to novice applications, a novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

Type of Submission. "Construction" includes construction of new buildings and acquisition, expansion, remodeling, and alteration of existing buildings, and initial equipment of any such buildings, or any combination of such activities (including architects' fees and the cost of acquisition of land). "Construction" also includes remodeling to meet standards, remodeling designed to conserve energy, renovation or remodeling to accommodate new technologies, and the purchase of existing historic buildings for conversion to public libraries. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "equipment" includes machinery, utilities, and built-in equipment and any necessary enclosures or structures to house them; and such term includes all other items necessary for the functioning of a particular facility as a facility for the provision of library services.

Executive Order 12372. The purpose of Executive Order 12372 is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The application notice, as published in the Federal Register, informs the applicant as to whether the program is subject to the requirements of E.O. 12372. In addition, the application package contains information on the State Single Point of Contact. An applicant is still eligible to apply for a grant or grants even if its respective State, Territory, Commonwealth, etc. does not have a State Single Point of Contact. For additional information on E.O. 12372 go to <http://www.cfda.gov/public/eo12372.htm>.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

I. Definitions and Exemptions

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

—Research

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

—Human Subject

The regulations define human subject as "a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2)

identifiable private information.” (1) *If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person’s environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met.* (2) *If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met.* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the **only** involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of **exemptions** are not covered by the regulations:

(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

(2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation. ***If the subjects are children, exemption 2 applies only to research involving educational tests and observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) participate in the activities being observed.*** [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

(3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

(4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

(5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

(6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

II. Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked “Yes” for Item 12 on the ED 424, the applicant must provide a human subjects “exempt research” or “nonexempt research” narrative and insert it immediately following the ED 424 face page.

A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “Yes” for item 12 a. and designated exemption numbers(s), provide the “exempt research” narrative. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked “No” for item 12 a. you must provide the “nonexempt research” narrative. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

(1) **Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics:** Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable

(2) **Sources of Materials:** Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) **Recruitment and Informed Consent:** Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) **Potential Risks:** Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) **Protection Against Risk:** Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) **Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained:** Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

(7) **Collaborating Site(s):** If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

Copies of the Department of Education’s Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4248, telephone: (202) 708-8263, and on the U.S. Department of Education’s ProtectionofHumanSubjects in Research Web Site at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCFO/humansub.html>

Expiration Date:
OMB Approved

Name of Institution/Organization

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS**

Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)						

Name of Institution/Organization	Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.
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**SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY
NON-FEDERAL FUNDS**

Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)						

SECTION C - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION (see instructions)

Paperwork Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Education, Information Management and Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1875-0102, Washington DC 20503.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ED FORM 524

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown

for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Other Budget Information Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B.
2. If applicable to this program, enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period. In addition, enter the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.
3. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.

4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES (84.017A)
TECHNICAL REVIEW FORM -- Instructional Materials - 03

Applicant's Name: _____ *Application Number:* _____

Project Director's Name: _____

Part I - CRITERIA PROFILE

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Points Assigned</i>
1. Need	10	0
2. Usefulness of product to others	10	0
3. Account of related materials	10	0
4. Likelihood of achieving results	10	0
5. Expected contribution to other programs	10	0
6. Plan of Operation	10	0
7. Quality of Personnel	10	0
8. Budget and cost effectiveness	10	0
9. Evaluation plan	5	0
10. Adequacy of resources	5	0
11. Description of final format	5	0
12. Provisions for pre-testing and revision	5	0
TOTAL POINTS	100	0

Part II - COMMENTS

Please summarize the application's strengths and weaknesses:

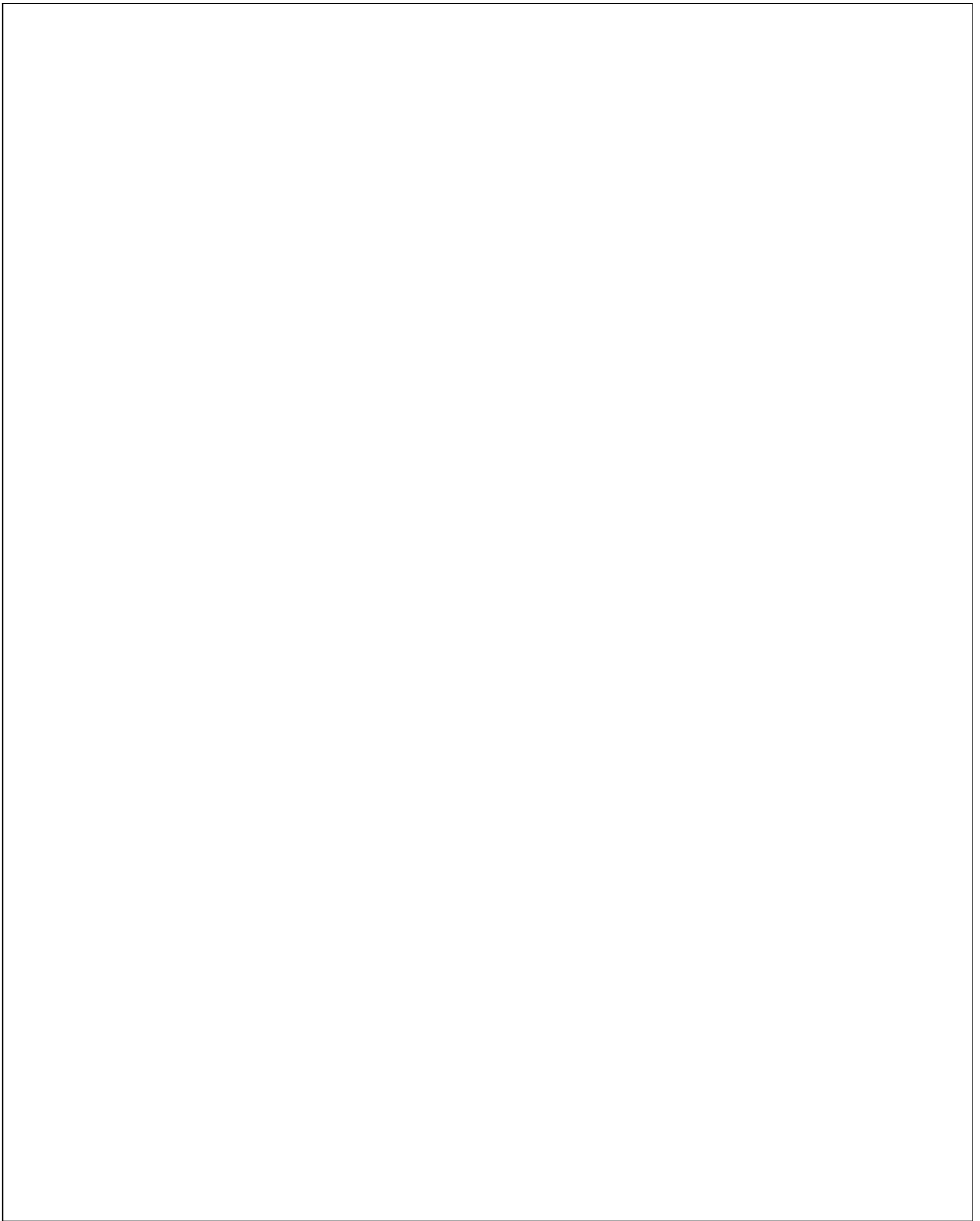
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SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER

I have reviewed this application in accordance with the criteria published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

 (Signature)

 (Date)



Unacceptable 0 Points	Insufficient Information 1 - 2	Poor 3 - 4	Average 5 - 6	Good 7 - 8	Excellent 9 - 10
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1. NEED FOR THE PROJECT (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10 points)

- a) Is there a need for the proposed materials(s) in the educational area to be served?
- b) Are the (i) language(s); (ii) region or country; or, (iii) the issues or studies, for the study of which the materials are to be developed, of sufficient priority for, and of, potential significance to the national interest to warrant support at this time?

POINTS

Comments:

2. USEFULNESS OF THE PRODUCT TO OTHERS (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

Will the proposed materials have a good potential for being utilized by appropriate educational programs in other institutions in the United States?

POINTS

Comments:

3. ACCOUNT OF RELATED MATERIALS (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Have all the existing, similar materials (for the study of the language(s), region or country, or issue in question) been cited and accounted?
- b) Is there a critical commentary on the adequacy of such similar materials and is this commentary accurate?
- c) Will the proposed material(s) duplicate other materials already in existence or already in progress?

POINTS

Comments:

Technical Review Form -- Instructional Materials

Unacceptable 0 Points	Insufficient Information 1 - 2	Poor 3 - 4	Average 5 - 6	Good 7 - 8	Excellent 9 - 10
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4. LIKELIHOOD OF ACHIEVING RESULTS (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Are the objectives, which the proposed material(s) are to serve, clearly defined?
- b) Are the outlined methods and procedures for preparing the material(s) practicable and can they be expected to produce the anticipated results?
- c) Does the application reflect a sufficient degree of knowledge in the pertinent areas to assure a successful completion of the project (e.g., for language materials: modern language pedagogy, modern linguistics theory; for area studies and related materials: history, political and social structure, economics, etc.)?

POINTS

Comments:

5. EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER PROGRAMS (Rate from 0 to 10)

Will the proposed materials contribute significantly to the strengthening, expanding, or improving instructional programs concerned with the language(s), area(s), or international studies in the United States.

POINTS

Comments:

6. PLAN OF OPERATION (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Does the design of the project show high quality?
- b) Is the plan of management effective? Will it ensure proper and effective administration?
- c) Is there a clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the Section 605 International Research and Studies program?
- d) Is the way in which the applicant plans to use its resources and personnel to achieve the project objectives appropriate and adequate? Eligible members of racial and ethnic minorities, women, handicapped
- e) To what extent will the applicant provide equal access treatment for persons, and the elderly?

POINTS

Comments:

Unacceptable 0 Points	Insufficient Information 1 - 2	Poor 3 - 4	Average 5 - 6	Good 7 - 8	Excellent 9 - 10
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7. QUALITY OF PERSONNEL (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Is there evidence of professional competence to direct this project on the part of the project director or principal investigator?
- b) Is there evidence of the qualifications of the other key personnel, if any, to participate in the project?
- c) Is the amount of time that the key person(s) plan to commit to the project appropriate to the project's need?
- d) To what extent does the applicant, as part of its non-discriminatory employment practices, encourage applications for employment from members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as members of ethnic minorities, women, handicapped persons, and the elderly?

POINTS

Comments:

8. BUDGET AND COST EFFECTIVENESS (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Is the proposed budget adequate to support the proposed project activities?
- b) Are the costs reasonable in relation to the anticipated product (or objectives) of the project?

POINTS

Comments:

Technical Review Form -- Instructional Materials

Unacceptable 0 Points	Insufficient Information 1	Poor 2	Average 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
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9. EVALUATION PLAN (Rate this criterion from 0 to 5)

a) Does the application include a plan for evaluating periodically the work accomplished under the project?

b) Is there a realistic time schedule for accomplishing the work?

Comments:

POINTS

10. ADEQUACY OF RESOURCES (Rate this criterion from 0 to 5)

a) Does the applicant have adequate facilities to conduct the project?

b) Are the equipment and supplies which the applicant plans to use adequate?

Comments:

POINTS

11. DESCRIPTION OF FINAL FORMAT (Rate this criterion from 0 to 5)

Are the contents and final form of the projected material(s) sufficiently well described?

Comments:

POINTS

12. PROVISIONS FOR PRETESTING AND REVISION (Rate this criterion from 0 to 5)

Has sufficient provision been made for pretesting the material(s) (with students and/or in the classroom) for possible revision before general dissemination or publication?

Comments:

POINTS

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES (84.017A)

TECHNICAL REVIEW FORM

Research, Studies & Surveys - 01

Applicant's Name: _____ Application Number: _____
Project Director's Name: _____

Part I - CRITERIA PROFILE

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Points Assigned</i>
1. Need	10	
2. Usefulness of expected results	10	
3. Development of new knowledge	10	
4. Formulation of problem and knowledge of related research	10	
5. Specificity of statement of procedures	10	
6. Adequacy of methodology and scope of project	10	
7. Plan of operation	10	
8. Quality of personnel	10	
9. Budget and cost-effectiveness	10	
10. Evaluation plan	5	
11. Adequacy of resources	5	
TOTAL POINTS	100	

Part II - COMMENTS

Please summarize the application's strengths and weaknesses:

SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER

I have reviewed this application in accordance with the criteria published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Signature) _____

(Date)

Unacceptable Points	Insufficient Information 1 - 2	Poor 3 - 4	Average 5 - 6	Good 7 - 8	Excellent 9 - 10
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1. NEED FOR THE PROJECT (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10 points)

In evaluating this project, under this criterion, please consider the following questions:

- a) Is there a need for the proposed research or study in the educational field to be served?
- b) If the project concerns an assessment of needs in any of the areas mandated under Section 605, is the project likely to be helpful in determining present or future needs in foreign language and other fields in the context of the national interest of the United States?

POINTS

Comments:

2. USEFULNESS OF EXPECTED RESULTS (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

Please consider the following questions:

- a) Do the anticipated research results have a good potential for being utilized by other projects or programs for similar educational purposes?
- b) Are the anticipated research results --if pertinent-- replicable?

POINTS

Comments:

3. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW KNOWLEDGE (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

To what extent can the proposed activity be expected to develop new

knowledge which will contribute to the purposes of the International Educations programs (under Title VI, Part A, Higher Education Act) ?

Comments:

POINTS

Unacceptable Points	0	Insufficient Information 1 - 2	Poor 3 - 4	Average 5 - 6	Good 7 - 8	Excellent 9 - 10
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4. FORMULATION OF PROBLEMS AND KNOWLEDGE OF RELATED RESEARCH (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

POINTS

- a) Are the problems, questions, or hypotheses to be dealt with well formulated?
- b) Does this formulation reflect adequate knowledge of other, past or on-going, related research?

Comments:

5. SPECIFICITY OF STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

POINTS

- a) Is the statement of procedures to be followed adequate and specific (including whenever applicable, information on sampling techniques, controls, data to be gathered, and/or statistical and other analyses to be made)?

Comments:

6. ADEQUACY OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND SCOPE OF PROJECT (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

POINTS

- a) Are the proposed research, teaching or testing methods appropriate to the aims of this project and are they adequate to achieve the expected results?
- b) Are the size, scope, and duration of the project sufficient so as to secure meaningful research results?

Comments:

Unacceptable Points	0	Insufficient Information	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
		1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10

7. PLAN OF OPERATION (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Does the design of the project show high quality?
- b) How effective is the plan of management ? To what extent will it ensure proper and efficient administration?
- c) Is there a clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the (Section 605) program?
- d) In what way does the applicant plan to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective?
- e) To what extent will the applicant provide equal access treatment for eligible members of racial and ethnic minority groups, women, handicapped persons; and the elderly?

POINTS

Comments:

8. QUALITY OF PERSONNEL (Rate this criterion from 0 to 10)

- a) Is there evidence of the project director's (or principal investigator's) professional competence and experince to direct this research?
- b) Is there evidence of the qualifications of the other key personnel, if any, to participate in the project?
- c) Is the amount of time that the persons referred to under (a) and (b), above plan to commit to the project appropriate to the project's needs?
- d) To what extent does the applicant, as part of its non-discriminatory employment practices, encourage applications for employment from members of groups that have been traditionally under-represented, such as members of ethnic minority groups, women, handicapped persons, and the elderly?

POINTS

Comments:

9. BUDGET AND COST EFFECTIVENESS

- a) Is the proposed budget adequate to support the proposed project activities?
- b) Are the costs reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project?

POINTS

Comments:

Unacceptable Points	0	Insufficient Information	1	Poor	2	Average	3	Good	4	Excellent	5
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10. PLAN OF EVALUATION (Rate this criterion from 0 to 5)

a) Does the application show methods of evaluation that are appropriate for the project and, to the extent possible, are the objective(s) and the product data quantifiable?

POINTS

Comments:

The plan of evaluation is not well developed or described

11. ADEQUACY OF RESOURCES (Rate this criterion from 0 to 5)

- a) Does the applicant have adequate facilities to conduct the project?
- b) Are the equipment and supplies which the applicant plans to use adequate?

POINTS

Comments:

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§ 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead- based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, §Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.□
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED

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**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110--

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

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The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

What is GPRA?

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) is a straightforward statute that requires all federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report their progress to the Congress. In so doing, it is expected that the GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

How has the Department of Education Responded to the GPRA Requirements?

As required by GPRA, the Department of Education has prepared a strategic plan for 2002-2007. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the United States. The Department's goals, as listed in the plan, are:

Goal 1: Create a Culture of Achievement

Goal 2: Improve Student Achievement

Goal 3: Develop Safe Schools and Strong Character

Goal 4: Transform Education into an Evidence-based Field

Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of and Access to Postsecondary and Adult Education

Goal 6: Establish Management Excellence

The performance indicators for the International Education Programs are part of the Department's plan for meeting Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of and Access to Postsecondary and Adult Education.

What are the Performance Indicators for the International Education Programs?

The Department's specific goal for the International Education Programs is "to meet the nation's security and economic needs through the development and maintenance of a national capacity in foreign languages, and area and international studies." The Department has established objectives and performance indicators for the Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs and data are collected through the Evaluation of Exchange, Language, Area and International Studies (EELIAS) performance reporting system. The indicators for the International Education Programs focus on the following areas: (1) expansion of critical languages; (2) employment in field; and (3) improved language competency.

All grantees are required to submit annual performance reports through EELIAS that describe the projects' accomplishments and provide GPRA data. Data collected from each of the fourteen International Education Programs are used to assess the success of meeting the performance objectives.

Application Transmittal Instructions

- A. ATTENTION ELECTRONIC APPLICANTS:** Please note that you must follow the Application Procedures as described in the Federal Register notice announcing the grant competition. Some programs may require electronic submission of applications, and those programs will have specific requirements and waiver instructions in the Federal Register notice.

An original and two copies of an application for an award must be mailed or hand-delivered by the application deadline date unless it is submitted electronically.

Applications Submitted Electronically

You must submit your grant application through the Internet using the software provided on the e-Grants Web site (<http://e-grants.ed.gov>) by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date. The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants website are 6:00 a.m. Monday until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday; and 6:00 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday (Washington, DC time). Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and after 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday for maintenance (Washington, DC time). Any modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site.

If you submit your application through the Internet via the e-Grants Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment when we receive your application.

Applications Delivered by Mail

Applications sent by mail must be addressed to:

**U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center**

Attention: (CFDA Number)

7th & D Streets, SW

Room 3671

Regional Office Building 3

400 Maryland Avenue, SW.

Q. Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

Applicants 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 U.S. Secretary of Education

If an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark, or
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service

Applicants should note that 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.

If you send your application by mail or if you or your courier deliver it by hand, the Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to you. If you do not receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the mailing of the application, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9493.

You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 4 of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424 (exp. 11/30/2004)) the CFDA number - and suffix letter, if any - of the competition under which you are submitting your application.

If your application is late, we will notify you that we will not consider the application.

Applications Delivered by Hand/Courier Service

An application that is hand-delivered must be taken to:

**U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Room 3671
Regional Office Building 3
7th & D Streets, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20202-4725**

The Application Control Center accepts deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time), except Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays.

Applications delivered by hand or courier must use the D Street entrance only. A person delivering an application must show identification to enter the building.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS
IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONTRACT AND GRANT PROGRAMS**

GRANTS

Applicants for grants from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have to compete for limited funds.

Deadlines assure all applicants that they will be treated fairly and equally, without last minute haste.

For these reasons, ED must set strict deadlines for grant applications. Prospective applicants can avoid disappointment if they understand that

**Failure to meet a deadline will mean that an applicant will be rejected
without any consideration whatever.**

The rules, including the deadline, for applying for each grant are published, individually, in the Federal Register. A one-year subscription to the Register may be obtained by sending \$340.00 to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9371. (Send check or money order only, no cash or stamps.)

The instructions in the Federal Register must be followed exactly. Do not accept any other advice you may receive. No ED employee is authorized to extend any deadline published in the Register.

Questions regarding submission of applications may be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

CONTRACTS

Competitive procurement actions undertaken by the ED are governed by the Federal Procurement Regulations and implementing ED Procurement Regulations.

Generally, prospective competitive procurement actions are synopsisized in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). Prospective offerors are therein advised of the nature of the procurement and where to apply for copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Offerors are advised to be guided solely by the contents of the CBD synopsis and the instructions contained in the RFP. Questions regarding the submission of offers should be addressed to the Contracting Specialist identified on the face page of the RFP.

Offers are judged in competition with others, and failure to conform with any substantive requirements of the RFP will result in rejection of the offer without any consideration whatever.

Do not accept any advice you receive that is contrary to instructions contained in either the CBD synopsis or the RFP. No ED employee is authorized to consider a proposal which is non-responsive to the RFP.

A subscription to the CBD is available for \$208.00 per year via second class mailing or \$261.00 per year via first class mailing. Information included in the Federal Acquisition Regulations is contained in Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1 (\$49.00). The foregoing publication may be obtained by sending your check or money order only, no cash or stamps, to:

Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402-9371

In an effort to be certain this important information is widely disseminated, this notice is being included in all ED mail to the public. You may, therefore, receive more than one notice. If you do, we apologize for any annoyance it may cause you.

ED FORM 5348, 8 '92 REPLACES ED FORM 5348, 6 '86, WHICH IS OBSOLETE

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1840-0068. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 80 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to:** International Education and Graduate Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5331.

Guidance on Section 427 of GEPA

Section 427 of the U.S. Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) affects all applicants for discretionary grant awards under the National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships programs. All applicants must include information in their applications to address this new provision in order to receive funding under this program. Section 427 of GEPA was enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382).

To Whom Does This Provision Apply?

Section 427 of GEPA affects all applicants for discretionary grant awards under the NRC and FLAS programs. All applicants must include information in their applications to address this new provision in order to receive funding.

What Does This Provision Require?

Section 427 requires each institution applying for funds to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure, for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs, equitable access to and participation in its Federally-assisted program.

This Section allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation that you may address: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you can determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, outreach participants, etc. from such access or participation. Your description need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances. In addition, the information may be provided in a single narrative, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with related topics in the application.

Applicants for grants under the National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships programs (84.015) can address this provision in the narrative sections of the application dealing with the selection criteria, "*Quality of Staff Resources*" and "*Impact and Evaluation*" or in the context of any other selection criterion the applicant deems appropriate. However, it is not required that the provision be addressed in the application narrative; a separate narrative describing how the applicant plans to address the provision can be appended to the Federal forms submitted with the application. Please note, however, that the selection criteria should be addressed in full in the narrative.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

How Might an Applicant Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with Section 427.

- (1) An applicant that proposes to use grant monies to hire additional faculty might describe in its application how it intends to recruit candidates from among traditionally underrepresented groups.

- (2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in Braille for students who are blind.
- (3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a statewide training program for language teachers and is concerned that teachers from rural or inner-city schools may be less likely to enroll in the course might indicate how it intends to encourage those teachers to participate.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant-supported programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION PACKAGE

-] Does the application include each of the following?
 -] Cover Page (Standard Form 424 with an original signature of the applicant's authorizing official)
 -] Budget Form (ED 524)
 -] Detailed Budget for each year of the grant
 -] Abstract
 -] Application Narrative
 -] Appendices: Timeline, Biographical Information
 -] Information to address the provision specified in Section 427 of GEPA
 -] Assurances, Certifications and Disclosure Forms

GRANT APPLICATION RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

If you fail to receive the notification of application receipt within fifteen (15) days from the closing date, call

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
(202) 708-9493

(If your application is late, we will notify you that we will not consider the application.)

GRANT AND CONTRACT FUNDING INFORMATION

The Department of Education provides information about grant and contract opportunities electronically in several ways:

ED Internet Home Page	http://ed.gov
OCFO Internet Web Page	http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCFO/grants.html
OCFO Internet Contracts Page	http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCFO/contracts.html