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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP), administered by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education. The NHCTEP is authorized under Section 116 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. A copy of the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for new awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and the authorizing statute are provided in the application package.

The purpose of the NHCTEP is to improve career and technical education programs that are consistent with the purposes of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and that benefit Native Hawaiians. The NIA, provided in the package, provides the selection criteria that will be used in evaluating applications. Please review the application package, including the NIA and all documents, thoroughly.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov) unless you qualify for an exception. For information (including dates and times) concerning how to submit your application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery, please refer to section IV. (6) Other Submission Requirements in the NIA.

The Department will award discretionary grants on a competitive basis for a project period of up to two years. We expect to award grants in September 2013. Please visit our program website at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/ctenhvep/index.html> for further information. If you have any questions about the program after reviewing the application package, please contact Linda Mayo at (202)245-7792 or by e-mail at [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov).

Again, thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application and appreciate your desire to meet the educational needs of Native Hawaiian students through this program.

Linda Mayo  
Program Officer  
Native Hawaiian Career and  
Technical Education Program

## IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ FIRST

### U.S. Department of Education Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants

To facilitate your use of Grants.gov, this document includes important submission procedures you need to be aware of to ensure your application is received in a timely manner and accepted by the Department of Education.

#### **ATTENTION – Adobe Forms and PDF Files Required**

Applications submitted to Grants.gov for the Department of Education will be posted using Adobe forms. Therefore, applicants will need to download the latest version of Adobe reader (at least Adobe Reader 8.1.2). Information on computer and operating system compatibility with Adobe and links to download the latest version is available on Grants.gov. We strongly recommend that you review these details on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) before completing and submitting your application. In addition, applicants should submit their application a day or two in advance of the closing date as detailed below. Also, applicants are required to upload their attachments in .pdf format only. (See details below under “Attaching Files – Additional Tips.”)

Also, please be aware that **The Grants.gov PMO has discovered an issue with the newest version of Adobe Reader XI**

Applicants may encounter the following error that will prevent them from submitting their application:

*"At least one required Field was empty. Please fill in the required field (highlighted) before continuing."*

Grants.gov recommends that if applicants encounter this issue, they submit their application using any version below Adobe Reader XI. Please refer to the [compatibility table](#) for additional information about supported versions of Adobe Reader. If you have any questions regarding this matter please email the Grants.gov Contact Center at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) or call 1-800-518-4726.

- 1) **REGISTER EARLY** – Grants.gov registration may take five or more business days to complete. You may begin working on your application while completing the registration process, but you cannot submit an application until all of the Registration steps are complete. For detailed information on the Registration Steps, please go to: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp) [Note: Your organization will need to update its SAM registration annually (formerly Central Contractor Registry (CCR)\*.)]

- 2) **SUBMIT EARLY** – We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit your application. Grants.gov will put a date/time stamp on your application and then process it after it is fully uploaded. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on a number of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection, and the time it takes Grants.gov to process the application will vary as well. If Grants.gov rejects your application (see step three below), you will need to resubmit successfully to Grants.gov before 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time on the deadline date.

**Note:** To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov. This DUNS number is typically the same number used when your organization registered with the SAM (formerly CCR - Central Contractor Registry). If you do not enter the same DUNS number on your application as the DUNS you registered with, Grants.gov will reject your application.

- 3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov received your application submission on time and that it was validated successfully. To see the date/time your application was received, login to Grants.gov and click on the Track My Application link. For a successful submission, the date/time received should be earlier than 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time, on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned. Once the Department of Education receives your application from Grants.gov, an Agency Tracking Number (PR/award number) will be assigned to your application and will be available for viewing on Grants.gov’s Track My Application link.

If the date/time received is later than 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the deadline date, your application is late. If your application has a status of “Received” it is still awaiting validation by Grants.gov. Once validation is complete, the status will either change to “Validated” or “Rejected with Errors.” If the status is “Rejected with Errors,” your application has not been received successfully. Some of the reasons Grants.gov may reject an application can be found on the Grants.gov site: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant\\_faqs.jsp#54](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant_faqs.jsp#54). For more detailed information on troubleshooting Adobe errors, you can review the Adobe Reader Error Messages document at <http://www.grants.gov/assets/AdobeReaderErrorMessages.pdf>. If you discover your application is late or has been rejected, please see the instructions below. Note: You will receive a series of confirmations both online and via e-mail about the status of your application. Please do not rely solely on e-mail to confirm whether your application has been received timely and validated successfully.

#### **Submission Problems – What should you do?**

If you have problems submitting to Grants.gov before the closing date, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or

<http://www.grants.gov/contactus/contactus.jsp>, or access the Grants.gov Self-Service web portal at: <https://grants-portal.psc.gov/Welcome.aspx?pt=Grants>

If electronic submission is optional and you have problems that you are unable to resolve before the deadline date and time for electronic applications, please follow the transmittal instructions for hard copy applications in the Federal Register notice and get a hard copy application postmarked by midnight on the deadline date.

If electronic submission is required, you must submit an electronic application before 4:30:00 p.m., unless you follow the procedures in the Federal Register notice and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

### **Helpful Hints When Working with Grants.gov**

Please note, once you download an application from Grants.gov, you will be working offline and saving data on your computer. Please be sure to note where you are saving the Grants.gov file on your computer. You will need to logon to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application. **You must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov.**

Please go to <http://www.grants.gov/contactus/contactus.jsp> for help with Grants.gov. For additional tips related to submitting grant applications, please refer to the Grants.gov Submit Application FAQs found on the Grants.gov [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/submit\\_application\\_faqs.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/submit_application_faqs.jsp).

### **Dial-Up Internet Connections**

When using a dial up connection to upload and submit your application, it can take significantly longer than when you are connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection, e.g. cable modem/DSL/T1. While times will vary depending upon the size of your application, it can take a few minutes to a few hours to complete your grant submission using a dial up connection. **If you do not have access to a high-speed connection and electronic submission is required, you may want to consider following the instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.** (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

### **MAC Users**

For MAC compatibility information, review the Operating System Platform Compatibility Table at the following Grants.gov link: [http://www.grants.gov/help/download\\_software.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/help/download_software.jsp). **If electronic submission is required and you are concerned about your ability to submit electronically as a non-windows user, please follow instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.** (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

## Attaching Files – Additional Tips

Please note the following tips related to attaching files to your application, especially the requirement that applicants **only include read-only, non-modifiable .PDF files** in their application:

1. Ensure that you attach **.PDF files only** for any attachments to your application, and they must be in a **read-only, non-modifiable format**. PDF files are the only Education approved file type accepted as detailed in the Federal Register application notice. Applicants must submit individual .PDF files only when attaching files to their application. Specifically, the Department will not accept any attachments that contain files within a file, such as PDF Portfolio files, or an interactive or fillable .PDF file. Any attachments uploaded that are not .PDF files or are password protected files will not be read. If you need assistance converting your files to a .pdf format, please refer to the following Grants.gov webpage with links to conversion programs under the heading of additional resources:  
[http://www.grants.gov/applicants/app\\_help\\_reso.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/app_help_reso.jsp)
2. Grants.gov cannot process an application that includes two or more files that have the same name within a grant submission. Therefore, each file uploaded to your application package should have a unique file name.
3. When attaching files, applicants should follow the guidelines established by Grants.gov on the size and content of file names. Uploaded files must be less than 50 characters, contain no spaces, no special characters (example: -, &, \*, %, /, #, \) including periods (.), blank spaces and accent marks. Applications submitted that do not comply with the Grants.gov guidelines will be rejected at Grants.gov and not forwarded to the Department.
4. Applicants should limit the size of their file attachments. Documents submitted that contain graphics and/or scanned material often greatly increase the size of the file attachments and can result in difficulties opening the files. For reference, the average discretionary grant application package totals 1 to 2 MB. Therefore, you may want to check the total size of your package before submission.

\*Please note that the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) was replaced by the System for Award Management (SAM) effective July 30, 2012. For more information on the migration of CCR data to SAM, grant applicants should read this information located on Grants.gov:

<http://grants.gov.blogspot.com/2012/07/information-about-pending-migration.html#!/2012/07/information-about-pending-migration.html>

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP) is authorized by section 116 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (the Act) (20 U.S.C.A. 2301 *et seq.*). The NHCTEP awards grants to improve career and technical education programs that are consistent with the purposes of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and that benefit Native Hawaiians.

### Applicable Regulations

The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

(a) Purpose. In the Act, Congress has expanded and added elements to the statement of purpose, most significantly by stating that, among other statutory purposes, programs should build on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards and to assist students in meeting such standards, including in preparation for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in emerging or established professions. (20 U.S.C. 2301(1)) Congress included in the statement of purpose the requirement that programs provide technical assistance that promotes leadership, initial preparation, and professional development, and improves the quality of, career and technical education teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors. (20 U.S.C. 2301(5)) Additionally, the Act's purpose section includes supporting partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree-granting institutions, area career and technical education schools, local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries, as well as providing individuals with opportunities throughout their lives to develop, in conjunction with other education and training programs, the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive. (20 U.S.C. 2301(6) and (7))

(b) Definitions. The following definitions govern this program. The definitions of "acute economic need," "coherent sequence of courses," "direct assistance to students," and "stipend" are from the notice of final requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2009 (74 FR 12341). The definition of "individual with a disability" is from section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102). The definition of "Native Hawaiian" is from section 116 of the Act (20 U.S.C. 2326(a)(4)). The definition of "student achievement" is from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486), and the notice corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637). The definitions of the remaining terms are from section 3 of the Act (20 U.S.C. 2303).

Note: Refer to the Direct assistance to students and Student stipends sections of the NIA for guidance on providing financial assistance for tuition, dependent care, transportation, books, supplies, and stipends.



## **PROGRAM CONTACT**

If you have any questions about the program after reviewing the application package, please contact Linda Mayo at (202) 245-7792 or by e-mail at [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov). Information on the NHCTEP is also available on our website at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/ctenhvep/applicant.html>.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

The following entities are eligible for an award under the NHCTEP:

For purposes of the NHCTEP, community-based organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians means public or private nonprofit organizations of demonstrated effectiveness that are representative of the Native Hawaiian community or significant elements of that community and that provide educational or related services to individuals in the Native Hawaiian community. (20 U.S.C. 2326(h); 7801(6))

Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not involve cost sharing or matching requirements, but does involve supplement-not-supplant funding provisions.

**Type of Awards:** Discretionary grants

**Estimated Available Funds:** \$2,779,500.00 for the first 12 months of the 24-month project period. Funding for the second year is subject to the availability of funds and to a grantee meeting the requirements of 34 CFR 75.253.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$250,000-\$500,000

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$277,950.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 10.

**Project Period:** Up to 24 months.

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

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** July 26, 2013.

## PRIORITIES

On December 15, 2010, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs (75 FR 78486), and corrected the notice on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637) (supplemental priorities). Under this competition we are using the Secretary's Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education (paragraphs (a) through (c)) and Technology priorities from the supplemental priorities, since both of these are key Administration priorities in education. The use of technology within career and technical education (CTE) programs funded under the Act, including NHCTEP, can help improve the quality of instruction and the connections that students have to universities, colleges, employers, and industries that are far from campus. CTE in the STEM fields is important in providing students with education that can lead to employment in high growth, in-demand industry sectors. If we are to prepare Native Hawaiian students for the jobs of the future, we believe it is important for STEM to be a focus of the CTE programs available to them.

Therefore, in this competition we are particularly interested in applications that address the STEM and Technology priorities.

Invitational Priorities: For this FY 2013 NHCTEP competition, these priorities are invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets one or both of these invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications. An application that meets either or both of the invitational priorities will not receive any additional points for doing so.

These priorities are:

Priority 1--Technology.

Under this priority, we invite applications that propose projects that are designed to improve student achievement (as defined elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) or teacher effectiveness through the use of high-quality digital tools or materials, which may include preparing teachers to use the technology to improve instruction, as well as developing, implementing, or evaluating digital tools or materials.

Priority 2--Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education.

Under this priority, we invite applications that propose projects that are designed to address one or more of the following priority areas:

(a) Providing students with increased access to rigorous and engaging coursework in STEM.

(b) Increasing the number and proportion of students prepared for postsecondary or graduate study and careers in STEM.

(c) Increasing the opportunities for high-quality preparation of, or professional development for, teachers or other educators of STEM subjects.

Requirements: The Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education has established the following requirements for this program. These requirements, which include Authorized Programs, Services, and Activities, Evaluation Requirements, and Performance Measures, are from the notice of final requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2009 (74 FR 12341).

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria for this program follow below. The maximum score for each criterion and for each factor is indicated in parentheses. The maximum total score for these selection criteria is 120 points.

**(a) Quality of the project design.** (35 points) In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to and will successfully address the needs of the target population or other identified needs (as evidenced by data such as local labor market demand, occupational trends, and surveys). (5 points)
- (2) The extent to which goals, objectives, and outcomes are clearly specified and measurable (for example, we look for clear descriptions of proposed student career and technical education activities; recruitment and retention strategies; expected enrollments, completions, and student placements in jobs, military specialties, and continuing education/training opportunities; the number of teachers, counselors, and administrators to be trained; and identification of requirements for each program of study to be provided under the project, including related training areas and a description of performance outcomes). (10 points)
- (3) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies (e.g. community, State, and other Federal resources) and organizations providing services to the target population in order to improve services to students and strengthen the proposed project. (5 points)
- (4) The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project will create and offer activities that focus on improving the skills necessary to gain employment in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations, in emerging fields, or in a specific career field. (5 points)
- (5) The extent to which the services proposed in the project will create opportunities for students to acquire skills identified by the State at the secondary level or by industry-recognized career and technical education programs for licensure, degree, certification, or as required by a career or profession. (5 points)
- (6) The extent to which the project will provide opportunities for high-quality training or professional development services that—(5 points)
  - (i) Are of sufficient quality, intensity, and duration to lead to improvements in practice among instructional personnel;

(ii) Will improve and increase instructional personnel's knowledge and skills to help students meet challenging and rigorous academic and career and technical skill proficiencies;

(iii) Will advance instructional personnel's understanding of effective instructional strategies that are supported by scientifically-based research; and

(iv) Include professional development plans that clearly address ways in which learning gaps will be addressed and how continuous review of performance will be conducted to identify training needs.

**(b) Quality of the management plan.** (15 points) In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and the milestones and performance standards for accomplishing project tasks. (5 points)
- (2) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and other key project personnel, including instructors, are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project. (5 points)
- (3) The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project. (5 points)

**(c) Quality of data collection plan.** (10 points) In determining the quality of the data collection plan, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The adequacy of procedures and methods for collecting data. (5 points)
- (2) The adequacy of a data collection plan which would allow comparison with other similar secondary, postsecondary, and adult career and technical education programs. (5 points)

**(d) Quality of project personnel.** (25 points) In determining the quality of project personnel, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. (5 points)
- (2) The qualifications, including relevant training, expertise, and experience, of the project director. (5 points)
- (3) The qualifications, including relevant training, expertise, and experience, of key

project personnel, especially the extent to which the project will use instructors who are certified to teach in the field in which they will provide instruction. (10 points)

- (4) The qualifications, including training, expertise, and experience, of project consultants. (5 points)

**(e) Adequacy of resources.** (15 points) In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The adequacy of support, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and other resources, from the applicant organization(s) and the entities to be served, including the relevance and demonstrated commitment (e.g., articulation agreements, memoranda of understanding, letters of support, or commitments to employ project participants) of the applicant, local employers, or entities to be served by the project. (5 points)
- (2) The extent to which the budget is adequate and costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives and design of the proposed project. (5 points)
- (3) The potential for continued support of the project after Federal funding ends. (5 points)

**(f) Quality of the project evaluation.** (20 points) In determining the quality of the evaluation, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which the methods of evaluation proposed by the grantee are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (5 points)
- (2) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and the performance measures discussed elsewhere in this notice and will produce quantitative and qualitative data, to the extent possible. (5 points)
- (3) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and continuous improvement toward achieving intended outcomes. (5 points)
- (4) The quality of the proposed evaluation to be conducted by an external evaluator with the necessary background and technical expertise to carry out the evaluation. (5 points)

## **Authorized Programs**

Under section 116(e) of the Act, educational programs, services, and activities funded under NHCTEP must support and help to improve career and technical education programs. (20 U.S.C. 2326(e)). This requirement, along with the statutory definition of career and technical education, aligns NHCTEP with other programs authorized under the Act that require grantees to offer a sequence of courses that provides individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions. (20 U.S.C. 2302(5)) Under section 116(h) of the Act, eligible community-based organizations receive NHCTEP grants to plan, conduct, and administer programs, or portions thereof, that are consistent with the purposes of section 116 of the Act, for benefit of Native Hawaiians.

Under this competition the Secretary awards grants to carry out projects that—

(1) Provide organized educational activities offering a sequence of courses that—

(i) provide individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions;

(ii) provide technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; and

(iii) include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual.

Projects may include prerequisite courses (other than remedial courses) that meet the definitional requirements of section 3(5)(A) of the Act. (20 U.S.C. 2302(5) (A)) In addition, at the secondary level, coherent and rigorous academic curriculum must be aligned with challenging academic content standards and student achievement standards in reading/language arts and mathematics that the State in which the applicant is located has established under the ESEA. Contacts for State NCLB programs may be found on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html>.

(2) Develop new programs, services, or activities or improve or expand existing programs, services, or activities that are consistent with the purposes of the Act. In other words, the Department will support “expansions” or “improvements” that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the expansion of effective programs or practices; upgrading of activities, equipment, or materials; increasing staff capacity; adoption of new technology; modification of curriculum; or implementation of new policies to improve program effectiveness and outcomes.

(3) Funds a career and technical education program, service, or activity that—

- (i) Is a new program, service, or activity that was not provided by the applicant during the instructional term (a defined period, such as a semester, trimester, or quarter, within the academic year) that preceded the request for funding under NHCTEP;
- (ii) Will improve or expand an existing career and technical education program; or
- (iii) Inherently improves career and technical education.

Note: A program, service, or activity “inherently improves career and technical education” if it—

- (a) Develops new career and technical education programs of study that will be approved by the appropriate accreditation agency;
- (b) Strengthens the rigor of the academic and career and technical components of funded programs;
- (c) Uses curriculum that is aligned with industry-recognized standards and will result in students attaining industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or degrees;
- (d) Integrates academics (other than remedial courses) with career and technical education programs through a coherent sequence of courses to ensure learning in the core academic and career and technical subjects;
- (e) Links career and technical education at the secondary level with career and technical education at the postsecondary level and facilitates students' pursuit of a baccalaureate degree;
- (f) Expands the scope, depth, and relevance of curriculum, especially content that provides students with a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of an industry and a variety of hands-on, job-specific experiences; and
- (g) Offers—
  - (1) Work-related experience, internships, cooperative education, school-based enterprises, entrepreneurship, community service learning, and job shadowing that are related to career and technical education programs;
  - (2) Coaching/mentoring, support services, extra help for students after school, on the weekends, and/or during the summers so they can meet higher standards;
  - (3) Career guidance and academic counseling for students participating in career

and technical education programs under NHCTEP;

- (4) Placement services for students who have successfully completed career and technical education programs and attained a technical skill proficiency that is aligned with industry-recognized standards;
- (5) Professional development programs for teachers, counselors, and administrators;
- (6) Strong partnerships among grantees and local educational agencies, postsecondary institutions, community leaders, adult education providers, and, as appropriate, other entities, such as employers, labor organizations, parents, and local partnerships, to enable students to achieve State academic standards and career and technical skills;
- (7) The use of student assessment and evaluation data to improve continually instruction and staff development; or
- (8) Research, development, demonstration, dissemination, evaluation and assessment, capacity-building, and technical assistance related to career and technical education programs

### **Reporting Requirements**

At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit a semi-annual performance report and an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information

We strongly encourage grantees to submit their reports through e-Reports, the Department's electronic performance reporting initiative.

### **Definitions**

Acute economic need means an income that is at or below the national poverty level according to the latest available data from the Department of Commerce or the Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

Career and technical education means organized educational activities that—

- (a) Offer a sequence of courses that—
  - (1) Provides individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions;



- (2) Provides technical skills proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree;
- (3) May include prerequisite courses (other than a remedial course) that meet the requirements of this subparagraph; and
- (4) Includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual.

Coherent sequence of courses means a series of courses in which career and academic education is integrated, and that directly relates to, and leads to, both academic and occupational competencies. The term includes competency-based education and academic education, and adult training or retraining, including sequential units encompassed within a single adult retraining course, that otherwise meets the requirements of this definition.

Direct assistance to students means tuition, dependent care, transportation, books, and supplies that are necessary for a student to participate in a project funded under this program. (20 U.S.C. 2414 (a)(b)(2))

Individual with a disability means an individual with any disability (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)).

Individual with limited English proficiency means a secondary school student, an adult, or an out-of-school youth, who has limited ability in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language, and—

- (a) Whose native language is a language other than English; or
- (b) Who lives in a family or community environment in which a language other than English is the dominant language. (20 U.S.C. 2302(16))

Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area, which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

Non-traditional fields means occupations or fields of work, including careers in computer science, technology, and other current and emerging high-skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work.

Special populations means—

- (a) Individuals with disabilities;
- (b) Individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including foster children;
- (c) Individuals preparing for non-traditional fields;

- (d) Single parents, including single pregnant women;
- (e) Displaced homemakers; and
- (f) Individuals with limited English proficiency.

Stipend means a subsistence allowance for a student that is necessary for the student to participate in a project funded under this program.

Student achievement means —

- (a) For tested grades and subjects:
  - (1) A student's score on the State's assessments under the ESEA; and, as appropriate,
  - (2) Other measures of student learning, such as those described in paragraph (b) of this definition, provided they are rigorous and comparable across schools.
- (b) For non-tested grades and subjects: alternative measures of student learning and performance, such as student scores on pre-tests and end-of-course tests; student performance on English language proficiency assessments; and other measures of student achievement that are rigorous and comparable across schools. (75 FR 78486 and corrected in 76 FR 27637)

Support services means services related to curriculum modification, equipment modification, classroom modification, supportive personnel, and instructional aids and devices.

### **Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)**

Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), Federal departments and agencies must clearly describe the goals and objectives of their programs, identify resources and actions needed to accomplish these goals and objectives, develop a means of measuring progress made, and regularly report on their achievement. One important source of program information on successes and lessons learned is the project evaluation conducted under individual grants. The Department developed the following core factors and measures for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program and projects supported under this competition. Consequently, we advise an applicant for a grant under this program to give careful consideration to these core factors and measures.

- (a) Number of projects. The number of secondary, postsecondary, and adult programs that—
  - (1) Apply industry-recognized skill standards so students can earn skill certificates in those projects; and
  - (2) Offer skill competencies, related assessments, and industry-recognized skill certificates in secondary and postsecondary institutions.
- (b) Secondary Projects. The percentage of participating secondary career and technical education students who --
  - (1) Meet or exceed proficiency standards in reading/language arts and mathematics;

- (2) Attain a secondary school diploma or its State-recognized equivalent, or a proficiency credential in conjunction with a secondary school diploma;
  - (3) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry recognized standards;
  - (4) Are placed in postsecondary education, advanced training, military service, or employment in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations or in current or emerging occupations.
- (c) Postsecondary Projects. The percentage of participating postsecondary students in career and technical education programs who—
- (1) Receive postsecondary degrees, certificates, or credentials;
  - (2) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry-recognized standards;
  - (3) Receive industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or degrees;
  - (4) Are retained in postsecondary education or transfer to a baccalaureate degree program; and
  - (5) Are placed in military service or apprenticeship programs, or are placed in employment, receive an employment promotion, or retain employment.
- (d) Adult Projects. The percentage of participating adult career and technical education students who—
- (1) Enroll in a postsecondary education or training program;
  - (2) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry-recognized standards;
  - (3) Receive industry-recognized credentials or certificates, or degrees; and
  - (4) Are placed in employment, receive an employment promotion, or retain employment.

### **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 1830-0564. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 120 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:** Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Potomac Center Plaza, Room 11070, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

## **Legal and Regulatory Documents**

### **FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES INVITING APPLICATIONS**

**(Note: See June 26, 2013 Correction Notice Inviting Applications in this Application Package for “Deadline for Transmittal of Application” date change to July 26, 2013)**

#### **June 14, 2013 – Notice Inviting Applications**

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:

Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.259A.

Dates:

Applications Available: June 14, 2013.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 17, 2013.

Full Text of Announcement

#### **I. Funding Opportunity Description**

**Purpose of Program:** The Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP) provides grants to eligible community-based organizations to plan, conduct, and administer programs, or portions of programs, that are for the benefit of Native Hawaiians and authorized by and consistent with the purposes of section 116 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Act). Section 116(e) of the Act provides that programs, services, and activities funded under NHCTEP must support and improve career and technical education programs. (20 U.S.C. 2326(e))

**Supplementary Information:**

Under this competition the Department awards grants to carry out projects that provide organized educational activities offering a sequence of courses that--

- (a) Provides individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions;
- (b) Provides technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; and
- (c) Includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability

skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual. Projects may include prerequisite courses (other than remedial courses) that meet the definitional requirements of section 3(5)(A) of the Act. (20 U.S.C. 2302(5)(A))

Priorities: On December 15, 2010, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs (75 FR 78486), and corrected the notice on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637) (supplemental priorities). Under this competition we are using the Secretary's Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education (paragraphs (a) through (c)) and Technology priorities from the supplemental priorities, since both of these are key Administration priorities in education. The use of technology within career and technical education (CTE) programs funded under the Act, including NHCTEP, can help improve the quality of instruction and the connections that students have to universities, colleges, employers, and industries that are far from campus. CTE in the STEM fields is important in providing students with education that can lead to employment in high growth, in-demand industry sectors. If we are to prepare Native Hawaiian students for the jobs of the future, we believe it is important for STEM to be a focus of the CTE programs available to them. Therefore, in this competition we are particularly interested in applications that address the STEM and Technology priorities.

Invitational Priorities: For this FY 2013 NHCTEP competition, these priorities are invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets one or both of these invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications. An application that meets either or both of the invitational priorities will not receive any additional points for doing so.

These priorities are:

Priority 1--Technology.

Under this priority, we invite applications that propose projects that are designed to improve student achievement (as defined elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) or teacher effectiveness through the use of high-quality digital tools or materials, which may include preparing teachers to use the technology to improve instruction, as well as developing, implementing, or evaluating digital tools or materials.

Priority 2--Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education.

Under this priority, we invite applications that propose projects that are designed to address one or more of the following priority areas:

(a) Providing students with increased access to rigorous and engaging coursework in STEM.

(b) Increasing the number and proportion of students prepared for postsecondary or graduate study and careers in STEM.

(c) Increasing the opportunities for high-quality preparation of, or professional development for, teachers or other educators of STEM subjects.

Requirements: The Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education has established the following requirements for this program. These requirements, which include Authorized Programs, Services, and Activities, Evaluation Requirements, and Performance Measures, are from the notice of final requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2009 (74 FR 12341).

Authorized Programs, Services, and Activities:

(a) Authorized Programs. In accordance with section 116(e) of the Act, under this program, NHCTEP projects must--

(1) Develop new programs, services, or activities or improve or expand existing programs, services, or activities that are consistent with the purposes of the Act. In other words, the Department will support “expansions” or “improvements” that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the expansion of effective programs or practices; upgrading of activities, equipment, or materials; increasing staff capacity; adoption of new technology; modification of curriculum; or implementation of new policies to improve program effectiveness and outcomes; and

(2) Fund a career and technical education program, service, or activity that--

(i) Is a new program, service, or activity that was not provided by the applicant during the instructional term (a defined period, such as a semester, trimester, or quarter, within the academic year) that preceded the request for funding under NHCTEP;

(ii) Will improve or expand an existing career and technical education program; or

(iii) Inherently improves career and technical education. A program, service, or activity “inherently improves career and technical education” if it--

(A) Develops new career and technical education programs of study for approval by the appropriate accreditation agency;

(B) Strengthens the rigor of the academic and career and technical components of funded programs;

(C) Uses curriculum that is aligned with industry-recognized standards and will result in students attaining industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or degrees;

(D) Integrates academics (other than remedial courses) with career and technical education programs through a coherent sequence of courses to help ensure learning in the core academic and career and technical subjects;

(E) Links career and technical education at the secondary level with career and technical education at the postsecondary level, and facilitates students’ pursuit of a baccalaureate degree;

(F) Expands the scope, depth, and relevance of curriculum, especially content that provides students with a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of an industry and a variety of hands-on, job-specific experiences; or

(G) Offers--

(1) Work-related experience, internships, cooperative education, school-based enterprises, studies in entrepreneurship, community service learning, and job shadowing that are related to career and technical education programs;

(2) Coaching/mentoring, support services, and extra help for students after school, on the weekends, or during the summer so they can meet higher standards;

(3) Career guidance and academic counseling for students participating in career and technical education programs under NHCTEP;

(4) Placement services for students who have successfully completed career and technical education programs and attained a technical skill proficiency that is aligned with industry-recognized standards;

(5) Professional development programs for teachers, counselors, and administrators;

(6) Strong partnerships among grantees and local educational agencies, postsecondary institutions, community leaders, adult education providers, and, as appropriate, other entities,

such as employers, labor organizations, parents, and local partnerships, to enable students to achieve State academic standards and attain career and technical skills;

(7) The use of student assessment and evaluation data to improve continually instruction and staff development; or

(8) Research, development, demonstration, dissemination, evaluation and assessment, capacity-building, and technical assistance related to career and technical education programs.

(b) Student stipends. (1) A portion of an award under this program may be used to provide stipends (as defined elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) to help students meet the costs of participation in a NHCTEP project.

(2) To be eligible for a stipend a student must--

(i) Be enrolled in a career and technical education project funded under this program;

(ii) Be in regular attendance in a NHCTEP project and meet the training institution's attendance requirement;

(iii) Maintain satisfactory progress in his or her program of study according to the training institution's published standards for satisfactory progress; and

(iv) Have an acute economic need that--

(A) Prevents participation in a project funded under this program without a stipend; and

(B) Cannot be met through a work-study program.

(3) The amount of a stipend is the greater of either the minimum hourly wage prescribed by State or local law, or the minimum hourly wage established under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

(4) A grantee may award a stipend only if the stipend combined with other resources the student receives does not exceed the student's financial need. A student's financial need is the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the financial aid or other resources available to defray the student's cost of attending a NHCTEP project.

(5) To calculate the amount of a student's stipend, a grantee must multiply the number of hours a student actually attends career and technical education instruction by the amount of the minimum hourly wage that is prescribed by State or local law or by the minimum hourly wage that is established under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The grantee must reduce the amount of a stipend if necessary to ensure that it does not exceed the student's financial need. Example: If a grantee uses the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum hourly wage of \$7.25 and a student attends classes for 20 hours a week, the student's stipend would be \$145 for the week during which the student attends classes ( $\$7.25 \times 20 = \$145$ ). If the program lasts 16 weeks and the student's total financial need is \$2,000, the grantee must reduce the weekly stipend to \$125, because the total stipend for the course would otherwise exceed the student's financial need by \$320 (or \$20 a week).

Note: In accordance with applicable Department statutory requirements and administrative regulations, grantees must maintain records that fully support their decisions to award stipends to students, as well as the amounts that are paid, such as proof of a student's enrollment in the NHCTEP project, stipend applications, timesheets showing the number of hours of student attendance that are confirmed in writing by an instructor, student financial status information, and evidence that a student could not participate in the NHCTEP project without a stipend. (See generally 20 U.S.C. 1232f; 34 CFR 75.700-75.702; 75.730; and 75.731.)

(6) An eligible student may earn a stipend when taking a course for the first time, although a stipend may not be provided to a student for a particular course if the student has already

taken, completed, and had the opportunity to benefit from the course and is merely repeating the course.

(7) An applicant must include, in its application, the procedure it intends to use in determining student eligibility for stipends and stipend amounts, and its oversight procedures for the awarding and payment of stipends.

(c) Direct Assistance to Students. A grantee may provide direct assistance (as defined elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) to a student only if the following conditions are met:

(1) The recipient of the direct assistance is an individual who is a member of a special population (as defined elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) and who is participating in a NHCTEP project.

(2) The direct assistance is needed to address barriers to the individual's successful participation in a NHCTEP project.

(3) The direct assistance is part of a broader, more generally focused program or activity for addressing the needs of an individual who is a member of a special population.

Note: Direct assistance to individuals who are members of special populations is not, by itself, a "program or activity for special populations."

(4) The grant funds used for direct assistance must be expended to supplement, and not supplant, assistance that is otherwise available from non-Federal sources. For example, generally, a community-based organization could not use NHCTEP funds to provide child care for single parents if non-Federal funds previously were made available for this purpose, or if non-Federal funds are used to provide child care services for single parents participating in non-career and technical education programs and these services otherwise (in the absence of NHCTEP funds) would have been available to career and technical education students.

(5) In determining how much of the NHCTEP grant funds it will use for direct assistance to an eligible student, a grantee--

(i) May only provide assistance to the extent that it is needed to address barriers to the individual's successful participation in career and technical education; and

(ii) Considers whether the specific services to be provided are a reasonable and necessary cost of providing career and technical education programs for special populations. However, the Secretary does not envision a circumstance in which it would be a reasonable and necessary expenditure of NHCTEP project funds for a grantee to utilize a majority of a project's budget to pay direct assistance to students, in lieu of providing the students served by the project with career and technical education.

(d) Career and Technical Education Agreement. Any applicant that is not proposing to provide career and technical education directly to Native Hawaiian students and proposes instead to pay one or more qualified educational entities to provide such career and technical education to Native Hawaiian students must include with its application a written career and technical education agreement between the applicant and the educational entity. The written agreement must describe the commitment between the applicant and the educational entity and must include, at a minimum, a statement of the responsibilities of the applicant and the entity. The agreement must be signed by the appropriate individuals on behalf of each party, such as the authorizing official or administrative head of the applicant Native Hawaiian community-based organization.

(e) Supplement-Not-Supplant. Grantees may not use funds under NHCTEP to replace otherwise available non-Federal funding for "direct assistance to students" (as defined



elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) and family assistance programs. For example, NHCTEP funds must not be used to supplant non-Federal funds to pay the costs of students' tuition, dependent care, transportation, books, supplies, and other costs associated with participation in a career and technical education program.

Further, funds under NHCTEP may not be used to replace Federal student financial aid. The Act does not authorize the Secretary to fund projects that serve primarily as entities through which students may apply for and receive tuition and other financial assistance.

#### Additional Statutory Requirement Limiting Services:

Section 315 of the Act prohibits the use of funds received under the Act to provide vocational and technical education programs to students prior to the seventh grade, except that equipment and facilities purchased with funds under the Act may be used by such students.

(20 U.S.C. 2395)

#### Evaluation Requirements:

To help ensure the high quality of NHCTEP projects and the achievement of the goals and purposes of section 116(h) of the Act, each grantee must budget for and conduct an ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of its project. An independent evaluator must conduct the evaluation. The evaluation must--

- (a) Be appropriate for the project and be both formative and summative in nature; and
- (b) Include--
  - (1) Collection and reporting of the performance measures for NHCTEP that are identified in the Performance Measures section of this notice; and
  - (2) Qualitative and quantitative data with respect to--
    - (i) Academic and career and technical competencies demonstrated by the participants and the number and kinds of academic and work credentials acquired by individuals, including their participation in programs providing skill proficiency assessments, industry certifications, or training at the associate degree level that is articulated with an advanced degree option;
    - (ii) Enrollment, completion, and placement of participants by gender, for each occupation for which training was provided;
    - (iii) Job or work skill attainment or enhancement, including participation in apprenticeship and work-based learning programs, and student progress in achieving technical skill proficiencies necessary to obtain employment in the field for which the student has been prepared, including attainment or enhancement of technical skills in the industry the student is preparing to enter;
    - (iv) Activities, during the formative stages of the project, to help guide and improve the project, as well as a summative evaluation that includes recommendations for disseminating information on project activities and results;
    - (v) The number and percentage of students who obtained industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or degrees;
    - (vi) The outcomes of students' technical assessments, by type and scores, if available;
    - (vii) The rates of attainment of a proficiency credential or certificate, in conjunction with a secondary school diploma;
    - (viii) The effectiveness of the project, including a comparison between the intended and observed results and a demonstration of a clear link between the observed results and the specific treatment given to project participants;

(ix) The extent to which information about or resulting from the project was disseminated at other sites, such as through the grantee’s development and use of guides or manuals that provide step-by-step directions for practitioners to follow when initiating similar efforts; and

(x) The impact of the project, e.g., follow-up data on students’ employment, sustained employment, promotions, further and continuing education or training, or the impact the project had on Native Hawaiian economic development or career and technical education activities.

**Definitions:**

The following definitions govern this program. The definitions of “acute economic need,” “coherent sequence of courses,” “direct assistance to students,” and “stipend” are from the notice of final requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2009 (74 FR 12341). The definition of “individual with a disability” is from section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102). The definition of “Native Hawaiian” is from section 116 of the Act (20 U.S.C. 2326(a)(4)). The definition of “student achievement” is from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486), and the notice corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637). The definitions of the remaining terms are from section 3 of the Act (20 U.S.C. 2303).

Acute economic need means an income that is at or below the national poverty level according to the latest available data from the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

Career and technical education means organized educational activities that--

(a) Offer a sequence of courses that--

(1) Provides individuals with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions;

(2) Provides technical skills proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; and

(3) May include prerequisite courses (other than a remedial course) that meet the requirements of this definition; and

(b) Include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual.

Coherent sequence of courses means a series of courses in which career and academic education is integrated, and that directly relates to, and leads to, both academic and occupational competencies. The term includes competency-based education and academic education, and adult training or retraining, including sequential units encompassed within a single adult retraining course that otherwise meets the requirements of this definition.

Direct assistance to students means tuition, dependent care, transportation, books, and supplies that are necessary for a student to participate in a project funded under this program.

Individual with a disability means an individual with any disability (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)).

Individual with limited English proficiency means a secondary school student, an adult, or an out-of-school youth, who has limited ability in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language, and--

- (a) Whose native language is a language other than English; or
- (b) Who lives in a family or community environment in which a language other than English is the dominant language.

Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

Non-traditional fields means occupations or fields of work, including careers in computer science, technology, and other current and emerging high-skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in each such occupation or field of work.

Special populations means--

- (a) Individuals with disabilities;
- (b) Individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including foster children;
- (c) Individuals preparing for non-traditional fields;
- (d) Single parents, including single pregnant women;
- (e) Displaced homemakers; and
- (f) Individuals with limited English proficiency. Stipend means a subsistence allowance--
  - (a) For a student who is enrolled in a career and technical education program funded under the NHCTEP;
  - (b) For a student who has an acute economic need that cannot be met through work-study programs; and
  - (c) That is necessary for the student to participate in a project funded under this program.

Student achievement means —

- (a) For tested grades and subjects:
  - (1) A student's score on the State's assessments under the ESEA; and, as appropriate,
  - (2) Other measures of student learning, such as those described in paragraph (b) of this definition, provided they are rigorous and comparable across schools.
- (b) For non-tested grades and subjects: alternative measures of student learning and performance, such as student scores on pre-tests and end-of-course tests; student performance on English language proficiency assessments; and other measures of student achievement that are rigorous and comparable across schools.

Support services means services related to curriculum modification, equipment modification, classroom modification, supportive personnel, and instructional aids and devices.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2326(a)-(h).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Education Department suspension and debarment regulations in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The notice of final requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2009 (74 FR 12341). (d) The notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486), and the notice corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637).

## II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: \$2,779,500 is available for the NHCTEP from the FY 2012 appropriation. Funding for the second year is contingent upon the availability of funds and to a grantee meeting the requirements of 34 CFR 75.253.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2014 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$250,000-\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$277,950.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

### III. Eligibility Information

#### 1. Eligible Applicants:

(a) Community-based organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians. For purposes of the NHCTEP, a community-based organization means a public or private organization that provides career and technical education, or related services, to individuals in the Native Hawaiian community.

(b) Any community-based organization may apply individually or as part of a consortium with one or more eligible community-based organizations. (34 CFR 75.127)

2. a. Cost Sharing or Matching: This program does not require cost sharing or matching.

b. Supplement-Not-Supplant: This program includes a supplement-not-supplant requirement. In accordance with section 311(a) of the Act, funds under this program may not be used to supplant non-Federal funds used to carry out career and technical education activities and tech prep program activities. Furthermore, the prohibition against supplanting also means that grantees are required to use their negotiated restricted indirect cost rates under this program. (34 CFR 75.563)

The Secretary cautions applicants not to plan to use funds under NHCTEP to replace otherwise available non-Federal funding for “direct assistance to students” (as defined elsewhere in this notice under the heading Definitions) and family assistance programs. For example, NHCTEP funds must not be used to supplant non-Federal funds to pay the costs of students’ tuition, dependent care, transportation, books, supplies, and other costs associated with participation in a career and technical education program.

Further, funds under NHCTEP may not be used to replace Federal student financial aid. The Secretary wishes to highlight that the Act does not authorize the Secretary to fund projects that serve primarily as entities through which students may apply for and receive tuition and other financial assistance.

### IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: Linda Mayo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 11075, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-7241. Telephone: (202) 245-7792. Fax: (202) 245-7170 or by email: [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

You can also obtain an application package via the Internet from the following address: [www.grants.gov/](http://www.grants.gov/).

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

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

Page Limit: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the application narrative to no more than 50 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, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application that exceed the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: July 17, 2013.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 15, 2013.

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov). For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to section IV.

7. Other Submission Requirements of this notice.

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

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

4. Intergovernmental Review: This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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

6. Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, Central Contractor Registry, and System for Award Management: To do business with the Department of Education, you must--

a. Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);

- b. Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)--and, after July 24, 2012, with the System for Award Management (SAM), the Government's primary registrant database;
- c. Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your application; and
- d. Maintain an active CCR or SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet. A DUNS number can be created within one business day.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2-5 weeks for your TIN to become active.

The CCR or SAM registration process may take five or more business days to complete. If you are currently registered with the CCR, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days to complete. Information about SAM is available at SAM.gov.

In addition, if you are submitting your application via Grants.gov, you must (1) be designated by your organization as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (2) register yourself with Grants.gov as an AOR. Details on these steps are outlined at the following Grants.gov Web page: [www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp).

#### 7. Other Submission Requirements:

Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

##### a. Electronic Submission of Applications.

Applications for grants under the NHCTEP, CFDA number 84.259A, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not email an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement.

You may access the electronic grant application for the NHCTEP at [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.259, not 84.259A).

Please note the following:

- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by Grants.gov are date and time stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no

later than 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not accept your application if it is received--that is, date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system--after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.
- You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through Grants.gov that are included in the application package for this program to ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to Grants.gov under News and Events on the Department's G5 system home page at [www.G5.gov](http://www.G5.gov).
- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.
- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: the Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- You must upload any narrative sections and all other attachments to your application as files in a PDF (Portable Document) read-only, non-modifiable format. Do not upload an interactive or fillable PDF file. If you upload a file type other than a read-only, non-modifiable PDF or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.
- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second notification to you by email. This second notification indicates that the Department has received your application and has assigned your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified identifying number unique to your application).
- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

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

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you

to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice. If you submit an application after 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date, please contact the person listed under For Further Information Contact in section VII of this notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted. Note: The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system because--

- You do not have access to the Internet; or
  - You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Grants.gov system;
- and
- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail or fax a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevents you from using the Internet to submit your application.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Linda Mayo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 11075, PCP, Washington, 20202-7241. Fax: (202) 245-7792. Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.259A)  
LBJ Basement Level 1  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW.  
Washington, DC 20202-4260

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:



- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

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

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

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

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

#### c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.259A)  
550 12th Street, SW.  
Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza  
Washington, DC 20202-4260

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

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

- (1) You must indicate on the envelope and--if not provided by the Department--in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and
- (2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

#### V. Application Review Information

1. Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for this program are from the notice of final requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2009 (74 FR 12341). The total maximum score for all of the selection criteria is 120 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parenthesis. The program criteria are as follows:

(a) Quality of the Project Design (35 points). In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, we consider the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to and will successfully address the needs of the target population or other identified needs (as evidenced by such data as local labor market demand, occupational trends, and surveys). (5 points)

- (2) The extent to which goals, objectives, and outcomes are clearly specified and measurable. (For example, we look for clear descriptions of proposed student career and technical education activities; recruitment and retention strategies; expected student enrollments, completions, and placements in jobs, military specialties, and continuing education/training opportunities; the number of teachers, counselors, and administrators to be trained; and identification of requirements for each program of study to be provided under the project, including related training areas and a description of performance outcomes.) (10 points)
- (3) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies (e.g., community, State, and other Federal resources) and organizations providing services to the target population in order to improve services to students and strengthen outcomes for the proposed project. (5 points)
- (4) The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project will create and offer activities that focus on enabling participants to obtain the skills necessary to gain employment in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations in emerging fields or in a specific career field. (5 points)
- (5) The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project will create opportunities for students to acquire skills identified by the State at the secondary level or by industry-recognized career and technical education programs for licensure, degree, certification, or as required by a career or profession. (5 points)
- (6) The extent to which the proposed project will provide opportunities for high-quality training or professional development services that--
- (i) Are of sufficient quality, intensity, and duration to lead to improvements in practice among instructional personnel;
  - (ii) Will improve and increase instructional personnel's knowledge and skills to help students meet challenging and rigorous academic and career and technical skill proficiencies;
  - (iii) Will advance instructional personnel's understanding of effective instructional strategies that are supported by scientifically based research; and
  - (iv) Include professional development plans that clearly address ways in which learning gaps will be addressed and how continuous review of performance will be conducted to identify training needs. (5 points)
- (b) Quality of the Management Plan (15 points). In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, we consider the following factors:
- (1) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and the milestones and performance standards for accomplishing project tasks. (5 points)
  - (2) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and other key project personnel, including instructors, are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project. (5 points)
  - (3) The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project. (5 points)
- (c) Quality of Data Collection Plan (10 points). In determining the quality of the data collection plan, we consider the following factors:
- (1) The adequacy of procedures and methods for collecting data. (5 points)
  - (2) The adequacy of the data collection plan in allowing comparison with other similar secondary, postsecondary, and adult career and technical education programs. (5 points)

(d) Quality of Project Personnel (25 points). In determining the quality of project personnel, we consider the following factors:

(1) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. (5 points)

(2) The qualifications, including relevant training, expertise, and experience, of the project director. (5 points)

(3) The qualifications, including relevant training, expertise, and experience, of key project personnel, especially the extent to which the project will use instructors who are certified to teach in the field in which they will provide instruction. (10 points)

(4) The qualifications, including training, expertise, and experience, of project consultants. (5 points)

(e) Adequacy of Resources (15 points). In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, we consider the following factors:

(1) The adequacy of support, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and other resources, from the applicant organization(s) and the entities to be served, including the evidence and relevance of commitments (e.g., articulation agreements, memoranda of understanding, letters of support, or commitments to employ project participants) of the applicant, local employers, or entities to be served by the project. (5 points)

(2) The extent to which the budget is adequate and costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives and design of the proposed project. (5 points)

(3) The potential for continued support of the project after Federal funding ends. (5 points)

(f) Quality of the Project Evaluation (20 points). In determining the quality of the evaluation, we consider the following factors:

(1) The extent to which the methods of evaluation proposed by the grantee are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (5 points)

(2) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and the performance measures discussed elsewhere in this notice and will produce quantitative and qualitative data, to the extent possible. (5 points)

(3) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and continuous improvement toward achieving intended outcomes. (5 points)

(4) The quality of the proposed evaluation to be conducted by an external evaluator with the necessary background and technical expertise to carry out the evaluation. (5 points)

2. Review and Selection Process: We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary also requires various assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

3. Special Conditions: Under 34 CFR 74.14 and 80.12, the Secretary may impose special conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 34 CFR parts 74 or 80, as applicable; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also. If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

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

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

3. Reporting: (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html).

4. Performance Measures: Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), Federal departments and agencies must clearly describe the goals and objectives of their programs, identify resources and actions needed to accomplish these goals and objectives, develop a means of measuring progress made, and regularly report on their achievement. One important source of program information on successes and lessons learned is the project evaluation conducted under individual grants.

The Department has established the following core factors and measures for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the NHCTEP and projects supported under this program.

Consequently, we advise an applicant for a grant under this program to give careful consideration to these core factors and measures.

(a) Number of Secondary, Postsecondary, and Adult Projects. The number of secondary, postsecondary, and adult projects that--

(1) Apply industry-recognized skill standards so that students can earn skill certificates in those projects; and

(2) Offer skill competencies, related assessments, and industry-recognized skill certificates in an area of study offered by secondary and postsecondary institutions.

(b) Secondary Projects. The percentage of participating secondary career and technical education students who--

- (1) Meet or exceed State proficiency standards in reading/language arts and mathematics;
- (2) Attain a secondary school diploma or its State-recognized equivalent, or a proficiency credential in conjunction with a secondary school diploma;
- (3) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry-recognized standards; and
- (4) Are placed in postsecondary education, advanced training, military service, or employment in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations or in current or emerging occupations.

(c) Postsecondary Projects. The percentage of participating postsecondary students in career and technical education programs who--

- (1) Receive postsecondary degrees, certificates, or credentials;
- (2) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry-recognized standards;
- (3) Receive industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or degrees;
- (4) Are retained in postsecondary education or transfer to a baccalaureate degree program; and
- (5) Are placed in military service or apprenticeship programs, or are placed in employment, receive an employment promotion, or retain employment.

(d) Adult Projects. The percentage of participating adult career and technical education students who--

- (1) Enroll in a postsecondary education or training program;
- (2) Attain career and technical education skill proficiencies aligned with industry-recognized standards;
- (3) Receive industry-recognized credentials, certificates, or degrees; and
- (4) Are placed in employment, receive an employment promotion, or retain employment.

Note: All grantees must submit an annual performance report addressing these performance measures, to the extent feasible and to the extent that they apply to each grantee's NHCTEP project.

5. Continuation Awards: In making a continuation award, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.253, the extent to which a grantee has made "substantial progress toward meeting the objectives in its approved application." This consideration includes the review of a grantee's progress in meeting the targets and projected outcomes in its approved application, and whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

#### VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Linda Mayo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 11075, PCP, Washington, DC 20202-7241. Telephone: (202) 245-7792, or by email: [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov).

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

#### VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this notice and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under For Further Information Contact in section VII of this notice.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the Federal Register, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the Federal Register by using the article search feature at: [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Dated:

Brenda Dann-Messier,  
Assistant Secretary  
for Vocational and Adult Education.

### **June 26, 2013 – Correction Notice Inviting Applications**

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP); Correction

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA), Number: 84.259A.

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On June 14, 2013, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in the U.S. Department of Education published in the Federal Register (78 FR 35877) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2013 for NHCTEP. This notice corrects the “Applications Available” date and the “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications” date.

The correct date for when applications are available is June 26, 2013.

The correct deadline for transmittal of applications is July 26, 2013.

DATES: Effective June 26, 2013.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Corrections

In the Federal Register of June 14, 2013 (78 FR 35877), on page 35877, in the second column, under the DATES heading, we correct the “Applications Available” caption to read:

Applications Available: June 26, 2013.

Also, on page 35877, in the third column, under the DATES heading, we correct the “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications” caption to read:

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 26, 2013.

On page 35881, in section IV, Submission Dates and Times, in the third column, we correct the “Applications Available” caption to read:

Applications Available: June 26, 2013.

Lastly, on page 35881, in section IV, Submission Dates and Times, in the third column, we correct the "Deadline for Transmittal of Applications" caption to read:

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 26, 2013.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2326(a)-(h).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Mayo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 11075, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7241. Telephone: (202) 245-7792, or by email: [linda.mayo@ed.gov](mailto:linda.mayo@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under For Further Information Contact in this notice.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register. Free Internet access to the official edition of the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the Federal Register, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the Federal Register by using the article search feature at: [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Johan Uvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Strategic Initiatives, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

Dated: June 21, 2013.

Johan Uvin,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Strategic Initiatives,  
Delegated Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the  
Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

### **Program Statute**

SEC. 116. <<NOTE: 20 USC 2326.>> NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS.

(a) Definitions.--In this section:

``(1) Alaska native.--The term `Alaska Native' means a Native as such term is defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

``(2) Bureau-funded school.--The term `Bureau-funded school' has the meaning given the term in section 1141 of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021).

``(3) Indian, Indian tribe, and tribal organization.--The terms `Indian', `Indian tribe', and `tribal organization' have the meanings given the terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

``(4) Native Hawaiian.--The term `Native Hawaiian' means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

``(5) Native Hawaiian organization.--The term `Native Hawaiian organization' has the meaning given the term in section 7207 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7517).

...

(h) Native Hawaiian programs

From the funds reserved pursuant to section 2321(a)(1)(B)(ii) of this title, the Secretary shall award grants to or enter into contracts with community-based organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians to plan, conduct, and administer programs, or portions thereof, which are authorized by and consistent with the provisions of this section for the benefit of Native Hawaiians.



## DOCUMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In addition to the requirements in this Part, the application must meet the following requirements:

### **1. Table of Contents**

The proposal must include a Table of Contents that shows where and how the sections of your proposal are organized. Applicants submitting through Grants.gov should attach the Table of Contents to the “Other Attachments” Form.

### **2. Project Abstract**

The Project Abstract should include no more than two pages summarizing each proposed project in the application, including a short description of the research questions, research modalities, and expected value of the project to the field. Your project abstract should be clear, concise, and to the point. The application may include supporting documentation as appendices to the project abstract. Be sure that this material is concise and pertinent to this program competition. The Project Abstract should be after the Table of Contents and before the Program Narrative. Applicants submitting through Grants.gov should attach the Project Abstract to the “ED Abstract” Form.

### **3. Program Narrative**

The Program Narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the application narrative to no more than 50 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, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or not smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.
- Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application that exceed the page limit.
- Applicants submitting through Grants.gov should attach the Program Narrative to the “Project Narrative Attachment” Form.

### **4. Budget Instructions**

#### **ED Budget Information For Non-Construction Programs (ED Form 524)**

Applicants are required to submit a budget and budget narrative with your application. The budget narrative should explain, justify, and, if needed, clarify your budget summary. For each line item (personnel, fringe benefits, travel, etc.) in your budget, explain why it is there and how you computed the costs. **Please limit this section to no more than five pages. Remember to number each page of your application consecutively.** Remember that you must provide all requested budget information for each year of the proposed project (up to 24 months). Please report on any Federal and Non-Federal funds that will be used.

### **Budget Narrative**

- Budget narrative should be attached to the Budget Attachment Form. The panel will review letters of support, included as appendices to an application, which are of direct relevance to or contain commitments that pertain to the established selection criteria, such as Adequacy of Resources.

### **Instructions for completing ED Form 524 Section A:**

Name of Institution/Organization: Enter the name of the applicant organization or institution in the space provided.

Personnel (Line 1): Show salaries and time commitment for personnel for each budget year.

Fringe Benefits (Line 2): Indicate the rate and amount of fringe benefits for each budget year.

Travel (Line 3): Indicate the amount requested both local and out of State travel of Program Staff for each budget year. Include funds for the 1<sup>st</sup> year for the project director and staff members assigned to the project to attend the Project Directors' Meeting.

Equipment (Line 4): Indicate the cost of non-expendable personal property that has a cost of \$5,000 or more per unit for each budget year.

Supplies (Line 5): Include the cost of consumable supplies and materials to be used during the project period for each budget year.

Contractual (Line 6): Show the amount to be used for: (1) procurement contracts (except those which belong on other lines, such as supplies and equipment); and (2) sub-contracts for each budget year.

Construction (Line 7): Not Applicable.

Other (Line 8): Indicate all direct costs not clearly covered by lines 1 through 6 above including consultants and capital expenditures for each budget year.

Total Direct Costs: Show the total for Lines 1 through 8 for each budget year.

Indirect Costs: Indicate the rate and amount of indirect costs for each budget year. **Note: Include a copy of your restricted indirect cost rate agreement.**

Training/Stipend Cost: Indicate cost per student and number of hours of instruction. The amount of a stipend may be the greater of the minimum hourly wage prescribed by State and local law, or the minimum hourly wage set under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Total Costs: Show total for lines 9 through 11 for each budget year.

**Applicants should use the Application Checklist, below to ensure that you have included all required items when you submit your application for consideration.**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF424)
- Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF424
- Department of Education Budget Information Non-Construction Program Form –  
Section A & B (ED524)
- Project Abstract
- Budget Narrative
- Project Narrative
- Note: Have you addressed all Application Requirements including Selection Criteria
- Narrative addressing (GEPA Section 427)
- Assurances and Certifications
  - Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B)
  - Lobbying Disclosure Form (SF LLL)
  - Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- Other Forms