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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Native American and Alaska Native
Children in School Program

AGENCY: Office of English Language Acquisition, Department of
Education.

Overview Information

Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program Notice
inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.365C.

DATES: Applications Available: December 6, 2012.

Pre-application Technical Assistance for Potential Applicants: A
webinar for potential applicants will be conducted 14 days after the
publication of this notice in the Federal Register. For further
information on this webinar, contact Yvonne Putney-Mathieu at (202)
401-1461, or by email at yvonne.mathieu@ed.gov. Please include
`84.365C Webinar Information'' in the subject heading of your email.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 1, 2013.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 1, 2013.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to provide
grants for eligible entities to develop high levels of academic
attainment in English among English learners (ELs),\1\ and to promote
parental and community participation in language instruction
educational programs. Projects funded under the Native American and
Alaska Native Children in School Program, authorized under Title III of
the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA),
may support the teaching and studying of Native American languages, but
must have, as a project objective, an increase in English language
proficiency for participating students.

\1\ The term English learner, as used in this notice, is
synonymous with the term limited English proficient (LEP), as
defined in section 9101(25) of the ESEA.

Priorities: This notice includes two competitive preference priorities and three invitational priorities. Competitive preference priorities 1 and 2 are from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78485) and corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637).

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2013, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to 10 additional points to an application, depending upon how well it meets competitive preference priority 1, and up to 5 additional points to an application, depending upon how well it meets competitive preference priority 2 (i.e., an application could attain up to 15 additional points depending upon how well it meets both competitive preference priority 1 and competitive preference priority 2).

Note: We will add competitive preference priority points for priorities 1 and 2 only to applications that score 75 or higher on the selection criteria. We will fund only applications that score 75 or higher on the selection criteria.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1--Increasing Postsecondary Success (10 points)

Projects that are designed to address the following priority area:
Increasing the number and proportion of high-need students (as defined in this notice) who are academically prepared for and enroll in college or other postsecondary education and training.

Note: High-need children and high-need students means children and students at risk of educational failure, such as children and students who are living in poverty, who are English learners, who are far below grade level or who are not on track to becoming college- or career-ready by graduation, who have left school or college before receiving, respectively, a regular high school diploma or a college degree or certificate, who are at risk of not graduating with a diploma on time, who are homeless, who are in foster care, who are pregnant or parenting teenagers, who have been incarcerated, who are new immigrants, who are migrant, or who have disabilities.

Competitive Preference Priority 2--Enabling More Data-Based Decision-Making (5 Points)

Projects that are designed to collect (or obtain), analyze, and use high-quality and timely data, including data on program participant outcomes, in accordance with privacy requirements (as defined in this notice), in one or more of the following priority areas:

(a) Improving postsecondary student outcomes relating to enrollment, persistence, and completion and leading to career success.

(b) Improving instructional practices, policies, and student outcomes in elementary or secondary schools.

Note: Privacy requirements means the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 99, the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as well as all applicable Federal, State and local requirements regarding privacy.

Invitational Priorities: For FY 2013, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets these invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

These priorities are:

Invitational Priority 1--Supporting Native American Language Instruction

Projects that are designed to support the teaching and studying of Native American languages, while maintaining the objective of increasing English language proficiency for participating students.

Note: The term Native American languages means the historical, traditional languages spoken by Native Americans, consistent with section 103 of the Native American Languages Act (25 U.S.C. 2902).

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Invitational Priority 2--Parental Involvement To Improve Early Learning Outcomes and Success

Projects that are designed to improve early learning outcomes and success for high-need children and high-need students (as defined in this notice) from birth through third grade (or any age group of high-need children and high-need students within that range) through a focus on language and literacy development.

Invitational Priority 3--Civic Learning and Engagement

Projects that are designed to engage students and families in community improvement activities that support and develop civic knowledge and values.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6821(c)(1)(A) and 6822.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 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 supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78485) and corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637).

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

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

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: \$3,825,000.

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: \$150,000-\$300,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$225,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 17.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants: The following entities, when they operate elementary, secondary, or postsecondary schools primarily for Native American children (including Alaska Native children), are eligible applicants under this program: Indian tribes; tribally sanctioned educational authorities; Native Hawaiian or Native American Pacific Islander native language educational organizations; elementary schools or secondary schools that are operated or funded by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), or a consortium of these schools; elementary schools or secondary schools operated under a contract with or grant from the BIE in consortium with another such school or a tribal or community organization; and elementary schools or secondary schools operated by the BIE and an IHE, in consortium with an elementary school or secondary school operated under a contract with or a grant from the BIE or a tribal or community organization.

Note: Any eligible entity that receives Federal financial assistance under this program is not eligible to receive a subgrant under section 3114 of title III of the ESEA.

Note: Eligible applicants applying as a consortium should read and follow the regulations in 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129.

Note: Charter schools meeting the eligibility requirement described in this section are eligible to apply for a grant under the Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program.

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

3. Other:

Participation by Private School Children and Teachers. An entity that receives a grant under the Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program must provide for the equitable participation of private school children and their teachers or other educational

personnel.

In order to ensure that grant program activities address the needs of private school children, the applicant must engage in timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate private school officials during the design and development of the program. This consultation must take place before the applicant makes any decision that affects the opportunities for participation by eligible private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel. Administrative direction and control over grant funds must remain with the grantee. (See section 9501 of the ESEA, Participation by Private School Children and Teachers.)

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package: Yvonne Mathieu, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 5C138, Washington, DC 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 401-1461 or by email: yvonne.mathieu@ed.gov.

Note: Please include ``84.365C Application Request'' in the subject heading of your email.

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.

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. a. 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 the equivalent of no more than 35 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 three-page abstract. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section in Part III.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit; or if you apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

b. Submission of Proprietary Information: Given the types of projects that may be proposed in applications for the Native American

and Alaska Native

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Children in School Program, an application may include business information that the applicant considers proprietary. The Department's regulations define ``business information'' in 34 CFR 5.11.

Because, consistent with the process followed in the FY 2011 competition, we plan to post on our Web site the project narrative sections of all successful applications, you may wish to request confidentiality of business information.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: December 6, 2012.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 1, 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 persons 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.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 1, 2013.

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

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.

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 Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program, CFDA number 84.365C, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov Apply site at 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 Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program at 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 84.365, not 84.365C).

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](https://www.grants.gov).

You should review and follow the Education Submission Procedures for submitting an application through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) that are included in the application package for this program to

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ensure that you submit your application in a timely manner to the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) system. You can also find the Education Submission Procedures pertaining to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) under News and Events on the Department's G5 system home page at 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](https://www.grants.gov) an automatic notification of receipt that contains a [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from [Grants.gov](https://www.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](https://www.grants.gov) System: If you are experiencing problems submitting your application through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), please contact the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Support Desk, toll free, at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a [Grants.gov](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.grants.gov), along with the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the [Grants.gov](https://www.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](https://www.grants.gov) system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the [Grants.gov](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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: Trini Torres, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 5C145, Washington, DC 20202. FAX: (202) 260-1292.

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 84.365C), 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 84.365C), 550 12th Street SW., Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-4260.

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between

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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 competition are from 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

The Notes we have included after each criterion are guidance to assist applicants in understanding the criterion as they prepare their applications and are not required by statute or regulation.

(a) Quality of the project design. (30 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable. (20 points)

Note: For example, applicants might, in addressing this factor,

include in their application ambitious, measurable objectives that reflect the performance measures discussed in section VI of this notice regarding improved student English language proficiency and reading proficiency, and that include annual targets of expected student achievement in English language proficiency and in reading proficiency. Applicants also might include measurable objectives that reflect all or some of the competitive preference and invitational priorities, if they choose to address those priorities.

(ii) The extent to which the proposed project is designed to build capacity and yield results that will extend beyond the period of Federal financial assistance. (5 points)

(iii) The extent to which the proposed project encourages parental involvement. (5 points)

(b) Quality of project personnel. (10 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project. In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) 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. (2 points)

(ii) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director or principal investigator. (4 points)

(iii) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel. (4 points)

(c) Quality of the management plan. (30 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers 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 milestones for accomplishing project tasks. (30 points)

Note: For example, applicants, in addressing this criterion, might include in their application information on how management activities support the accomplishment of each objective, costs associated with the accomplishment of each objective, persons responsible for each management activity, and timeframes for the completion of each management activity.

(d) Quality of the project evaluation. (30 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the following factors:

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

Note: For example, applicants, in addressing this factor, might include in their application information on how each proposed objective, including those objectives addressing competitive priorities and invitational priorities (if the applicants choose to address those priorities), will be evaluated.

(ii) 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 will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible. (15 points)

Note: For example, applicants, in addressing this factor, might include in their application information on how the proposed project will collect, analyze, and report quantitative data on the performance measures discussed in section VI of this notice.

(iii) The extent to which the methods of evaluation provide for examining the effectiveness of project implementation strategies. (5 points)

(iv) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes. (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, 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). We may notify you informally, also.

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

Note: After awards are made under this competition, all of the successful applications, together with reviewers' scores and comments, will be posted on the Department's Web site at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/index.html?src=oc.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy

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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.

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 programs, identify resources and actions needed to accomplish goals and objectives, develop a means of measuring progress made, and annually report on achievement. One important source of program information on successes and lessons learned is the project evaluation conducted under individual grants. The Department has developed the following GPRA performance measures for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program:

(i) The percentage of English learners (ELs) served by the program who score proficient or above on, as applicable, valid and reliable State and/or local district reading assessments.

(ii) The percentage of ELs served by the program who are making progress in learning English as measured by the State-approved English language proficiency assessment.

(iii) The percentage of ELs served by the program who are attaining proficiency in English as measured by the State-approved English language proficiency assessment.

Grantees funded under this competition will be expected to collect and report to the Department data related to these measures in their Annual Performance Report and in their Final Performance Report. Applicants should discuss in the application narrative how they propose to collect these data.

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).

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VIII. Other Information

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