will be sustainable beyond the period of the grant;

(2) The members of the consortia or other appropriate entities will contribute substantial financial and other resources to achieve the goals of the project; and

(3) The applicant is capable of carrying out the project, as evidenced by the extent to which the project will meet the problems identified; the quality of the project design, including objectives, approaches, evaluation plan, and dissemination plan; the adequacy of resources, including money, personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies; the qualifications of key personnel who would conduct the project; and the applicant's prior experience relevant to the objectives of the project.

Application Deadline

In order to ensure timely receipt and processing of applications, the Secretary requires that an application must be received on or before the deadline date announced in this application notice. The Secretary will not consider an application for funding if it is not received by the deadline date unless the applicant can show proof that the application was (1) Sent by registered or certified mail not later than five days before the deadline date; or (2) sent by commercial carrier not later than two days before the deadline date. An applicant must show proof of mailing in

accordance with 34 CFR 75.102 (d) and (e). Applications delivered by hand must be received by 2:00 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the deadline date. For the purposes of this program competition, the Secretary does not apply 34 CFR 75.102(b) which requires an application to be mailed, rather than received, by the deadline date.

Briefing for Prospective Applicants

A briefing for prospective applicants is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 1995, at the Crystal City Marriott Hotel, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3564 (near National Airport in metropolitan Washington, DC). Telephone (703) 413–5500. No preregistration is required. Prospective applicants unable to attend this briefing may access a summary of questions and answers about the competition from the Department of Education's On-Line Library by using the Department's WWW Server at URL http:// www.ed.gov/ or by using the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). For additional help accessing the On-Line Library, call 1-800-USA-LEARN. To receive a hard copy of the summary call (202) 708-6001.

For Applications or Information Contact: Telephone 1–800–USA–

LEARN (1–800–872–5327). Individuals may also contact the Interagency Technology Task Force, U.S.
Department of Education, 600
Independence Avenue, SW.,
Washington, DC 20202–5544.
Telephone (202) 708–6001. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of the application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260–9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

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