

school restructuring efforts to improve educational services to students under the ESEA. The client organizations for these centers are: States, local educational agencies, schools, tribes, community-based organizations, and other recipients of funds under the ESEA.

The Department will enter into agreements with the centers for services that provide for cooperative working relationships with each other, with client organizations and with the Department. There will be a transition period of approximately six months in which existing technical assistance centers funded under previous authorities in ESEA will continue to offer services. It is expected that the new centers will be fully operational within six months of the funding date. During this six-month period, existing centers will be available to help the new centers identify needs, incorporate operational plans, and provide other services that will aid the transition for the new centers to offer a full complement of services by March 31, 1996. Activities to foster a smooth transition may include joint meetings, briefings, information sharing, and any other activities that will improve the ability of the newly funded centers to serve the recipients of funds under ESEA.

In accordance with section 13101(a)(2) of the ESEA, the Secretary has established the following regions for the comprehensive centers:

- *Region I*—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.
- *Region II*—New York.
- *Region III*—Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania.
- *Region IV*—Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

- *Region V*—Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi.
- *Region VI*—Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.
- *Region VII*—Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.
- *Region VIII*—Texas.
- *Region IX*—Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah.
- *Region X*—Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.
- *Region XI*—Northern California (all counties not included in Region XII).
- *Region XII*—Southern California (counties: Los Angeles, San Bernadino, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial, Mono, and Inyo).
- *Region XIII*—Alaska.
- *Region XIV*—Florida, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
- *Region XV*—Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

In accordance with section 13101(b)(1), the Secretary ensures that each comprehensive regional assistance center that serves a region with a significant population of Indian or Alaska Native students will be awarded to a consortium that includes a tribally controlled community college or other Indian organization. Regions VI, VII, IX, X and XIII have a significant population of Indian or Alaska Natives.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Each application must demonstrate the following:

- (a) How the proposed Center will provide expertise and services in the areas described in section 13102 of the ESEA.
- (b) How the proposed Center will work with the National Diffusion Network to conduct outreach to

schoolwide programs under Title I, section 1114 of the ESEA, and LEAs and BIA-funded schools with highest percentages or numbers of children in poverty.

(c) Support from States, LEAs, and tribes in the area to be served.

(d) How the proposed Center will ensure a fair distribution of services to urban and rural areas.

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Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of 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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