following information in their applications:

- (1) Information identifying the lead agency designated by the Governor under § 345.4 and the evidence described in § 345.6(b).
- (2) A description of the nature and extent of involvement of various State agencies, including the State insurance department, in the preparation of the application and the continuing role of each agency in the development and implementation of the consumerresponsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, including the identification of the available resources and financial responsibility of each agency for paying for assistive technology devices and assistive technology services.

(3)(i) A description of procedures that

provide for-

- (A)(1) The active involvement of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, and other appropriate individuals, in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program; and
- (2) To the maximum extent appropriate, the active involvement of individuals with disabilities who use assistive technology devices or assistive technology services, in decisions relating to such devices and services;
- (B) Mechanisms for determining consumer satisfaction and participation of individuals with disabilities who represent a variety of ages and types of disabilities, in the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.
- (ii) A description of the nature and extent of the-
- (A) Involvement, in the designation of the lead agency under § 345.4, and in the development of the application, of-
- (1) Individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives:
- (2) Other appropriate individuals who are not employed by a State agency; and
- (3) Organizations, providers, and interested parties, in the private sector;
- (B) Continuing role of the individuals and entities described in paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(A) of this section in the program.
- (4) A tentative assessment of the extent of the need of individuals with disabilities in the State, including individuals from underrepresented populations or rural populations for a statewide program of technology-related assistance and a description of previous efforts and efforts continuing on the

- date of the application to develop a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.
- (5) A description of State resources and other resources (to the extent this information is available) that are available to commit to the development of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance.
- (6) Information on the program with respect to the-
- (i) Goals and objectives of the State for the program;
- (ii) Systems change and advocacy activities that the State plans to carry out under the program; and
- (iii) Expected outcomes of the State for the program, consistent with the purposes described in § 345.2.
- (7)(i) A description of the data collection system used for compiling information on the program, consistent with requirements established by the Secretary for systems, and, when a national classification system is developed pursuant to section 201 of the Act, consistent with the classification system; and
- (ii) Procedures that will be used to conduct evaluations of the program.
- (8) A description of the policies and procedures governing contracts, grants, and other arrangements with public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other entities or individuals for the purpose of providing assistive technology devices and assistive technology services consistent with this part.
- (b) Applicants for development grants shall include the following assurances in their applications:
- (1)(i) An assurance that the State will use funds from a development or extension grant to accomplish the purposes described in § 345.2 and the goals, objectives, and outcomes described in paragraph (a)(6) of this section, and to carry out the systems change and advocacy activities described in paragraph (a)(6)(ii) of this section, in a manner that is consumerresponsive.
- (ii) An assurance that the State, in carrying out systems change and advocacy activities, shall carry out the following activities, unless the State demonstrates through the progress reports required under § 345.50 that significant progress has been made in the development and implementation of a consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance, and that other systems change and advocacy activities will increase the likelihood that the program

will accomplish the purposes described in § 345.2:

(A) The development, implementation, and monitoring of State, regional, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that will improve access to, provision of, funding for, and timely acquisition and delivery of, assistive technology devices and assistive

technology services;

(B) The development and implementation of strategies to overcome barriers regarding access to, provision of, and funding for, such devices and services, with priority for identification of barriers to funding through State education (including special education) services, vocational rehabilitation services, and medical assistance services or, as appropriate, other health and human services, and with particular emphasis on overcoming barriers for underrepresented populations and rural populations;

(C) Coordination of activities among State agencies, in order to facilitate access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;

- (D) The development and implementation of strategies to empower individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, to successfully advocate for increased access to, funding for, and provision of, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, and to increase the participation, choice, and control of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives in the selection and procurement of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services;
- (E) The provision of outreach to underrepresented populations and rural populations, including identifying and assessing the needs of such populations, providing activities to increase the accessibility of services to such populations, training representatives of such populations to become service providers, and training staff of the consumer-responsive comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance to work with such populations; and

(F) The development and implementation of strategies to ensure timely acquisition and delivery of assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, particularly for children.

(2) An assurance that the State will conduct an annual assessment of the