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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 797b(a).

84.129U-1 Parent Information and Training Programs

Purpose of Program: To establish programs to provide training and information to enable individuals with disabilities, and the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or other authorized representatives of those individuals, to participate more effectively with professionals in meeting the vocational and rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit private organizations.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, and 85.

Supplementary Information:

(a) *Distribution of Grants:* Under this competition the Secretary distributes grants geographically to the greatest extent possible throughout all States, and targets awards to individuals with disabilities and the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of those individuals, in both urban and rural areas or on a State or regional basis.

(b) *Demonstration of Capacity and Expertise:* Each application submitted under this competition must demonstrate the capacity and expertise of the applicant to—

(1) Coordinate and work closely with the parent training and information centers established under section 631 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431); and

(2) Effectively conduct the training and information activities authorized under this program.

(c) *Assurances:* Each application submitted under this competition must provide assurances that the grantee at the time it receives a grant—

(1) Is governed by a board of directors that includes professionals in the field of vocational rehabilitation and on which a majority of members are individuals with disabilities or the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of those individuals; or

(2)(i) Has a membership that represents the interests of individuals with disabilities; and

(ii) Has established a special governing committee that includes professionals in the field of vocational

rehabilitation and on which a majority of members are individuals with disabilities or the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of those individuals.

(d) *Other Assurances:* Each application submitted under this competition must provide assurances that—

(1) The grantee will serve individuals with a full range of disabilities, and the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of those individuals;

(2) The grantee will consult with appropriate agencies, in the jurisdiction served by the program, that serve or assist individuals with disabilities, and the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of those individuals; and

(3) The board of directors or special governing committee will meet at least once in each calendar quarter to review the training and information program, and, in the case of a special governing committee, will directly advise the governing board regarding the views and recommendations of the committee.

(e) *Use of Grants:* Each grantee shall assist individuals with disabilities, and the parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representatives of the individuals to—

(1) Better understand vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs and services;

(2) Provide follow-up support for transition and employment programs;

(3) Communicate more effectively with transition and rehabilitation personnel and other relevant professionals;

(4) Provide support in the development of the individualized written rehabilitation program;

(5) Provide support and expertise in obtaining information about rehabilitation and independent living programs, services, and resources that are appropriate; and

(6) Understand the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act, particularly provisions relating to employment, supported employment, and independent living.

(f) *Other Requirements:* The appropriate provisions of section 306 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, also apply to grants under this competition. (29 U.S.C. 776)

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84.129U-3 Parent Information and Training Programs—Technical Assistance

Purpose of Program: To provide coordination and technical assistance to Parent Information and Training Projects.

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit private organizations.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, and 85.

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84.234M Projects with Industry

Purpose of Program: To (1) create and expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the competitive labor market by engaging the talent and leadership of private industry as partners in the rehabilitation process; (2) identify competitive job and career opportunities and the skills needed to perform these jobs; (3) create practical settings for job readiness and training programs; and (4) provide job placements and career advancement.

Eligible Applicants: (1) Designated State units; (2) labor unions; (3) employers; (4) community rehabilitation program providers; (5) trade associations; (6) Indian tribes or tribal organizations; or (7) other agencies or organizations with the capacity to create and expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Only applicants that propose to serve a geographic area that is currently unserved or underserved by the Projects with Industry program may receive new awards under this program.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 85; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 379.

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

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Priorities:

Competitive Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and the notice of final priorities for this program published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 1994 (59 FR 63860), the Secretary gives