For Applications or Information Contact: Barbara M. Sweeney, U. S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., room 3225, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202–2650. Telephone: (202) 205–9544.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 750.

84.264B Rehabilitation continuing education programs.

Purpose of Program: To support cooperative agreements for training centers that serve either a Federal region or another geographic area and provide a broad, integrated sequence of training activities throughout a multi-State geographical area.

Eligible Applicants: State and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education.

Note: Applications are invited for the provision of training for Department of Education Regions V, VII, and IX only.

Project Period: Up to 60 months. Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 385 and 389.

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 only.

Priorities: The priority in the notice of final priorities for this program, as published in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 1994 (59 FR 62506). For the purpose of this notice, the Secretary designates this priority as an absolute

priority for FY 1996. Under an absolute priority the Secretary funds only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)).

For Applications or Information Contact: Richard Melia, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., room 3324, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2649. Telephone: (202) 205–9400 or the electronic bulletin boards of the Rehabilitation Services Administration at (202) 205–5574 (2400 bps) or (202) 205–9950 (9600 bps) to order applications; or (202) 205–9400 for information.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 771a.

84.315 Capacity building for traditionally underserved populations.

Purpose of Program: To provide outreach services and other related activities (such as cooperative efforts) to: (1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education, and other institutions of higher education whose minority student enrollment is at least 50 percent; (2) nonprofit and forprofit agencies at least 51 percent owned or controlled by one or more minority individuals; and (3) underrepresented populations, to enhance their capacity and increase their participation in competitions for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements under titles I through VIII of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended.

Eligible Applicants: States; other public and nonprofit agencies and organizations; and for-profit agencies and organizations.

Applicable Regulations: Since this direct grant program does not have

implementing regulations, the Secretary implements this program under the authorizing statute (section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act) and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

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

Selection Criteria: To evaluate applications for new grants under this program, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 for a discretionary grant program that does not have regulations:

(a) Meeting the purposes of the authorizing statute (35 points).

(b) Extent of need for the project (25 points).

(c) Plan of operation (20 points).

(d) Quality of key personnel (7 points).

(e) Budget and cost effectiveness (5 points).

(f) Evaluation plan (5 points).

(g) Adequacy of resources (3 points). *Project Period:* Up to 36 months.

For Applications and General Information Contact: Thomas E. Finch, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., room 3038, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202–2575. Telephone: (202) 205–8292 or the electronic bulletin boards of the Rehabilitation Services Administration at (202) 205–5574 (2400 bps) or (202) 205–9950 (9600 bps) to order applications.

Program Authority: Section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; 29 U.S.C. 718b.

CHART 7.—OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

CFDA No. and name	Applications available	Application deadline date	Deadline for intergovern- mental review	Estimated range of awards	Estimated avg. size of awards	Estimated number of awards
Application notices for new discre- tionary grant awards, if any, will be published at a future date						

Invitation to Comment:

The Secretary welcomes comments and suggestions for improving the annual combined application notice.

Please direct any comments and suggestions to Steven N. Schatken, Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW. (room 5105, FB–10B), Washington, D.C. 20202–2241. Dated: August 4, 1995. Richard W. Riley,

Secretary of Education.

Appendix—Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs

This appendix applies to each program that is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. The objective of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and to strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for State and local government coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform activities in more