

of Independent States, and any country that formerly was a republic of the Soviet Union whose political independence is recognized in the United States.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210(b). Under 34 CFR 75.210(c), the Secretary is authorized to distribute an additional 15 points among the criteria to bring the total to a maximum of 100 points. For this competition, the Secretary distributes the additional points as follow:

(3) *Plan of Operation* (34 CFR 75.210(b)(3)). Twelve points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 27 points.

(4) *Quality of Key Personnel* (34 CFR 75.210(b)(4)). Three points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 10 points.

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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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