

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Educational Research and Improvement; Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program—National Research and Development Center; Notice Inviting Applications for One New Award for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000.

Purpose of Program: To support a national research and development center to conduct research on methods and techniques for identifying and teaching gifted and talented students and for using gifted and talented programs and methods to serve all students; and to conduct program evaluations, surveys, and the collection, analysis, and development of information on gifted and talented education. Emphasis is given to the identification and services for students not traditionally included in gifted and talented education, (including individuals of limited-English proficiency, economically disadvantaged individuals, and individuals with disabilities).

For fiscal year (FY) 2000 the competition for a new award focuses on projects designed to meet the priority we describe in the notice of final priority published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, State educational agencies, or a combination or consortium of these entities.

Applications Available: June 16, 2000.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 1, 2000.

Estimated Available Funds: This center will be awarded as a cooperative agreement. In fiscal year 2000, \$1.75 million is available for the first year of funding for a national research and development center to study the education of gifted and talented students. The funding levels for years 2 through 5 are estimated at \$1.75 million for each fiscal year. Future funding will depend upon the availability of funds and needs as reflected in the approved application.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$1.75 million for a single budget period of 12 months.

Estimated Number of Awards: One.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: 60 months.

Page limit: the application must include: title page form, abstract, research narrative, management plan, biographical sketches for principal

investigators and other key personnel, budget summary form with budget narrative, and statement of equitable access (GEPA 427). The abstract is limited to one page, the research narrative is limited to 200 pages, the management plan is limited to 10 pages, and biographical sketches are limited to 3 pages each for the principal investigator and other key personnel. Use 8½ x 11 inch paper with printing on only one side. Appendix materials will not be read and should not be submitted. Pages in excess of these limitations will be removed unread. We strongly encourage applicants to use double-spacing, a 12-point font, and 1-inch margins. Reviewers are able to conduct the highest quality review when applications are concise and easy to read, with pages consecutively numbered.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86 (Part 86 applies only to Institutions of Higher Education), 97, 98, and 99; and (b) 34 CFR part 700.

Priority: This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the notice of final priority for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet the absolute priority.

For Applications or Information Contact: Beverly E. Coleman, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, room 611A, Washington, DC 20208-5521. Telephone: (202) 219-2280; E-mail: beverly_coleman@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8034(c).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program: National Research and Development Center**

AGENCY: Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final priority.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) announces a final priority under the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Education Program—National Research and Development Center (Center). The Assistant Secretary will use this priority for the Center competition in fiscal year (FY) 2000. This priority focuses on research to obtain a better understanding of the reasons for the under-representation of students from some minority groups among top performing students, and on analyzing national data sets to better understand the educational status of and opportunities for gifted and talented, high-achieving or high ability students in the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This priority is effective July 13, 2000.

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