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(ii) Activities that aid in the development of minorities and women for leadership roles in vocational education.

(b) *Dissemination and training activities.* (1) A major purpose of the National Center is to design and conduct dissemination and training activities that are consistent with the purposes of the Act, including—

(i) The broad dissemination of the results of the research and development conducted by the National Center;

(ii) The development and utilization of a national level dissemination network including functions such as clearinghouses, databases, and telecommunications;

(iii) Planning, developing, and conducting training activities; and

(iv) Upon negotiation with the Center and if funds are provided pursuant to section 404(d) of the Act, such other topics as the Secretary may designate.

(2) The National Center shall conduct dissemination and training activities that include the following:

(i) Teacher and administrator training and leadership development.

(ii) Technical assistance to ensure that programs serving special populations are effective in delivering well-integrated and appropriately articulated vocational and academic offerings for secondary, postsecondary, and adult students.

(iii) Needs assessment, design, and implementation of new and revised programs with related curriculum materials to facilitate vocational-academic integration.

(iv) Evaluation and follow-through to maintain and extend quality programs.

(v) Assistance in technology transfer and articulation of program offerings from advanced technology centers to minority enterprises.

(vi) Assistance to programs and States on the use of accountability indicators, including appropriate and innovative performance standards.

(vii) Delivery of information and services using advanced technology, if appropriate, to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of knowledge transfer.

(viii) Development of processes for synthesis of research, in cooperation with a broad array of users, including vocational and non-vocational edu-

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cators, employers and labor organizations.

(ix) Dissemination of exemplary curriculum and instructional materials, and development and publication of curriculum materials (in conjunction with vocational and nonvocational constituency groups, if appropriate).

(x) Technical assistance in recruiting, hiring, and advancing minorities in vocational education.

(3) The training and leadership development activities must include an emphasis on—

(i) Training minority and female teachers; and

(ii) Programs and activities that aid in the development of minorities and women for leadership roles in vocational education.

(4) Advanced technology may include audio-video cassettes, electronic networking, satellite-assisted programming, computer-based conferencing, and interactive video.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2404 (b) and (c); House Report No. 101-660, 101st Cong. 2nd Sess. p. 143 (1990))

§413.4 How does the Secretary designate a National Center or Centers?

(a) The Secretary designates a National Center or Centers once every five years.

(b) In designating the National Center or Centers for Research in Vocational Education, the Secretary may support—

(1) One National Center that conducts both research and development activities and dissemination and training activities; or

(2) Two National Centers: one that conducts research and development activities and one that conducts dissemination and training activities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2404)

§413.5 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the National Center or Centers:

(a) The regulations in this part 413.

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 400.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2404)