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- (g) Assisting aged individuals with disabilities, and members of at-risk populations, including the homeless;
- (h) Conserving limited resources;
- (i) Improving individual, child, and family nutrition and wellness;
- (j) Understanding the impact of new technology on life and work;
- (k) Applying consumer and home-making education skills to jobs and careers;
- (l) Other needs to be determined by the State board of vocational education; and
- (m) Developing child growth and development centers.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(4))

§ 426.6 What activities does the Secretary fund under the Community-Based Organization Projects?

- (a) The Secretary supports projects that assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers.
- (b) The Secretary may require partnerships described in § 426.2(b)(1) to provide in-kind contributions from participating schools, institutions, and businesses and to involve health professionals serving as instructors and counselors.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(5))

§ 426.7 What activities does the Secretary fund under the Agriculture Action Centers?

The Secretary supports model Agriculture Action Centers that provide improved access to vocational education programs and that—

- (a) Assist individuals—
 - (1) Who are adversely affected by farm and rural economic downturns;
 - (2) Who are dislocated from farming; and
 - (3) Who are dislocated from agriculturally related businesses and industries that are adversely affected by farm and rural economic downturns;
- (b) Provide services, including—
 - (1) Crisis management counseling and outreach counseling that would include members of the family of the affected individual;
 - (2) Evaluation of vocational skills and counseling on enhancement of these skills;

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- (3) Assistance in obtaining training in basic, remedial, and literacy skills;
- (4) Assistance in seeking employment and training in employment-seeking skills; and
- (5) Assistance in obtaining training related to operating a business or enterprise;
- (c) Provide for formal and on-the-job training to the extent practicable; and
- (d) Are coordinated with activities and discretionary programs under title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1651 *et seq.*).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(6))

§ 426.8 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Cooperative Demonstration Program:

- (a) The regulations in this part 426.
- (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 400.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

§ 426.9 What definitions apply?

The definitions in 34 CFR 400.4 apply to this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 426.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

- (a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.
- (b) The Secretary may award up to 100 points, including a reserved 15 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.
- (c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses after the heading for each criterion.
- (d) For each competition, as announced in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved 15 points among the

criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

§ 426.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for the Demonstration Projects?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for a demonstration project:

(a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews the application to assess the quality of the proposed project, including the extent to which the project will provide—

(1) Vocational education to meet current and projected occupational needs; and

(2) For adequate and appropriate involvement and cooperation of the public and private sectors in the project, including—

(i) A clear identification of the public and private sector entities involved in the project;

(ii) A description of public and private sector involvement in the planning of the project; and

(iii) A description of public and private sector involvement in the operation of the project.

(b) *Educational significance.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant—

(1) Bases the proposed project on successfully designed, established, and operated model vocational education programs that include components similar to the components required by this program, as evidenced by empirical data from those programs in such factors as—

(i) Student performance and achievement;

(ii) High school graduation;

(iii) Placement of students in jobs, including military service; and

(iv) Successful transfer of students to a variety of postsecondary education programs;

(2) Proposes project objectives that contribute to the improvement of education; and

(3) Proposes to use unique and innovative techniques to produce benefits that address educational problems and needs that are of national significance.

(c) *Plan of operation.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the project, including—

(1) The quality of the project design, especially the establishment of measurable objectives for the project that are based on the project's overall goals;

(2) The extent to which the plan of management is effective and ensures proper and efficient administration of the project over the award period;

(3) How well the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;

(4) The quality of the applicant's plan to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and

(5) How the applicant will ensure that project participants who are otherwise eligible to participate are selected without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(d) *Evaluation plan.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the project's evaluation plan, including the extent to which the plan—

(1) Is clearly explained and is appropriate to the project;

(2) To the extent possible, is objective and will produce data that are quantifiable;

(3) Identifies expected outcomes of the participants and how those outcomes will be measured;

(4) Includes activities during the formative stages of the project to help guide and improve the project, as well as a summative evaluation that includes recommendations for replicating project activities and results;

(5) Will provide a comparison between intended and observed results, and lead to the demonstration of a clear link between the observed results and the specific treatment of project participants; and

(6) Will yield results that can be summarized and submitted to the Secretary for review by the Department's Program Effectiveness Panel as defined in 34 CFR 400.4(b).

(e) *Demonstration and dissemination.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of