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contribution to the U.S. economy through payment of taxes or use of American products, materials, or labor, or both; and

(2) May be in the legal form of an individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture, association, trust or a cooperative, except that if the form is a joint venture, there can be no more than 49 percent participation by foreign business entities in the joint venture; and

(3) Meets the requirements found in 13 CFR part 121 concerning Standard Industrial Classification codes and size standards.

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Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 472.20 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

(a) The Secretary may announce through one or more notices published in the FEDERAL REGISTER the priorities for this program, if any, from the types of projects described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Priority may be given to projects training adult workers who have inadequate basic skills and who—

(1) Are currently unable to perform their jobs effectively or are ineligible for career advancement due to an identified lack of basic skills;

(2) Are employed in industries retooling with high technology and for whom training in basic skills is expected to result in continued employment;

(3) Require training in English-as-a-second-language in order to increase productivity, to continue employment, or to be eligible for career advancement; or

(4) Are employed in an industry adversely impacted by competitiveness in the world economy and for whom training is expected to result in the in-

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creased competitiveness of that industry in world markets.

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§ 472.21 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 472.22.

(b) The Secretary may award up to 100 points, including a reserved 10 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 472.22.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(d) For each competition as announced through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved points among the criteria in § 472.22.

(e) In addition to the points to be awarded based on the criteria in § 472.22, the Secretary awards five points to applications from partnerships that include as a partner a small business that has signed the partnership agreement.

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§ 472.22 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Program factors.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the project—

(1) Demonstrates a strong relationship between skills taught and the literacy requirements of actual jobs, especially the increased skill requirements of the changing workplace;

(2) Is targeted to adults with inadequate skills for whom the training described is expected to mean new employment, continued employment, career advancement, or increased productivity;

(3) Includes support services, based on cooperative relationships within the partnership and from helping organizations, necessary to reduce barriers to participation by adult workers. Support services could include educational counseling, transportation, and child care during non-working hours while adult workers are participating in a project;

(4) Demonstrates the active commitment of all partners to accomplishing project goals; and

(5) Focuses on improving performance in jobs or job functions that have a broad representation within the Nation's workforce so that the products can be adapted for use by similar workplaces across the Nation.

(b) *Extent of need for the project.* (10 points) (1) The extent to which the project will focus on demonstrated needs for workplace literacy training of adult workers;

(2) The adequacy of the applicant's documentation of the needs to be addressed by the project;

(3) How those needs will be met by the project; and

(4) The benefits to adult workers and their industries that will result from meeting those needs.

(c) *Quality of training.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the training to be provided by the project, including the extent to which the project will—

(1) Develop or use curriculum materials for adults based on literacy skills needed in the workplace;

(2) Use individualized educational plans developed jointly by instructors and adult learners;

(3) Take place in a readily accessible environment conducive to adult learning;

(4) Provide training through the partner classified under § 472.2(a)(2), unless transferring this activity to the partner classified under § 472.2(a)(1) is necessary and reasonable within the framework of the project; and

(5) Provide, and document for others, a program of training for staff including, but not limited to, techniques of curriculum development and special methods of teaching that are appropriate for workplace environments.

(d) *Plan of operation.* (15 points) (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, and includes—

(i) A description of the respective roles of each member of the partnership in carrying out the plan;

(ii) A description of the activities to be carried out by any contractors under the plan;

(iii) A description of the respective roles, including any cash or in-kind contributions, of helping organizations;

(iv) A description of the respective roles of any sites; and

(v) A realistic time table for accomplishing project objectives;

(3) How well the objectives of the project relate to the purposes 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 handicapping condition.

(e) *Applicant's experience and quality of key personnel.* (8 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent of the applicant's experience in providing literacy services to working adults.

(2) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project including—

(i) The qualifications, in relation to project requirements, of the project director;

(ii) The qualifications, in relation to project requirements, of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project;

(iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (e)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) How the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are

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selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.

(3) To determine personnel qualifications under paragraphs (e)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section, the Secretary considers—

(i) Experience and training in fields related to the objectives of the project;

(ii) Experience and training in project management; and

(iii) Any other qualifications that pertain to the quality of the project.

(f) *Evaluation plan.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan for an independent evaluation of the project, including the extent to which the applicant's methods of evaluation—

(1) Are clearly explained and appropriate to the project;

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

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

(4) Include evaluation of effects on job advancement, job performance (including, for example, such elements as productivity, safety and attendance), and job retention;

(5) Are systematic throughout the project period and provide data that can be used by the project on an ongoing basis for program improvement; and

(6) Will yield results that can be summarized and submitted to the Secretary for review by the Department's Program Effectiveness Panel.

NOTE TO § 472.22(F)(6): The Program Effectiveness Panel (PEP) is a mechanism the Department has developed for validating the effectiveness of educational programs developed by schools, universities, and other agencies. The PEP is composed of experts in the evaluation of educational programs and in other areas of education, at least two-thirds of whom are non-Federal employees who are appointed by the Secretary. Regulations governing the PEP are codified in 34 CFR parts 785-789. Specific criteria for PEP review are found in 34 CFR 786.12 or 787.12.

(g) *Budget and cost-effectiveness.* (7 points)

(1) The budget is adequate to support the project;

(2) Costs are reasonable and necessary in relation to the objectives of the project; and

(3) The applicant has minimized the purchase of equipment and supplies in order to devote a maximum amount of resources to instructional services.

(h) *Demonstration.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the applicant's plan, during the grant period, to disseminate the results of the project, including—

(1) Demonstrating promising practices used by the project to others interested in implementing these techniques;

(2) Conducting workshops or delivering papers at national conferences or professional meetings; and

(3) Making available material that will help others implement promising practices developed in the project.

(i) *Commitment.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the applicant's plan to institutionalize learning in the workplace based on promising practices demonstrated in the project. In making this determination, the Secretary considers—

(1) The general, but realistic, forecast of literacy needs of members of the partnership and the capacity of the partners;

(2) Activities that will increase, during the grant period, the capacity of partners to provide a coherent program of learning in the workplace; and

(3) Activities that will lead to the continued provision or expansion of work-based literacy services built on successful outcomes of the project. For example, the partners could—

(A) Integrate workplace literacy services into the long-term planning of partner organizations;

(B) Create and implement policies and practices that encourage worker participation in workplace literacy and other education and training opportunities;

(C) Provide training that will enable partners to build a capacity to furnish necessary workplace literacy services in the future;

(D) Establish relationships within the partnership or with other entities that will continue provision of necessary workplace literacy services after the project ends; or

(E) Plan, after the project has ended, to expand services to other locations, divisions, or suppliers of the business or industry partners or labor organizations.

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§ 472.23 What additional factor does the Secretary consider?

In addition to the criteria in § 472.22, the Secretary may consider whether funding a particular applicant would improve the geographical distribution of projects funded under this program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1211(a))

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met After an Award?

§ 472.30 What are the reporting requirements?

(a) A recipient of a grant or cooperative agreement under this program shall submit to the Secretary performance and financial reports.

(b) These reports must be submitted at times required by the Secretary and at least semi-annually.

(c) These reports must contain information required by the Secretary.

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§ 472.31 What are the evaluation requirements?

(a) Each recipient of a grant or cooperative agreement under this program shall provide and budget for an independent evaluation of project activities.

(b) The evaluation must be both formative and summative in nature.

(c) The evaluation must be based on student learning gains and the effects on job advancement, job performance (including, for example, such elements as productivity, safety, and attendance), and project and product spread and transportability.

(d) A proposed project evaluation design for the entire project period, ex-

panding on the plans outlined in the application pursuant to § 472.22(f), must be submitted to the Secretary for review and approval prior to the end of the first year of the project period.

(e) A summary of evaluation activities and results that can be reviewed by the Department's Program Effectiveness Panel, as described in 34 CFR parts 785-789, must be submitted to the Secretary during the last year of the project period.

(f) If a grantee cooperates in a Federal evaluation of its project, the Secretary may determine that the grantee fully or partially meets the evaluation requirements of this section and the reporting requirements in § 472.30.

NOTE TO § 472.31: As used in § 472.31(c)—
"Spread" means the degree to which—

(1) Project activities and results are demonstrated to others;

(2) Technical assistance is provided to others to help them replicate project activities and results;

(3) Project activities and results are replicated at other sites; or

(4) Information and material about or resulting from the project are disseminated; and

"Transportability" means the ease by which project activities and results may be replicated at other sites, such as through the development and use of guides or manuals that provide step-by-step directions for others to follow in order to initiate similar efforts and reproduce comparable results.

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§ 472.32 What other requirements must be met under this program?

(a) An applicant shall use funds to supplement and not supplant funds otherwise available for the purposes of this program.

(b)(1) The project period may include a start-up period, not to exceed six months, during which the project is being established and prior to the time services are provided to adult workers.

(2) Applicants shall minimize the start-up period, if any, proposed for their projects.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) An award under this program may be used to pay—