

## § 59a.11

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### Subpart B—Establishment of Regional Medical Libraries

AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 286b-2, 286b-6.

#### § 59a.11 Programs to which these regulations apply.

(a) This subpart applies to grants made under section 475 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 286b-6). Grants are awarded to medical libraries to enable them to serve as regional medical libraries for their geographic areas. The purpose of the program is to develop a national system of regional medical libraries, each of which would have sufficient facilities to supplement the services of other medical libraries in its region.

(b) The purpose of the program may also be supported by contracts. Since the primary purpose of these contracts is to assist regional libraries and is not for the purpose of acquiring supplies or services for use of the Federal Government, the provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR chapter 1) do not apply. Any contract awarded pursuant to section 475 of the Act shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this subpart.

#### § 59a.12 Definitions.

Underlined terms have the same meaning as provided in the Act.

As used in this subpart:

*Act* means the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*).

*Annual operating expenses* means the average annual operating expenses for the actual years of operation or an estimated amount based on the expenses of libraries or institutions of similar size and function.

*Board* means the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine established by section 466 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 286a).

*Geographic area* means an area that forms an academically and professionally integrated region. Factors considered are location and extent of communication facilities and systems,

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presence and distribution of educational and medical and health facilities and programs and other activities which, in the Secretary's opinion, justify the establishment and operation of a regional medical library.

*Modify and increase* means the use of Federal funds or materials to supplement rather than supplant non-Federal funds available for library resources and services.

*Project period*—See § 59a.15(b).

*Secretary* means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other official of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved is delegated.

#### § 59a.13 Who is eligible for a grant?

Except as otherwise prohibited by law, any public or private nonprofit organization which is authorized and qualified to operate a medical library is eligible for a grant under this subpart.

#### § 59a.14 How to apply.

In addition to any other pertinent information which the Secretary may require, the applicant shall submit a grant application containing a detailed description of a program to provide health-sciences informational services for the geographic area in which it is located. The description shall include:

- (a) The need for services;
- (b) The adequacy of the applicant's existing or proposed facilities and resources to attain the purposes stated in the application;
- (c) The size and nature of the population to be served;
- (d) The region to be served;
- (e) Cooperative arrangements in effect, or proposed, with other qualified organizations; and
- (f) The justification for the funds requested.

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#### § 59a.15 Awards.

(a) *General*. The Secretary, with the advice of the Board in each case, shall award grants to those applicants whose arrangements and proposed services will, in the Secretary's judgment, have the greatest potential for fulfilling the need for a regional medical library.