

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 §415.21.

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§415.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to assess the extent to which the proposed demonstration center for the training of dislocated workers will—

- (1) Be located in a service area with a high concentration of dislocated workers, as supported by specific evidence of the need for the proposed demonstration center;
- (2) Provide vocational education and technical training to meet current and projected occupational needs;
- (3) Provide trainees with appropriate vocational evaluation, assessment, and counseling, support services, and job placement assistance;
- (4) Result in trainees becoming employed in jobs related to their training upon completion of their training; and
- (5) Use other appropriate Federal, State, and local programs to retrain, or provide services to, dislocated workers.

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

- (1) Bases the proposed demonstration center for the training of dislocated workers on successful 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 in vocational and technical training;
 - (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 innovative techniques to 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 including the use of appropriate existing Federal, State, and local programs; 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

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(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 the plan for demonstrating and disseminating information about project activities and results throughout the project period, including—

(1) High quality in the design of the dissemination plan and procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the dissemination plan;

(2) Provisions for publicizing the project at the local, State, and national levels by conducting or delivering presentations at conferences, workshops, and other professional meetings and by preparing materials for journal articles, newsletters, and brochures;

(3) Identification of target groups and provisions for demonstrating the methods and techniques used by the project to others interested in replicating these methods and techniques, such as by inviting them to observe project activities;

(4) A description of the types of materials the applicant plans to make available to help others replicate project activities and the methods for making the materials available; and

(5) Provisions for assisting others to adopt and successfully implement the project or methods and techniques used by the project.

(f) *Key personnel.* (10 points) (1) 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 appropriateness of the time that each person referred to in paragraphs (f)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) How the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment prac-

tices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(2) To determine personnel qualifications under paragraphs (f)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section, the Secretary considers—

(i) The experience and training of key personnel in project management and in fields related to the objectives of the project; and

(ii) Any other qualifications of key personnel that pertain to the quality of the project.

(g) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—

(1) The budget is cost effective and adequate to support the project activities;

(2) The budget contains costs that are reasonable and necessary in relation to the objectives of the project; and

(3) The budget proposes using non-Federal resources available from appropriate employment, training, and education agencies in the State to provide project services and activities and to acquire demonstration center equipment and facilities.

(h) *Adequacy of resources and commitment.* (5 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant plans to devote adequate resources to the project. The Secretary considers the extent to which—

(i) The facilities that the applicant plans to use are adequate; and

(ii) The equipment and supplies that the applicant plans to use are adequate.

(2) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the commitment to the project, including whether the—

(i) Uses of non-Federal resources are adequate to provide project services and activities, especially resources of community organizations and State and local educational agencies; and

(ii) Applicant has the capacity to continue, expand, and build upon the

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project when Federal assistance under this part ends.

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§ 415.22 What additional factors may the Secretary consider?

After evaluating the applications according to the criteria in § 415.21, the Secretary may select applications other than the most highly rated applications if doing so would improve the geographical distribution of projects funded under this program.

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

§ 415.30 What are the evaluation requirements?

(a) Each grantee shall provide and budget for an independent evaluation of grant activities.

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

(c) The evaluation must be based on student achievement, completion, and placement rates and project and product spread and transportability.

(d) A proposed project evaluation design 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 defined in 34 CFR 400.4(b), must be submitted to the Secretary during the last year of the project period.

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Subpart A—General

§ 421.1 What is the Business and Education Standards Program?

The Business and Education Standards Program provides financial assistance for organizing and operating business-education-labor technical committees that will develop national standards for competencies in industries and trades.

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§ 421.2 Who is eligible for an award?

The following entities are eligible for an award under this program:

(a) Industrial trade associations.

(b) Labor organizations.

(c) National joint apprenticeship committees.

(d) Comparable national organizations, such as educational associations, industry councils, business and industry organizations, and associations of private or national research organizations.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2416)

§ 421.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

The Secretary provides grants and cooperative agreements for projects that organize and operate business-labor-education technical committees that propose national standards for competencies in industries and trades, including standards for—