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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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PART 421—BUSINESS AND EDUCATION STANDARDS PROGRAM

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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.

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§ 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—

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- (a) Major divisions or specialty areas identified within occupations studied;
- (b) Minimum hours of study to be competent in those divisions or specialty areas;
- (c) Minimum tools and equipment required in those divisions or specialty areas;
- (d) Minimum qualifications for instructional staff; and
- (e) Minimum tasks to be included in any course of study purporting to prepare individuals for work in those divisions or specialty areas.

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§ 421.4 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Business and Education Standards Program:

- (a) The regulations in this part 421.
- (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 400.

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

§ 421.5 What definitions apply?

The definitions in 34 CFR 400.4 apply to this part.

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

Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 421.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application for a grant or cooperation agreement on the basis of the criteria in § 421.21.

(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 § 421.21.

(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 through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved points among the criteria in § 421.21.

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§ 421.21 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 assess the quality and effectiveness of the applicant's approach to developing national standards for competencies in industries and trades, including the extent to which the application proposes—

(1) To develop standards for—

(i) The competencies required for actual jobs, including the increased competency requirements created by the changing workplace;

(ii) Major divisions or specialty areas identified within the occupations the applicant proposes to study;

(iii) The minimum hours of study needed to be competent in those divisions or specialty areas;

(iv) Minimum tools and equipment required in those divisions or specialty areas;

(v) Minimum tasks to be included in any course of study purporting to prepare individuals for work in those divisions or specialty areas; and

(vi) Minimum qualifications for instructional staff in those divisions or specialty areas; and

(2) An adequate needs assessment of the program factors described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section as a part of the project.

(b) *Extent of need for the project.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the project meets specific needs, including—

(1) The extent of the need for national standards for competencies in the major division or specialty areas identified within the occupations that the applicant proposes to study;

(2) How the applicant identified and documented those needs;

(3) How the standards to be developed will meet those needs, including the need of business for competent entry-level workers in the occupations to be studied; and

(4) The benefits to business, labor, and education that will result from meeting those needs.

(c) *Plan of operation.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each application to