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*Evaluation plan* (34 CFR 75.210(b)(6)). Seven points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 12 points.

*For Applications or Information Contact:* Rebecca Richey or Alex Stein, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., room 5090, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-6510. Telephone: Rebecca Richey (202) 205-9717 or Alex Stein (202) 205-5717. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 7424.

Dated: April 11, 1995.

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**[CFDA No. 84.291R]****Bilingual Education: Systemwide Improvement Grants; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995**

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of this program is to provide grants to implement districtwide bilingual education programs or special alternative instructional programs to improve, reform, and upgrade relevant programs and operations, within an entire local educational agency (LEA), that serve a significant number of limited English proficient (LEP)

children and youth in one or more LEAs with significant concentrations of these children and youth.

*Eligible Applicants:* (1) One or more LEAs; or (2) one or more LEAs in collaboration with an institution of higher education, community-based organizations, other LEAs, or a State educational agency.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 30, 1995.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 31, 1995.

*Applications Available:* April 21, 1995.

*Available Funds:* \$17.4 million.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$200,000 - \$1,000,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$700,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 25.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* 60 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

**Priorities**

*Absolute Priority:* The following absolute priority, as published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1995 (60 FR 11864) in a notice of final priority for this program, applies to this competition:

Projects that serve only LEAs in which the number of LEP students, in each LEA served, is at least 1,000 or at least 25 percent of the total student enrollment.

*Competitive Priority:* The competitive priority in the notice of final priorities for this program, as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, applies to this competition. The notice announces a competitive preference to be given to projects providing program services in a designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.

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*For Applications or Information Contact:* Harry Logel or James Lockhart, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5090, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-6510. Telephone: Harry Logel (202) 205-5530 or James Lockhart (202) 205-5426. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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**[CFDA No. 84.289P]****Bilingual Education: Program Enhancement Grants; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995**

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of this program is to provide grants to carry out highly-focused, innovative, locally-designed projects to expand or enhance existing bilingual education or special alternative instructional programs for limited English proficient students.

*Eligible Applicants:* (a) One or more local educational agencies (LEAs); (b) one or more LEAs in collaboration with an institution of higher education (IHE), community-based organization (CBO), other LEAs, or a State educational agency; or (c) a CBO or an IHE that has an application approved by the LEA to enhance early childhood education or family education programs or to conduct an instructional program that supplements the educational services provided by an LEA.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 30, 1995.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 31, 1995.

*Applications Available:* April 21, 1995.