

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

Purpose of Program: The Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access Program provides grants to develop innovative techniques or programs using new electronic technologies, to collect and distribute information on world regions and countries other than the United States. The techniques or programs the Secretary assists are those that address our Nation's teaching and research needs in international education and foreign languages.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, public or nonprofit private libraries, or consortia of such institutions or libraries.

Applications Available: January 15, 1999.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 17, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 17, 1999.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$95,000 to \$225,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 5.

Project Period: 36 months.

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

Supplementary Information: The techniques or projects this program supports are those designed to collect, organize, preserve, and widely disseminate information that addresses our Nation's teaching and research needs in International Education and Foreign Languages. Because the program has no specific regulations we encourage each potential applicant to read the authorizing statute (section 606 of part A, title VI, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998). The statute will be included in the application package.

The statute lists the following activities an applicant may apply to carry out. However, an applicant may

propose to carry out other activities that are consistent with the legislation. The activities listed in the statute are:

(a) To facilitate access to or preserve foreign information resources in print or electronic forms;

(b) To develop new means of immediate, full-text document delivery for information and scholarship from abroad;

(c) To develop new means of shared electronic access to international data;

(d) To support collaborative projects of indexing, cataloging, and other means of bibliographic access for scholars to important research materials published or distributed outside the United States;

(e) To develop methods for the wide dissemination of resources written in non-Roman language alphabets;

(f) To assist teachers of less commonly taught languages in acquiring, via electronic and other means, materials suitable for classroom use; and

(g) To promote collaborative technology based projects in foreign languages, area studies, and international studies among grant recipients under this title.

Please note that the statute limits the Federal share of the total cost of carrying out a program supported by a grant under this section shall to no more than 66⅔ percent. A grantee may provide the non Federal share of this cost may be provided either in-kind or in cash and may include contributions from private sector corporations or foundations.

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

Selection Criteria: The Secretary uses the selection criteria published in 34 CFR 75.209 and 75.210 to evaluate applications for the Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access Program. The application package includes selection criteria and the points assigned to the criteria.

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