DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Predominantly Black Institutions Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.382A.

DATES:
Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 28, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement
I. Funding Opportunity Description
Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) Program is to strengthen PBIs to carry out programs in the following areas: Science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM); health education: internationalization or globalization; teacher preparation; or improving educational outcomes of African-American males.

FY 2009 Competition Background: The PBIs Program was originally authorized under Title IV, Part J, Section 499A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) of 2007. The Higher Education Opportunity Act, which reauthorized the Higher Education Opportunity Act, transferred the PBIs program to Title III, Part F, Section 371 of the HEA.

Program Authority: Title III, Part F, Section 371 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

II. Award Information
Type of Award: Discretionary grants.
Estimated Available Funds: $6,000,000.
Estimated Size of Awards: $600,000.
Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

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

Project Period: Up to 12 months.

III. Eligibility Information
1. Eligible Applicants: Your institution must be designated as an eligible applicant under Title III of the HEA. The regulations can be found in 34 CFR 607.2 through 607.5.

In addition, your institution must:
(a) Have an enrollment of needy students as defined by section 371(c)(3) of the HEA. The term enrollment of needy students means the enrollment at an institution of higher education with respect to which not less than 50 percent of the undergraduate students enrolled in an academic program leading to a degree—
(i) In the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made, were Federal Pell Grant recipients for such year;
(ii) Come from families that receive benefits under a means-tested Federal benefit program (as defined in section 371(c)(5) of the HEA);
(iii) Attended a public or nonprofit private secondary school—
(A) That is in the school district of a local educational agency that was eligible for assistance under Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) for any year during which the student attended such secondary school; and
(B) Which for the purpose of this paragraph and for that year, was determined by the Secretary (after consultation with the State educational agency of the State in which the school is located) to be a school in which the enrollment of children counted under a measure of poverty described in section 1113(a)(5) of the ESEA exceeds 30 percent of the total enrollment of such school; or
(iv) Are first-generation college students (as that term is defined in section 402A(h) of the HEA), and a majority of such first-generation college students are low-income individuals. The term low-income individual has the meaning given that term in section 402A(b) of the HEA.
(b) Have an average educational and general expenditure which is low, per full-time equivalent undergraduate student in comparison with the average educational and general expenditure per full-time equivalent undergraduate student of institutions of higher education that offer similar instruction. The Secretary may waive this requirement, in accordance with section 392(b) of the HEA, in the same manner as the Secretary applies the waiver requirements to grant applicants under section 312(b)(1)(B) of the HEA.
(c) Have an enrollment of undergraduate students—

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