



**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Reopening; Application Period for Certain Applicants Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Talent Search Program Competition**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) reopens the competition for FY 2021, for certain eligible applicants described elsewhere in this notice, under the Talent Search program, Assistance Listing Number 84.044A. The Department takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by eligible applicants affected by the severe winter weather in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, where the President has issued a disaster declaration. The reopening of the application deadline date for this competition is intended to help affected eligible applicants compete fairly with other eligible applicants under this competition.

**DATES:**

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications for Applicants Meeting the Eligibility Criteria in this Notice: March 12, 2021.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 11, 2021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On December 28, 2020, we published the notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for the FY 2021 Talent Search competition in the *Federal Register* (85 FR 84324). Under the NIA, applications were due on February 26, 2021.

We are reopening this competition for applicants from affected areas in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, for which the President has issued a disaster declaration, to allow those applicants more time to prepare and submit applications. For applicants that meet the eligibility criteria in this notice, we are reopening the competition until March 12, 2021. We are also extending the intergovernmental review deadline until May 11, 2021.

Eligibility: The reopening of the competition in this notice applies to eligible applicants under Talent Search, Assistance Listing Number 84.044A, that are located in an area for which the President has issued an emergency declaration (see [www.fema.gov/disasters/](http://www.fema.gov/disasters/)), in Louisiana (FEMA Disaster designation 3556), Oklahoma (FEMA Disaster designation 3555), and Texas (FEMA Disaster designation 3554).

In accordance with the NIA, eligible applicants for this competition are institutions of higher education, public and private agencies or organizations, including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, secondary schools, and combinations of such institutions, agencies, and organizations, for planning, developing, or carrying out one or more of the services identified under this program.

Note: All information in the NIA for this competition remains the same, except for, with respect to eligible applicants, the deadline for the transmittal of applications and the deadline for intergovernmental review.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-12.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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