



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Withdrawal of Notices Inviting Applications (NIA) and Cancellation of the Competitions for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Part A (ANNH Part A), Strengthening Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Part A (AANAPISI Part A), Strengthening Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Part A (NASNTI Part A) and Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions programs (DHSI)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) withdraws the NIAs for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for new awards under the ANNH Part A, AANAPISI Part A, NASNTI Part A, and DHSI programs.

DATES: The Notices Inviting Applications published in the ***Federal Register*** on June 3, 2025 (90 FR 23520) and July 14, 2025 (90 FR 31190, 90 FR 31181, and 90 FR 31176) are withdrawn and the competitions cancelled as of **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 3 and July 14, 2025, the Department published NIAs for each of the aforementioned programs in the ***Federal Register***. The Department is withdrawing these NIAs

following the U.S. Solicitor General's July 2025 determination that the Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) programs violate the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause. As a result, the Department of Justice has declined to defend the programs in ongoing litigation.

The Department agrees that the racial quotas in the HSI programs are unconstitutional and, consequently, has decided to cancel the DHSI competition. In addition, due to similar issues with all MSI programs, including ANNH Part A, AANAPISI Part A, and NASNTI Part A, the Department is also canceling these competitions.

Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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Signing Authority

This document of the U.S. Department of Education was signed on September 15, 2025, by Christopher J. McCaghren, ED.D., *Acting Assistant Secretary Office of Postsecondary Education*. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by the U.S. Department of Education. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned has been authorized to sign the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the U.S. Department of Education. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.

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