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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:
84.224D.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use the slate of applicants developed for the Assistive Technology (AT) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) in fiscal year (FY) 2012 to make new grant awards in FY 2013. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on the grant slate and limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

On August 8, 2012, we published a notice in the Federal Register (77 FR 47375) inviting applications for new awards for FY 2012 under the AT AFP. The notice indicated that the absolute and competitive preference priorities in the notice would only apply to the FY 2012 grant competition because authorization for this program and its funding was provided for a single year in the FY 2012 appropriations act. However, in FY 2013, this authorization and funding was retained in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Pub. L. 113-006).

In FY 2012, we received 15 applications for AT AFP grants and made three grant awards with the funds available. Given the quality of the applications that did not receive funding and the limited funding available for new awards in FY 2013, we intend to select grantees in FY 2013 from the existing slate of applicants.

Program Authority: Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (Pub. L. 113-006).

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Michael K. Yudin,
Delegated the authority to
perform the functions and the
duties of the Assistant
Secretary for Special Education
and Rehabilitative Services.

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