

Members are appointed: (A) on the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment; (B) from among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and (C) on the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration in higher education.

Per the authorizing legislation for NACIQI, the term of office of each member of the Committee shall be for six years, except for vacancies. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made not later than 90 days after the vacancy occurs. If a vacancy occurs in a position to be filled by the Secretary of Education, the Secretary shall publish a **Federal Register** notice soliciting nominations for the position not later than 30 days after being notified of the vacancy. Members of the Committee will serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs), as defined in 18 U.S.C. 202(a). As SGEs, members are selected for their individual experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment.

Nomination Process: Interested persons, stakeholders, or organizations may nominate a qualified individual(s). To nominate an individual(s) or self-nominate for appointment to serve on the NACIQI, please submit via the email address naciqinominations@ed.gov the following information to the U.S. Department of Education:

(1) A cover letter addressed to the Secretary of Education as follows: Honorable Linda McMahon, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. In the letter, please note your reason(s) for submitting the nomination; (2) A copy of the nominee's current resume/cv; and (3) Contact information for the nominee (name, address, contact phone number, and email address).

In addition, the cover letter must include a statement affirming that the nominee (if you are nominating someone other than yourself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the NACIQI if appointed by the Secretary of Education.

For questions, please contact George Alan Smith, Designated Federal Official,

U.S. Department of Education, Telephone: (202) 453-7757, Email: george.alan.smith@ed.gov.

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Acting Under Secretary (Delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Withdrawal of Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) and Cancellation of the Competition for the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP)

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) withdraws the NIA for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for NHCTEP Grants.

DATES: The NIA published in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 2025 (90 FR 1462), is withdrawn and the competition cancelled as of May 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patti Beltram, Ed.D., U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4A115, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 987-1370. Email: NHCTEP@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 8, 2025, the Department published an NIA for the NHCTEP program in the **Federal Register**. The Department is withdrawing this NIA as part of a comprehensive review of recently published FY 2025 NIAs. This reevaluation seeks to ensure that all priorities and requirements for the Department's FY 2025 competitions align with the objectives established by the Trump Administration while fostering consistency across all grant programs. Additionally, the Department is dedicated to optimizing the impact of our grant competitions on students and families, as well as enhancing the economic effectiveness of Federal education funding. The Department will dedicate available funds to support current NHCTEP grantee activities authorized under this program.

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

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this notice and the NIA 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, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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