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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Applications for New Awards; Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development Grant Program;** **Corrections**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; corrections.

**SUMMARY:** On November 5, 2021, the Department of Education (Department) published in the *Federal* *Register* a notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2021 for the Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development (RPED) Grant Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.116W.  We are amending the NIA to include as eligible applicants public and private non-profit organizations and agencies that partner with institutions of higher education (IHEs) and to make associated changes to performance measure 2. In addition, we are extending the deadline for transmittal of applications until December 13, 2021.

**DATES:**

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 13, 2021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

 On November 5, 2021, we published in the *Federal* *Register* the NIA for the FY 2021 RPED Grant Program (86 FR 61193). The application deadline in the NIA was December 6, 2021. We are amending the NIA to include as eligible applicants public and private non-profit organizations and agencies that partner with IHEs and to make corresponding changes to performance measure 2. In addition, we are extending the deadline for transmittal of applications until December 13, 2021. All other requirements and conditions stated in the NIA remain the same.

**Amendments**

 In FR Document 2021-24361 appearing on page 61193 of the *Federal Register* of November 5, 2021, we make the following amendments:

 1. On page 61193, in the second column, under the “Dates” caption and following the heading “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications”, remove “December 6, 2021” and add in its place “December 13, 2021”.

 2. On page 61195, in the second column, in the “Eligiblity Information” section, at the end of the paragraph following the heading “Eligible Applicants”, add “, and public and private non-profit organizations and agencies that partner with such IHEs”.

 3. On page 61197, in the third column, in the second line of the second paragraph, add “and/or partner” after “grantee”.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138d; Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021, H.R. 7614, 116th Congress (2020); the explanatory statement accompanying H.R. 133 (Pub. L. 116-260).

Accessible Format: On request to the contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document, the NIA, and a copy of the application 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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