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entities with a Native American-controlled governing body and which are representative of the Native American community or communities involved will have priority for designation.

§ 668.220 What is meant by the “ability to administer funds” for designation purposes?

An organization has the “ability to administer funds” if it:

- (a) Is in compliance with Departmental debt management procedures, if applicable;
- (b) Has not been found guilty of fraud or criminal activity which would affect the entity’s ability to safeguard Federal funds or deliver program services;
- (c) Can demonstrate that it has or can acquire the necessary program and financial management personnel to safeguard Federal funds and effectively deliver program services; and
- (d) Can demonstrate that it has successfully carried out, or has the capacity to successfully carry out activities that will strengthen the ability of the individuals served to obtain or retain unsubsidized employment.

§ 668.230 How will we determine an entity’s “ability to administer funds”?

- (a) Before determining which entity to designate for a particular service area, we will conduct a review of the entity’s ability to administer funds.
- (b) The review for an entity that has served as a grantee in either of the two designation periods before the one under consideration, also will consider the extent of compliance with the WIA regulations or the JTPA regulations at 20 CFR part 632. Evidence of the ability to administer funds may be established by a satisfactory Federal audit record. It may also be established by a recent record showing substantial compliance with Federal record keeping, reporting, program performance standards, or similar standards imposed on grantees by this or other public sector supported programs.
- (c) For other entities, the review includes the experience of the entity’s management in administering funds for services to Native American people. This review also includes an assessment of the relationship between the

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entity and the Native American community or communities to be served.

§ 668.240 What is the process for applying for designation as an INA grantee?

- (a) Every entity seeking designation must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) which complies with the requirements of the Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA). An SGA will be issued every two years, covering all areas except for those for which competition is waived for the incumbent grantee under WIA section 166(c)(2).
- (b) NOI’s must be submitted to the Chief of DINAP, bearing a U.S. Postal Service postmark indicating its submission no later than October 1st of the year which precedes the first year of a new designation cycle (unless the SGA provides a later date). For NOI’s received after October 1, only a timely official U.S. Postal Service postmark is acceptable as proof of timely submission. Dates indicating submission by private express delivery services or metered mail are unacceptable as proof of the timely submission of designation documents.
- (c) NOI’s must include the following:
 - (1) Documentation of the legal status of the entity, as described in § 668.200(a)(1);
 - (2) A Standard Form (SF) 424b;
 - (3) The assurances required by 29 CFR 37.20;
 - (4) A specific description, by State, county, reservation or similar area, or service population, of the geographic area for which the entity requests designation;
 - (5) A brief summary of the employment and training or human resource development programs serving Native Americans that the entity currently operates or has operated within the previous two-year period;
 - (6) A description of the planning process used by the entity, including the involvement of the governing body and local employers;
 - (7) Evidence to establish an entity’s ability to administer funds under §§ 668.220 through 668.230.