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forth in the RFP. The criteria include the following:

(1) The offeror's ability to coordinate the activities carried out through the Job Corps center with activities carried out under the appropriate State and local workforce investment plans;

(2) The degree to which the offeror proposes vocational training that reflects employment opportunities in the local areas in which most of the students intend to seek employment;

(3) The degree to which the offeror is familiar with the surrounding community, including the applicable One-Stop Centers, and the State and region in which the center is located; and

(4) The offeror's past performance.

(d) The Contracting Officer selects and funds operational support service contractors on the basis of an evaluation of the proposals received using criteria established by the Secretary and set forth in the RFP.

(e) The Secretary enters into inter-agency agreements with Federal agencies for the funding, establishment, and operation of CCC's which include provisions to ensure that the Federal agencies comply with the regulations under this part.

§ 670.320 What are the requirements for award of contracts and payments to Federal agencies?

(a) The requirements of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended; the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977; the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1); and the DOL Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 29) apply to the award of contracts and to payments to Federal agencies.

(b) Job Corps funding of Federal agencies that operate CCC's are made by a transfer of obligational authority from DOL to the respective operating agency.

Subpart D—Recruitment, Eligibility, Screening, Selection and Assignment, and Enrollment

§ 670.400 Who is eligible to participate in the Job Corps program?

To be eligible to participate in the Job Corps, an individual must be:

(a) At least 16 and not more than 24 years of age at the time of enrollment, except

(1) There is no upper age limit for an otherwise eligible individual with a disability; and

(2) Not more than 20% of individuals enrolled nationwide may be individuals who are aged 22 to 24 years old;

(b) A low-income individual;

(c) An individual who is facing one or more of the following barriers to education and employment:

(1) Is basic skills deficient, as defined in WIA sec. 101(4); or

(2) Is a school dropout; or

(3) Is homeless, or a runaway, or a foster child; or

(4) Is a parent; or

(5) Requires additional education, vocational training, or intensive counseling and related assistance in order to participate successfully in regular schoolwork or to secure and hold meaningful employment; and

(d) Meets the requirements of § 670.420, if applicable.

§ 670.410 Are there additional factors which are considered in selecting an eligible applicant for enrollment?

Yes, in accordance with procedures issued by the Secretary, an eligible applicant may be selected for enrollment, only if:

(a) A determination is made, based on information relating to the background, needs and interests of the applicant, that the applicant's educational and vocational needs can best be met through the Job Corps program;

(b) A determination is made that there is a reasonable expectation the applicant can participate successfully in group situations and activities, and is not likely to engage in actions that would potentially:

(1) Prevent other students from receiving the benefit of the program;

(2) Be incompatible with the maintenance of sound discipline; or

(3) Impede satisfactory relationships between the center to which the student is assigned and surrounding local communities;

(c) The applicant is made aware of the center's rules and what the consequences are for failure to observe the

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rules, as described in procedures issued by the Secretary;

(d) The applicant passes a background check conducted according to procedures established by the Secretary. The background check must find that the applicant is not on probation, parole, under a suspended sentence or under the supervision of any agency as a result of court action or institutionalization, unless the court or appropriate agency certifies in writing that it will approve of the applicant's release from its supervision and that the applicant's release does not violate applicable laws and regulations. No one will be denied enrollment in Job Corps solely on the basis of contact with the criminal justice system. (WIA secs. 145(b)(1)(C) and 145(b)(2));

(e) Suitable arrangements are made for the care of any dependent children for the proposed period of enrollment.

§ 670.420 Are there any special requirements for enrollment related to the Military Selective Service Act?

(a) Yes, each male applicant 18 years of age or older must present evidence that he has complied with section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 451 *et seq.*) if required; and

(b) When a male student turns 18 years of age, he must submit evidence to the center that he has complied with the requirements of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 451 *et seq.*).

§ 670.430 What entities conduct outreach and admissions activities for the Job Corps program?

The Regional Director makes arrangements with outreach and admissions agencies to perform Job Corps recruitment, screening and admissions functions according to standards and procedures issued by the Secretary. One-Stop Centers or partners, community action organizations, private for-profit and non-profit businesses, labor organizations, or other entities that have contact with youth over substantial periods of time and are able to offer reliable information about the needs of youth, conduct outreach and admissions activities. The Regional Director awards contracts for provision of outreach and screening services on a

competitive basis in accordance with the requirements in § 670.310.

§ 670.440 What are the responsibilities of outreach and admissions agencies?

(a) Outreach and admissions agencies are responsible for:

(1) Developing outreach and referral sources;

(2) Actively seeking out potential applicants;

(3) Conducting personal interviews with all applicants to identify their needs and eligibility status; and

(4) Identifying youth who are interested and likely Job Corps participants.

(b) Outreach and admissions agencies are responsible for completing all Job Corps application forms and determining whether applicants meet the eligibility and selection criteria for participation in Job Corps as provided in §§ 670.400 and 670.410.

(c) The Secretary may decide that determinations with regard to one or more of the eligibility criteria will be made by the Regional Director.

§ 670.450 How are applicants who meet eligibility and selection criteria assigned to centers?

(a) Each applicant who meets the application and selection requirements of §§ 670.400 and 670.410 is assigned to a center based on an assignment plan developed by the Secretary. The assignment plan identifies a target for the maximum percentage of students at each center who come from the State or region nearest the center, and the regions surrounding the center. The assignment plan is based on an analysis of:

(1) The number of eligible individuals in the State and region where the center is located and the regions surrounding where the center is located;

(2) The demand for enrollment in Job Corps in the State and region where the center is located and in surrounding regions; and

(3) The size and enrollment level of the center.

(b) Eligible applicants are assigned to centers closest to their homes, unless it is determined, based on the special needs of applicants, including vocational interests and English literacy