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Directors, State Developmental Disabilities
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Chairpersons, State Developmental Disabilities
Councils
Directors, State Protection and Advocacy Agencies
Directors, University Affiliated Programs

SUBJECT: Proposed due date of applications for funding of
FY 1995 Projects of National Significance

LEGAL AND
RELATED
REFERENCES: Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
Rights Act (the Act) Amendments of 1994, Public
Law 103-230

BACKGROUND: Under Part E of the Act, grants and contracts are
awarded for Projects of National Significance
(PNS) that support the development of national and
State policy to enhance the independence,
productivity, and integration and inclusion of
individuals with developmental disabilities
through: data collection and analysis; technical
assistance to enhance the quality of State
developmental disabilities councils, protection
and advocacy systems, and university affiliated
programs; and other projects of sufficient size

and scope that hold promise to expand or improve opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities, including: technical assistance for the development of information and referral systems; educating policy makers; Federal interagency initiatives; the enhancement of participation of racial and ethnic groups in public and private sector initiatives in developmental disabilities; transition of youth with developmental disabilities from school to adult life; and special pilots and evaluation studies to explore the expansion of programs under part B (State developmental disabilities councils) to individuals with severe disabilities other than developmental disabilities.

Section 162(c) of the Act requires that ADD publish in the Federal Register proposed priorities for grants and contracts to carry out Projects of National Significance each fiscal year. The Act also requires a period of 60 days for public comment concerning such proposed priorities. After analyzing and considering such comments, ADD must publish in the Federal Register final priorities for such grants and contracts, and solicit applications for funding based on the final priorities selected.

CONTENT:

On January 11, 1995, ADD published in the Federal Register its Request for Public Comments on Proposed Developmental Disabilities Funding Priorities for Projects of National Significance for Fiscal Year 1995 (Vol. 60, No. 7, pages 2760-2766). The closing date for submission of the comments is March 13, 1995.

The public comments are used in the preparation of the final funding solicitation. We anticipate that the final announcement will be submitted for review and clearance by the ACF Assistant Secretary no later than April 9th, and published no later than May 9, 1995.

Because ADD must obligate funds for these projects by the end of fiscal year 1995, we anticipate that there will be insufficient time remaining for ADD to conduct its application review, make award decisions, and process the necessary funding documents without a reduction of the 60-day period for application submission.

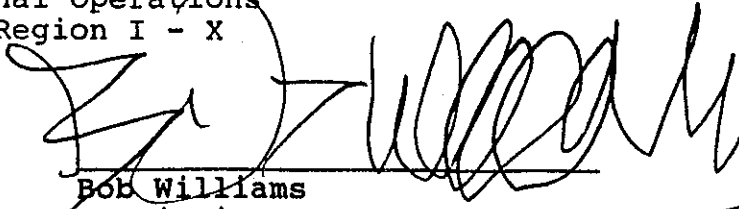
Therefore, we are proposing that the 60-day period for the submission of applications for funding of FY 1995 Projects of National Significance be

reduced to 45 days to insure that the funding process for PNS will be completed before the end of fiscal year.

The decision regarding the due date for applications will be published in the final funding solicitation as the final closing date.

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