

(6) If any affected pitch trim actuator was replaced with a pitch trim actuator that makes the airplane a Group 2 airplane, the actions of this AD still apply at the applicable compliance times.

(j) Installation Prohibition for All Airplane Models in Both Group 1 and Group 2

As of the effective date of this AD, do not install a pitch trim actuator unless the sealant is not cracked, missing, or compromised per the applicable inspection required in paragraphs (h)(1) or (i)(1) of this AD.

(k) Credit for Previous Actions

(1) You may take credit for the actions required by paragraphs (h)(1) of this AD if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc. SA227 Service Bulletin 227–27–067R1, dated August 16, 2024; or Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing Inc. SA227 Service Bulletin 227–27–067, dated July 29, 2024.

(2) You may take credit for the actions required by paragraphs (i)(1) of this AD if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc. SA227 Commuter Category Series Service Bulletin CC7–27–038R2, dated November 8, 2024.

(l) Special Flight Permit

Special flight permits, as described in 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199, are not allowed.

(m) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, East Certification Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the East Certification Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (n)(1) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(n) Additional Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Trevor Carlton, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, East Certification Branch, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: (404) 474–5597; email: ECB-COS@faa.gov.

(2) Material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (o)(3) of this AD.

(o) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc. SA227 Commuter Category Series,

Service Bulletin CC7–27–038R3, dated January 27, 2026.

(ii) Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc. SA227 Service Bulletin 227–27–067R2, dated November 8, 2024.

(iii) Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc. SA226 Service Bulletin 226–27–087R2, dated November 8, 2024.

(3) For Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc. material identified in this AD, contact Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc., 1176 Telecom Drive, Creedmoor, NC 27522; phone: (919) 956–4300; email: metroliner@ontic.com; website: metromerlin.com.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on March 24, 2026.

Steven W. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Chapter III

[ED–2026–OSERS–0530]

Proposed Waivers and Extensions of the Project Period With Funding for the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program and the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Training and Technical Assistance Center

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed waivers and extensions of project period with funding.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education proposes to waive the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The proposed waivers and extensions would enable 43 American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) projects under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.250N and one American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Training and Technical Assistance Center (AIVRTTAC) under ALN 84.250Z,

currently in their fifth year, to receive funding for an additional period, not beyond September 30, 2027.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before May 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via www.regulations.gov, please contact the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under “FAQ.”

Privacy Note: OSERS’s policy is generally to make comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: August Martin. Telephone: 202–987–0116. Email: August.Martin@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:

Invitation to Comment: We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed waivers and extensions notice. To ensure that your comments have maximum effect in developing the notice of final waivers and extensions, we urge you to identify clearly the specific grantee or grantees (listed in the table under the *Background section*) that each comment addresses.

We invite you to assist us in complying with the specific requirements of Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 14192 and their overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from the proposed waivers and extensions. Please let us know of any further ways we could reduce potential costs or increase potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect public comments about the proposed waivers and extensions by accessing *Regulations.gov*.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record: On request, we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for the proposed waivers and extensions. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Background: Under section 121(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (the Act), the purpose of the AIVRS program is to provide grants to the governing bodies of Indian Tribes located on Federal and State reservations (and consortia of such governing bodies) to pay 90 percent of the total costs of vocational rehabilitation (VR) services, including services traditionally used by Indian Tribes, to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations.

Under section 121(c) of the Act, the purpose of the AIVRTTAC is to provide training and technical assistance to the governing bodies of Indian Tribes, or consortia of those governing bodies, that have received an AIVRS grant under section 121(a) of the Act, to improve the delivery of VR services to American Indians with disabilities, and to support AIVRS project personnel.

In fiscal year (FY) 2021, the Department published in the **Federal Register** notices inviting applications (NIAs) announcing grant competitions for the AIVRS program under ALN

84.250N (85 FR 83918) and the AIVRTTAC under ALN 84.250Z (86 FR 14414) for up to five years. Forty-three AIVRS grants and one AIVRTTAC grant were awarded from these competitions.

The Department proposes to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250, which prohibit project periods exceeding 60 months (five years). Additionally, the Department proposes to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which allow the extension of a project period only if the extension does not involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. The waivers and extensions would enable the Department to provide additional funds, not to exceed their Year 5 planned award amount, to projects currently funded under ALNs 84.250N and 84.250Z for an additional period, not beyond September 30, 2027. These proposed waivers and extensions would maximize continuity of services to those served by the AIVRS program and support grantees by providing an efficient process by which they can obtain their grant funds for this fiscal year.

This action would allow the 43 AIVRS grantees and one AIVRTTAC grantee to submit a request for continuation funding in FY 2026. Within their request, grantees would certify that they have the capacity to continue activities. In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement

requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application, or whether the continuation of the project is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

Waivers and Extensions: The Department believes that it is in the public interest to extend the AIVRS program and the AIVRTTAC in lieu of running a new competition in FY 2026.

Extending the project end dates of the 43 AIVRS and one AIVRTTAC grants for one year will allow for efficient continuity of VR services for American Indians with disabilities. Pending FY 2027 appropriations, there may be new competitions for all eligible applicants.

For these reasons, the Department proposes to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250, which prohibit project periods exceeding five years, as well as the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which allow the extension of a project period only if the extension does not involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. These waivers would allow the Department to consider FY 2026 continuation awards to the 43 AIVRS projects (ALN 84.250N) and one AIVRTTAC project (ALN 84.250Z) based on their Year 5 planned amount. It is estimated that each grantee's continuation award would amount to the following, pending review and discussion of carryover:

PR award No.	AIVRS grantee	Amount
H250N210001	Coeur D'Alene Tribe	\$584,798.00
H250N210004	The Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe	520,131.00
H250N210005	Hannahville Indian Community	539,268.00
H250N210006	Laguna Department of Education	450,000.00
H250N210008	Intertribal Council of Central Louisiana	677,996.00
H250N210009	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	450,000.00
H250N210010	The Chickasaw Nation	1,050,000.00
H250N210011	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	469,346.00
H250N210012	Kawarek, Inc.	489,123.00
H250N210013	Oneida Nation	475,000.00
H250N210014	Prairie Band of Potawatomie Nation	451,334.00
H250N210015	Cook Inlet Tribal Council	771,883.87
H250N210016	Blackfeet Tribal Business Council	550,000.00
H250N210017	Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	609,741.75
H250N210018	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	428,051.00
H250N210019	Oglala Sioux Tribe	829,253.15
H250N210020	Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation	428,630.00
H250N210022	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	608,181.00
H250N210023	Metlakatla Indian Community	429,070.00
H250N210024	Three Affiliated Tribes	427,369.00
H250N210025	Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope	567,278.14
H250N210026	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	588,851.29

PR award No.	AIVRS grantee	Amount
H250N210027	Cherokee Nation	630,000.00
H250N210028	The Navajo Nation	1,726,000.00
H250N210029	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	219,067.00
H250N210031	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	461,297.78
H250N210032	Northern Arapaho Tribe	630,000.00
H250N210033	Hopi Tribe	470,224.00
H250N210034	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	468,784.00
H250N210035	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation	568,022.00
H250N210037	Pueblo of Jemez	852,623.00
H250N210038	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	527,240.00
H250N210039	Samish Indian Nation	464,700.83
H250N210040	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	529,238.00
H250N210041	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	763,532.00
H250N210042	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	722,348.00
H250N210043	Eastern Shoshone Tribe	534,221.00
H250N210044	United Houma Nation, Inc.	607,394.00
H250N210045	Moapa Band of Paiute Indians	477,055.77
H250N210046	Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	522,683.00
H250N210048	Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	658,736.00
H250N210051	Association of Village Council Presidents	624,186.00
H250N210052	Tohono O'odham Nation	450,723.00
PR award No.	AIVRTTAC grantee	Amount
H250Z2100001	Northern Arizona University	1,012,998.00

Any activities to be carried out during the year of these continuation awards would have to be consistent with, or a logical extension of, the scope, goals, and objectives of the grantees' applications as approved in the FY 2021 AIVRS and AIVRTTAC competitions. The FY 2021 AIVRS and AIVRTTAC NIAs would continue to govern each grantee's project during the extension.

Intergovernmental Review

These programs are not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waivers and extensions of the project period would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entities that would be affected by the proposed waivers and extensions of the project period are the current ALN 84.250N and the ALN 84.250Z grantees, and any potential new applicants who might have applied in the FY 2026 grant competitions.

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waivers and extensions would not have a significant economic impact on these entities, because the extension of an existing project period imposes minimal compliance costs, and the activities required to support the additional year of funding would not impose additional regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice of proposed waivers and extensions of the project period does not contain any information collection requirements.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document 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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Acting Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary, Delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Parts 111 and 211

Revised Mailing Standards for Firearms

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is proposing to amend Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail* (Publication 52), to conform with the opinion of the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel regarding the constitutionality of Section 1715 of title 18 U.S. Code, which prohibits the mailing of concealable firearms.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Director, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260-5015. If sending comments by email, include the name and address of the commenter and send to PCFederalRegister@usps.gov, with a