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## **Technology, Educational Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program (CFDA No. 84.180)**

### **I. Legislation**

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part G, as amended, (20 U.S.C. 1461, 1462) expired September 30, 1995; operated under the authority of the appropriations act in FY 1996.

### **II. Funding History**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1987	\$ 4,696,000*
1988	4,787,000
1989	4,730,000
1990	5,425,000
1991	5,593,000
1992	10,000,000
1993	10,862,000
1994	10,862,000
1995	10,862,000
1996	9,993,000

\*The Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986, P.L. 99-457, created this new authority under which activities related to special education technology are funded. Previously, these activities were funded through the Media and Captioning Services program.

### **III. Analysis of Program Performance**

#### **A. Goals and Objectives**

This program supported projects and centers that advanced the availability, quality, use, and effectiveness of technology, educational media, and materials in educating children and youth with disabilities and in providing early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities.

#### **B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals**

##### **Services Supported**

Grants were awarded to institutions of higher education, state and local education agencies, or other appropriate agencies or organizations to assist the public and private sectors to conduct research and development for improving the quality and use of technology, assistive technology, media, and materials for the education of persons with disabilities; to disseminate information on the availability and use of new technology, assistive technology, media, and materials for such persons; to design

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and adapt new technology, media, and materials that will improve the education of individuals with disabilities. All recipients of funds under this program agree to coordinate, as appropriate, with the State entity reviewing funds under Title I of the Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C.A 2211 et. seq.)

In FY 1996 the following awards were made: 13 new grants, 21 continuation grants, 1 continuation cooperative agreements, and 1 continuation contract. The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services also supported 41 research projects under the Small Business Innovative Research program.

### **C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness**

None. Performance indicators are being developed for successor programs authorized by the IDEA Amendments of 1997.

### **IV. Planned Studies**

None.

### **V. Sources of Information**

Program files.

### **VI. Contacts for Further Information**

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