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## The ESL Locator

Review by Ethel A. Ward

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*The ESL Locator* is a comprehensive directory of educational agencies and institutions, resource organizations and commercial publishers that are involved with some aspect of ESL and Bilingual Education. This second edition features an expansion that includes additional entries particularly dealing with media and technology, and an updated listing of state Adult Education offices and federally-funded Desegregation Assistance Centers. It is a convenient reference for a variety of readers, among them: the educational administrator interested in additional resources (funding and/or materials) for school/university; the graduate student who may need financial assistance or sources of information for research and eventually, for a teaching job in ESL/Bilingual Education; the classroom teacher who has non-English speaking students and is interested in ESL and multicultural education materials; and the foreign student in the United States.

This directory is organized into seven major sections with a total of 26 sub-categories. Complete addresses and some telephone numbers are included for each listing. It was interesting to note the inclusion of the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service offices from national to regional and district offices, geared obviously to the needs of institutions with foreign students, or the foreign students themselves. The listing of embassies is useful for states/cities with no respective consulate in their locale—another unusual inclusion in this directory.

The lists, as can be expected for such a wide target readership possible, are not exhaustive and in a few instances, may contain items not seemingly directly related to ESL/Bilingual Education. The majority of the organizations and agencies seemed to include those from the East Coast (understandably, since the author is more likely to be familiar with those). Short annotations for the more significant entries would probably help to clarify inclusion of certain items (e.g. TIE in periodicals; the whole section on general or multicultural education). For the foreign student, in addition to the list of graduate-level TESL programs, a list of English Language Institutes or some equivalent program for non-native speakers of English in higher education, and a list of Department of Education districts with a large ESL-Bilingual Education program (not Federally funded like Title VII projects), might also have been useful.

The provision of a space for notes at the end of each section is a good feature for the *Locator* user who can add to the wealth of information already catalogued for his/her use. It is also an acknowledgement that no directory can be complete at the

time of publication, but *The ESL Locator* makes an outstanding effort to provide information in as comprehensive and organized a fashion as can possibly be done.

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