U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES (CFDA NUMBER: 84.293B)



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Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students Washington, DC 20202

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP)--Local Educational Agency competition. This program provides grants to local educational agencies for innovative model programs providing for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of foreign language study for elementary and secondary school students.

This application package includes the forms you will need to complete your application, instructions for completing the forms, and additional information. Applicants should organize the application contents, including the program narrative, in accordance with the instructions provided in this application package.

This letter highlights a few items in the Fiscal Year 2008 application package that will be important to you in applying for grants under this program. You should review the entire application package carefully before preparing and submitting your application. Information on the FLAP program is accessible at the U.S. Department of Education website at:

http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/funding.html

In the FY 2008 competition, there is an absolute priority and four competitive preference priorities for this program. For additional information about the absolute priority and competitive preference priorities refer to the <u>Federal Register</u> Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for FY 2008 in this package.

In completing your application, you must provide objectives, activities, and a detailed budget for each year of the proposed project. Applicants should pay careful attention to the Performance Measures listed in the Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for FY 2008 and consider the measures in planning program objectives, activities, and evaluation.

It is important to note the following requirements: 1) Applicants must request funding for a multi-year award of 60 months, 2) project narratives may not exceed the page limit, 3) requested funding may not exceed the maximum amount of \$300,000, 4) applicants must work in partnership with one or more institutions of higher education (IHEs), and 5) applicants must exclusively teach one or more of the critical languages. Applications will not be reviewed if these requirements are not met.

The Department of Education is encouraging you to submit your application electronically. Please acquaint yourself with the requirements of Grants.gov early by accessing its portal page at: http://www.grants.gov. For a more thorough discussion, including dates and times of how to submit your application electronically, please refer to the official Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for FY 2008 published in the Federal Register. You are reminded that the document published in the Federal Register is the official document, and

that you should not rely upon any information that is inconsistent with the guidance contained within the official document.

If you are selected for an award, the Department will establish, at the time of the initial award, the funding level for each year of the grant. Future continuation awards will rely heavily on the annual performance reports, which must be submitted before each year of continued funding. We will provide specific reporting requirements to funded applicants at a later date.

If you have questions about these or any other program requirement, please call or e-mail Rebecca Richey at (202) 245-7133, <u>rebecca.richey@ed.gov</u>; Sharon Coleman at (202) 245-7124, <u>sharon.coleman@ed.gov</u>.

We look forward to receiving your application and appreciate your efforts to improve foreign language teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

Margarita Pinkos
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Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and
Academic Achievement for Limited
English Proficient Students

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

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Application and Submission Information

Application Transmittal Instructions

ATTENTION APPLICANTS: Please note that you must follow the Application Procedures as described in the Federal Register Notice announcing the grant competition.

An original and three copies of an application for an award must be mailed or handdelivered by the application deadline date unless it is submitted electronically.

If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the following deadline requirements:

Applications Submitted Electronically

You must submit your grant application through the Internet using the software provided on the Grants.gov Web site (http://www.grants.gov) by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date.

If you submit your application through the Internet via the e-Grants Web site, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment when we receive your application.

For more information on using Grants.gov, please refer to the Notice Inviting Applications that was published in the Federal Register, the Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips document found in the application package instructions, and visit http://www.grants.gov.

Applications Sent by Mail

You must mail the original and three copies of the application on or before the deadline date.

Please mail copies to:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: CFDA# 84.293B 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202 – 4260

You must show one of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A legibly dated U. S. Postal Service Postmark.

- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U. S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If you mail an application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark.
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Services.

An applicant should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

Applications Delivered by Commercial Carrier:

Special <u>Note</u>: Due to recent disruptions to normal mail delivery, the Department encourages you to consider using an alternative delivery method (for example, a commercial carrier, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service; or U. S. Postal Service Express Mail) to transmit your application for this competition to the Department. If you use an alternative delivery method, please obtain the appropriate proof of mailing under "Applications Sent by Mail," then follow the mailing instructions under the appropriate delivery method.

Applications that are delivered by commercial carrier, such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc. should be mailed to the:

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center – Stop 4260
Attention: CFDA# 84.293B
7100 Old Landover Road
Landover, MD 20785-1506

Applications Delivered by Hand

You or your courier must hand deliver the original and three copies of the application by 4:30 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on or before the deadline date.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ FIRST

U.S. Department of Education <u>Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants</u>

To facilitate your use of Grants gov, this document includes important submission procedures you need to be aware of to ensure your application is received in a timely manner and accepted by the Department of Education.

ATTENTION - MICROSOFT VISTA AND WORD 2007 USERS

Please note that Grants.gov does <u>not</u> currently support the new Microsoft Vista Operating system. The PureEdge software used by Grants.gov for forms is not compatible with Vista. Grants.gov will be reviewing this new product to determine if it can be supported in the future.

In addition, the new version of Microsoft Word saves documents with the extension .DOCX. The Grants.gov system does not process Microsoft Word documents with the extension .DOCX. When submitting Microsoft Word attachments to Grants.gov, please use the version of Microsoft Word that ends in .DOC. If you have any questions regarding this matter please email the Grants.gov Contact Center at support@grants.gov or call 1-800-518-4726.

- 1) REGISTER EARLY Grants gov registration may take five or more business days to complete. You may begin working on your application while completing the registration process, but you cannot submit an application until all of the Registration steps are complete. For detailed information on the Registration Steps, please go to: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp. [Note: Your organization will need to update its Central Contractor Registry (CCR) registration annually.]
- 2) SUBMIT EARLY We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the last day to submit your application. Grants.gov will put a date/time stamp on your application and then process it after it is fully uploaded. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on a number of factors including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection, and the time it takes Grants.gov to process the application will vary as well. If Grants.gov rejects your application (see step three below), you will need to resubmit successfully before 4:30 pm on the deadline date.

Note: To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when your organization registered with the CCR (Central Contractor Registry).

3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov and the Department of Education receive your Grants.gov submission timely and that it was validated successfully. To see the date/time your application was received, login to Grants.gov and click on the Track My Application link. For a successful submission, the date/time received should be earlier than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned.

If the date/time received is later than 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the closing date, your application is late. If your application has a status of "Received" it is still awaiting validation by Grants.gov. Once validation is complete, the status will either change to "Validated" or "Rejected with Errors." If the status is "Rejected with Errors," your application has not been received successfully. Some of the reasons Grants.gov may reject an application can be found on the Grants.gov site:

http://www.grants.gov/help/submit_application_faqs.jsp#10. For more detailed information on why an application may be rejected, you can review Application Error Tips http://www.grants.gov/section910/ApplicationErrorTips.pdf. If you discover your application is late or has been rejected, please see the instructions below. Note: You will receive a series of confirmations both online and via e-mail about the status of your application. Please do not rely solely on e-mail to confirm whether your application has been received timely and validated successfully.

SUBMISSION PROBLEMS - WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you have problems submitting to Grants.gov before the closing date, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or use the customer support available on the Web site: <a href="http://www.grants.gov/applicants/ap

If electronic submission is <u>optional</u> and you have problems that you are unable to resolve before the deadline date and time for electronic applications, please follow the transmittal instructions for hard copy applications in the Federal Register notice and get a hard copy application postmarked by <u>midnight</u> on the deadline date.

If electronic submission is <u>required</u>, you must submit an electronic application before 4:30 p.m., unless you follow the procedures in the Federal Register notice and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement <u>and</u> submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN WORKING WITH GRANTS.GOV

Please note, once you download an application from Grants.gov, you will be working offline and saving data on your computer. Please be sure to note where you are saving the Grants.gov file on your computer. You will need to logon to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application. You must provide on your application the DUNS number that was used when your organization registered with the CCR.

Please go to http://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-help.jsp for help with Grants.gov. For additional tips related to submitting grant applications, please refer to the Grants.gov Submit Application FAQs found on the Grants.gov http://www.grants.gov/help/submit-application-faqs.jsp.

DIAL-UP INTERNET CONNECTIONS

When using a dial up connection to upload and submit your application, it can take significantly longer than when you are connected to the Internet with a high-speed connection, e.g. cable modem/DSL/T1. While times will vary depending upon the size of your application, it can take a few minutes to a few hours to complete your grant submission using a dial up connection. If you do not have access to a high-speed connection and electronic submission is required, you may want to consider following the instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

MAC USERS

If you do not have a Windows operating System, you will need to use the Citrix solution discussed on Grants.gov or a Windows Emulation program to submit an application using Grants.gov. For additional information, review the FAQs for non-windows users

http://www.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp#non_window. Also, to view white paper for Macintosh users published by Pure Edge go to the following link: http://www.grants.gov/section678/PureEdgeSupportforMacintosh.pdf, and/or contact Grants.gov Customer Support (http://www.grants.gov/contactus/contactus.jsp) for more information. If electronic submission is required and you are concerned about your ability to submit electronically as a non-windows user, please follow instructions in the Federal Register notice to obtain an exception to the electronic submission requirement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date. (See the Federal Register notice for detailed instructions.)

ATTACHING FILES - ADDITIONAL TIPS

As described above applicants should not upload a Word 2007 (.docx) file when attaching narrative files to their application. In addition, please ensure that you only attach the Education approved file types detailed in the Federal Register application notice (.doc, .pdf or .rtf). Grants.gov cannot process an application that includes two or more files that have the same name within a grant submission. Finally, when attaching files, applicants should limit the size of their file names. Lengthy file names could result in difficulties with opening and processing your application. We recommend you keep your file names be less than 50 characters.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FLAP)

GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES (LEAS) ADDITIONAL NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE

(Questions and Answers)

Why did the Department select an absolute priority for critical languages under the Foreign Language Assistance Program?

The FY 2008 Appropriations Act requires the following:

"That \$3,000,000 of the funds available for the Foreign Language Assistance Program shall be available for 5-year grants to local educational agencies that would work in partnership with one or more institutions of higher education to establish or expand articulated programs of study in languages critical to United States national security that will enable successful students to advance from elementary school through college to achieve a superior level of proficiency in those languages."

How does an applicant address the absolute priority for teaching one or more critical languages?

An applicant must establish or expand foreign language learning by exclusively teaching one or more of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Russian, and languages in the Indic, Iranian, and Turkic language families. An application would meet the priority if it proposes a program that teaches one of the listed languages or more than one of the listed languages. It would not meet the priority if it teaches one or more of the listed languages and a language not on the list. For example: a project that proposed to teach both Arabic and Spanish would not meet the priority.

How does an applicant demonstrate that the proposed project will establish or expand an articulated program of study?

An applicant may demonstrate how it will establish or expand an articulated program of foreign language study in elementary and secondary schools by describing in its application how it will, for example:

- develop a recruitment plan to increase the number of students enrolled in critical foreign language instruction in the school district
- plan critical foreign language curricula in which each grade level is designed to sequentially expand on the student achievement of the previous level
- develop new critical foreign language assessments
- establish a new critical foreign language program in a school that does not currently offer critical foreign language classes

• expand the grade levels or course levels of critical foreign language instruction

What are allowable activities for institutions of higher education that plan to work in partnership with local educational agencies?

Institutions of higher education (IHEs), in partnership with local educational agencies (LEAs) under the FLAP program, must carry out activities that support the establishment, expansion or improvement of foreign language instruction in elementary and secondary schools. Such activities may include, but are not limited to:

- professional development for LEA teachers of critical foreign languages
- technical assistance to LEA program staff in developing program standards and curricula and in developing or selecting appropriate foreign language assessments
- aligning critical foreign language curriculum K-16
- participating in the evaluation of the FLAP program activities
- preparing secondary students to achieve in college
- providing college-level coursework for high school students

NOTE: Providing coursework for college students is <u>not</u> allowable under the FLAP program.

May an LEA phase out a traditional foreign language program in order to implement a critical language program?

The Department of Education and Congress are concerned about grantees under this year's FLAP competition phasing out a traditional language program and regard such a measure as counter-productive.

What is the recommended target of language proficiency for students in the proposed project?

The LEA should focus on building an articulated program of language instruction that begins in elementary school and will enable successful students to achieve an <u>advanced</u> level of proficiency by grade 12. An LEA may identify target proficiency levels for students at critical benchmarks, and describe how progress toward those proficiency levels will be assessed at the benchmark. Through collaboration with IHE partner(s), the proposed project will allow students that have participated in the program to achieve a superior level of proficiency at the university level.

What is the definition of "advanced level of proficiency"?

A proficiency level of advanced, as measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Performance Guidelines for K-12 Learners,

produced by a student that has advanced from elementary school through high school in the foreign language program.

What is the definition of "superior level of proficiency"?

A superior level of proficiency is a proficiency level of 3, as measured by the Federal Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR), produced by a student.

What is the definition of "ambitious project objectives"?

Definitions of "ambitious project objectives" may vary due to the characteristics of foreign language programs. It is the applicant's responsibility to determine the proposed project's goals and set ambitious objectives and targets. For example, the applicant could describe its project objectives and how it has ensured that the objectives are challenging, raise expectations, and provide ways for learners to demonstrate progress. A specific example of a project objective is posted at www.ncela.gwu.edu/oela/QELAprograms/4 FLAP.htm.

Where does a potential applicant locate resources, information, and non-regulatory guidance on the Foreign Language Assistance Program?

Resources can be found at the following websites:

The National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational Programs

www.ncela.gwu.edu/oela/OELAprograms/4 FLAP.htm

Grantmaking at ED

http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html

What is the definition of a "local educational agency"?

The term "local educational agency" means a public board of education or other public authority that maintains administrative control of public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district or other political subdivision of a state. An intermediate unit within a State (e.g., a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (a BOCES), assuming it meets the definition of the term local educational agency, may apply for and receive a grant.

What is the definition of an "institution of higher education"?

The ESEA, at Section 9101, defines an IHE as follows:

"(24) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION- The term institution of higher education' has the meaning given that term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965."

Section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 USC 1001 provides that: "(a) Institution of higher education

For purposes of this chapter, other than subchapter IV, the term "institution of higher education" means an educational institution in any State that-

- (1) admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate:
- (2) is legally authorized within such State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;
- (3) provides an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree;
- (4) is a public or other nonprofit institution; and
- (5) is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an institution that has been granted preaccreditation status by such an agency or association that has been recognized by the Secretary for the granting of preaccreditation status, and the Secretary has determined that there is satisfactory assurance that the institution will meet the accreditation standards of such an agency or association within a reasonable time."

May two LEAs apply together in order to work together in a foreign language program?

The statute does not prohibit LEAs from applying together. However, one LEA must be designated as the fiscal agent. The requirements on group applications are in 34 CFR 75.127-75.129.

May an LEA submit more than one application under this competition?

An LEA may submit more than one application under the FLAP program. The applications could not overlap in terms of schools served, the activities proposed or the costs to be covered under the proposed budgets.

Is a proof of partnership a required part of the application?

An LEA is required to work in partnership with one or more IHEs. The requirement for partnering and coordination appears multiple times in the application notice. Applicants may provide verification as to the extent to which each partner in the proposed project is committed to the implementation and success of the project throughout, at a minimum, the years proposed in the application. As part of this requirement, the LEA must identify the entity or entities with which it will collaborate and include in its application an assurance from appropriate officials of those entities that will work with the applicant in implementing the proposal. The applicant is asked to submit a one-page letter of commitment from the partner (s) in an appendix to the application narrative. If you are applying through Grants.gov, the letter of commitment must be uploaded to the Other Narrative Attachment Form.

May an LEA apply for a project period of less than 60 months?

Applications that request funding for a project period other than 60 months will be deemed ineligible and will not be evaluated.

If awarded a grant, may a grantee count on receiving FLAP funding for the full period of five years?

The actual level of program funding, if any, depends on final Congressional action each fiscal year and whether substantial progress has been made toward meeting the project objectives and program performance measures.

Is the estimated range of awards \$100,000 to \$300,000 over the period of five years?

The estimated range of awards is \$100,000 to \$300,000 for <u>each</u> year. Applications that request funding for over \$300,000 each year will be deemed <u>ineligible</u> and will not be evaluated.

What is the LEA's share of costs for the Foreign Language Assistance program for each fiscal year?

In order to build program capacity at the local level, cost sharing (matching) is required. If the LEA is requesting \$200,000 in Federal funding per year, it must match \$200,000 of non-Federal funds each year. While a waiver may be granted for an LEA if the Secretary determines that the LEA does not have adequate resources to pay the non-Federal share of the cost of the activities, it is recommended that the district share the cost to the extent possible. Additional guidance on cost sharing (matching) and requesting a waiver is located at http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/oela/OELAprograms/4_FLAP.htm. The Education Department General Administrative Regulations, at 34 CFR 80.24, addresses Federal Cost sharing requirements.

How does an applicant for the Foreign Language Assistance Program—LEA address the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measure for student achievement during a planning year?

In some cases, grantees may not be able to report on improved student achievement as a result of the FLAP program. For example, local school districts that have completed a planning year but have not yet assessed student achievement. Even in such cases, it is important that applicants and grantees consider how program activities will result in improved student achievement in planning their program objectives and in designing their evaluation plan.

How may an applicant access information on foreign language standards when designing its program?

An applicant may access information on standards and other useful information at:

The National Foreign Language Resource Centers http://www.ed.gov/help/site/expsearch/language.html

What is the definition of an "elementary school"?

The term elementary school means a non-profit institutional day or residential school, including a public elementary charter school, that provides elementary education, as determined under State law. The definition of this term is in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

What is the definition of a "secondary school"?

The term secondary school means a non-profit institutional day or residential school, including a public secondary charter school, that provides secondary education, as determined under State law, except that the term does not include any education beyond grade 12. The definition of this term is in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

May FLAP programs serve pre-school students?

The authorizing statute for the FLAP program requires that FLAP grantees support foreign language programs for elementary and secondary school students. Services to pre-school children would only be allowable if the law of the State includes pre-school children in its definition of elementary school students.

How does an applicant address the Notice to all Applicants, Section 427 of the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)?

First, read the "Notice to all Applicants" included in the application package. Be sure to note the examples. The required response should include a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. If you are applying through Grants.gov, the system has a form to be completed. If you are submitting a paper application, it is recommended that the applicant respond on a separate sheet of paper entitled "GEPA".

How does an applicant comply with Executive Order 12372, the Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs?

Applicants must first review the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) list. The list is available through a website link included in this application package. If a State contact is included in the list, the applicant must contact the SPOC to inquire about, and comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. If the State requests the application for review, a copy of the cover letter sent to the State contact must be submitted with the application package and Item #19a checked with the date

included. If you are applying through Grants.gov, the cover letter must be uploaded to the Other Narrative Attachment Form. If the program is subject to E.O. 12372, but has not been selected for review, check #19b. If the program is not covered by the Executive Order, check #19c.

What information should be included in the project abstract?

Suggested guidance on the abstract is located at http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/oela/OELAprograms/4 FLAP.htm.

The project abstract is a two-page, single-spaced summary of your project. If you are applying through Grants.gov, the two-page abstract must be uploaded to the ED Abstract Form. The ED Abstract Form can hold more that one page.

Who should sign as the Authorized Representative on the Application for Federal Assistance and other forms?

It is recommended that the Superintendent of Schools sign as the Authorized Representative.

How are applications evaluated for funding?

Each application is evaluated by foreign language experts. The experts are required to use the program statute, the program selection criteria, and any priorities and other requirements that have been published in the <u>Federal Register</u> as guidance in reviewing the applications. The review panels provide written comments and scores to support their judgments about the guality and impact of the proposed project.

How long does it take the Department of Education to complete the review process and when will funds be available?

Most review processes take about four to six months from the deadline date through the issuance of the signed Grant Award Notification. The list of grantees will be published at http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/oela/OELAprograms/4 FLAP.htm. It is expected that funds will be available to support projects starting August 1, 2008.

How does an applicant demonstrate approaches that can be disseminated to, and duplicated by, other LEAs?

An applicant may, for example, demonstrate how it will disseminate best practices and share curriculum and materials through: presentations at regional and national foreign language conferences, workshops held at the school with classroom visits, creating a website and posting information, video-conferencing with other LEAs, and writing articles or papers.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of English Language Acquisition, Language
Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English
Proficient Students

Overview Information

Foreign Language Assistance Program--Local Educational Agencies

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2008.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.293B.

Dates:

Applications Available: INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 30, 2008.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 30, 2008.
Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Foreign Language Assistance

Program (FLAP) provides grants to local educational

agencies (LEAs) for innovative model programs providing

for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of foreign language study for elementary and secondary school students. Under this competition, as required by the fiscal year 2008 Appropriations Act, 5-year grants will be awarded to LEAs to work in partnership with one or more institutions of higher education (IHEs) to establish or expand articulated programs of study in languages critical to United States national security in order to enable successful students to achieve a superior level of proficiency in those languages as they advance from elementary school through high school and college. In addition, an LEA that receives a grant under this program must use the funds to support programs that show the promise of being continued beyond the grant period and demonstrate approaches that can be disseminated to and duplicated in other LEAs. Projects supported under this program may also include a professional development component.

Priorities: This notice involves an absolute priority and four competitive preference priorities. The absolute priority is from Public Law 110-161, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Division G, Title III, School Improvement Programs. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), Competitive Preference Priorities #1

through #4 are from section 5493 of the Foreign Language Assistance Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. 7259b).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2008, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Sequential Study of Critical Languages

This priority supports projects to establish or expand articulated programs of study in foreign language learning that exclusively teach one or more of the following languages critical to United States national security - Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Russian, and languages in the Indic, Iranian, and Turkic language families. Such programs must be designed to enable successful students to achieve a superior level of proficiency in those languages as they advance from elementary school through high school and college.

The following definitions apply to this priority:

(1) Articulated program of study. Each grade level of the elementary-school-through-college foreign language program is designed to expand sequentially on the achievement students have made in the previous level,

with a goal of achieving a superior level of language proficiency.

(2) Superior level of language proficiency. A proficiency level of 3, as measured by the Federal Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR), achieved by a student.

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2008, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(ii) we give preference to an application that meets one or more of these priorities over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priorities.

Note: There is no advantage to addressing all four competitive preference priorities. Creating a program around all four priorities may result in an unfocused program design. We give preference to applications describing programs that address any of these priorities.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority #1. Projects that include intensive summer foreign language programs for professional development.

Competitive Preference Priority #2. Projects that link non-native English speakers in the community with the schools in order to promote two-way language learning.

Competitive Preference Priority #3. Projects that make effective use of technology, such as computerassisted instruction, language laboratories, or distance learning, to promote foreign language study.

Competitive Preference Priority #4. Projects that promote innovative activities, such as foreign language immersion, partial foreign language immersion, or content-based instruction.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking: Under the

Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the

Department generally offers interested parties the

opportunity to comment on rules. Section 437(d)(1) of

the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), however,

allows the Secretary to exempt from rulemaking rules

governing the first grant competition under a new or

substantially revised program authority. This program

was substantially revised by Public Law 110-161, the

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Division G,

Title III, School Improvement Programs and, therefore,

qualifies for this exemption. In order to ensure timely

grant awards, the Secretary has decided to forgo public comment under section 437(d)(1) of GEPA on the absolute priority and definitions in this notice. The absolute priority and definitions will apply to the FY 2008 grant competition only.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7259a-7259b and Public Law
110-161, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008,
Division G, Title III, School Improvement Programs.
Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department
General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR
parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 97, 98 and 99.

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

II. Award Information

Estimated Available Funds: \$2,360,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2009 from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000-\$300,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

<u>Project Period</u>: 60 months. Applications that request funding for a project period of other than 60 months will be deemed ineligible and will not be read.

III. Eligibility Information

- 1. Eligible Applicants: LEAs, including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law, in partnership with one or more institutions of higher education.
- 2. Cost Sharing or Matching: Section 5492(c)(2) of the Foreign Language Assistance Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. 7259a(c)) requires that the Federal share of a project funded under this program for each fiscal year be 50 percent. For example, an LEA requesting \$100,000 in Federal funding for its foreign language program each fiscal year must match that amount with \$100,000 of non-Federal funding for each year. Section 80.24 of EDGAR addresses Federal cost-sharing requirements.

If an LEA does not have adequate resources to pay the non-Federal share of the cost, a waiver may be requested. An LEA may request a waiver of part or all of the matching requirement. The waiver request should be submitted by letter to the Secretary of Education and included in the application. An authorized representative of the school district, such as the

Superintendent of Schools, should sign the letter.

Further information on submitting a waiver request is included in the application package.

The request for waiver should--

- Provide an explanation, supported with appropriate documentation, of the basis for the LEA's position that it does not have adequate resources to pay the non-Federal share of the cost of the project.
- Specify the amount, if any, of the non-Federal share that the LEA can pay.

We recommend that LEAs that are unable to provide the required level of non-Federal support for their project provide as much non-Federal support as possible.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package:

Yvonne Putney-Mathieu, U.S. Department of Education, 400

Maryland Avenue, SW., room 10070, PCP, Washington, DC

20202-6500. Telephone: (202) 245-7155, or by e-mail:

yvonne.mathieu@ed.gov

Note: Please include "FLAP Application Request" in the subject heading of your e-mail.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission:
Requirements concerning the content of an application,
together with the forms you must submit, are in the
application package for this competition.

Notice of Intent to Apply: If you intend to apply for a grant under this competition, contact Yvonne Mathieu by e-mail: yvonne.mathieu@ed.gov

Note: Please include "FLAP Intent to Apply" in the subject heading of your e-mail. The e-mail should specify: (1) the LEA name, (2) city, (3) state, (4) number of grants, and (5) language(s) of instruction. We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements established in this notice. However, we will consider an application submitted by the deadline date for transmittal of applications, even if the applicant did not provide us notice of its intent to apply.

Page Limit: The application narrative (Part III of the application) is where you, the applicant, address the

selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the application narrative to the equivalent of no more than 35 pages using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the two-page abstract. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section in Part III.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit or if you apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

3. Submission Dates and Times:

Applications Available: INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: April 11, 2008.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 30, 2008.

Applications for grants under this program may be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site (Grants.gov), or in paper format by mail or hand delivery. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery, please refer to section IV. 6. Other Submission Requirements in this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under For Further Information Contact in section VII in this notice. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's

application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 30, 2008.

- 4. <u>Intergovernmental Review</u>: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this program.
- 5. <u>Funding Restrictions</u>: We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the <u>Applicable</u>
 Regulations section in this notice.
- 6. Other Submission Requirements: Applications for grants under this program may be submitted electronically or in paper format by mail or hand delivery.
 - a. Electronic Submission of Applications.

To comply with the President's Management Agenda, we are participating as a partner in the Government-wide Grants.gov Apply site. The Foreign Language Assistance Program, CFDA Number 84.293B, is included in this project. We request your participation in Grants.gov.

If you choose to submit your application electronically, you must use the Government-wide Grants.gov Apply site at http://www.Grants.gov. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the

application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Foreign Language Assistance Program at http://www.Grants.gov. You must search for the downloadable application package for this program by the CFDA number. Do not include the CFDA number's alpha suffix in your search (e.g., search for 84.293, not for 84.293B).

Please note the following:

- Your participation in Grants.gov is voluntary.
- When you enter the Grants.gov site, you will find information about submitting an application electronically through the site, as well as the hours of operation.
- Applications received by Grants.gov are date and time stamped. Your application must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. Except as otherwise noted in this section, we will not consider your application if it is date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC

time, on the application deadline date. When we retrieve your application from Grants.gov, we will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date.

- The amount of time it can take to upload an application will vary depending on a variety of factors, including the size of the application and the speed of your Internet connection. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the submission process through Grants.gov.
- You should review and follow the Education

 Submission Procedures for submitting an application

 through Grants.gov that are included in the application

 package for this program to ensure that you submit your

 application in a timely manner to the Grants.gov system.

 You can also find the Education Submission Procedures

 pertaining to Grants.gov at http://e-

Grants.ed.gov/help/GrantsgovSubmissionProcedures.pdf

• To submit your application via Grants.gov, you must complete all steps in the Grants.gov registration process (see

http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp).

These steps include (1) registering your organization, a multi-part process that includes registration with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR); (2) registering yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR); and (3) getting authorized as an AOR by your organization. Details on these steps are outlined in the Grants.gov 3-Step Registration Guide (see http://www.grants.gov/section910/Grants.govRegistrationBr ochure.pdf). You also must provide on your application the same D-U-N-S Number used with this registration. Please note that the registration process may take five or more business days to complete, and you must have completed all registration steps to allow you to submit successfully an application via Grants.gov. In addition you will need to update your CCR registration on an This may take three or more business days annual basis. to complete.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit your application in paper format.
- If you submit your application electronically, you must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following

forms: Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424), the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, Budget Information--Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

Please note that two of these forms--the SF 424 and the Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424--have replaced the ED 424 (Application for Federal Education Assistance).

- If you submit your application electronically, you must attach any narrative sections of your application as files in a .DOC (document), .RTF (rich text), or .PDF (Portable Document) format. If you upload a file type other than the three file types specified in this paragraph or submit a password-protected file, we will not review that material.
- Your electronic application must comply with any page-limit requirements described in this notice.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive from Grants.gov an automatic notification of receipt that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. (This notification indicates receipt by Grants.gov only, not receipt by the Department.) The Department then will retrieve your application from Grants.gov and send a second notification to you by e-

- mail. This second notification indicates that the

 Department has received your application and has assigned

 your application a PR/Award number (an ED-specified

 identifying number unique to your application).
- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of Technical

Issues with the Grants.gov System: If you are

experiencing problems submitting your application through

Grants.gov, please contact the Grants.gov Support Desk,

toll free, at 1-800-518-4726. You must obtain a

Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number and must keep a

record of it.

If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because of technical problems with the Grants.gov system, we will grant you an extension until 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically or by hand delivery. You also may mail your application by following the mailing instructions described elsewhere in this notice.

If you submit an application after 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date,

Information Contact in section VII in this notice and provide an explanation of the technical problem you experienced with Grants.gov, along with the Grants.gov Support Desk Case Number. We will accept your application if we can confirm that a technical problem occurred with the Grants.gov system and that that problem affected your ability to submit your application by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The Department will contact you after a determination is made on whether your application will be accepted.

Note: The extensions to which we refer in this section apply only to the unavailability of, or technical problems with, the Grants.gov system. We will not grant you an extension if you failed to fully register to submit your application to Grants.gov before the application deadline date and time or if the technical problem you experienced is unrelated to the Grants.gov system.

b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.

If you submit your application in paper format by mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier), you must mail the original and two copies of

your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the applicable following address:

By mail through the U.S. Postal Service:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: (CFDA Number 84.293B) 400 Maryland Avenue, SW. Washington, DC 20202-4260

or

By mail through a commercial carrier:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center - Stop 4260 Attention: (CFDA Number 84.293B) 7100 Old Landover Road Landover, MD 20785-1506

Regardless of which address you use, you must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark.
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

c. <u>Submission of Paper Applications by Hand</u>
Delivery.

If you submit your application in paper format by hand delivery, you (or a courier service) must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center Attention: (CFDA Number 84.293B) 550 12th Street, SW. Room 7041, Potomac Center Plaza Washington, DC 20202-4260

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, except Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications: If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department--

- (1) You must indicate on the envelope and--if not provided by the Department--in Item 11 of the SF 424 the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and
- (2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

V. Application Review Information

application by determining how well the proposed project meets the following selection criteria. The selection criteria for this program are from 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. Applicants are not required to address the criteria as outlined in the Notes. However, the Notes we have included are guidance to assist applicants in understanding each criterion as they prepare their applications and are not required by statute or

regulation. In addressing each criterion, applicants are encouraged to make explicit connections to relevant aspects of the Purpose of the Program including the Absolute Priority as described in section I of this notice. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(a) Need for project. (5 points)

The Secretary considers the need for the proposed project. In determining the need for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factor:

(1) The extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses.

Notes for (a) Need for project: The Secretary encourages applicants to describe current characteristics of the LEA and targeted schools, including the specific foreign languages offered and, for each foreign language offered, the number of students enrolled in classes, grade levels served or, in the case of secondary education, the course levels served; the number of schools providing instruction; the type of foreign language instructional

model provided; and, the minutes of instruction per day and number of days per week.

Applicants are also encouraged to address how the proposed project will increase enrollment in critical foreign languages during the course of the grant by adding languages, adding grades or course levels, recruiting students, and expanding to additional schools. Finally, applicants are encouraged to describe how the proposed project will improve instruction by hiring highly qualified teachers, improving teacher skills through professional development, expanding the curriculum, and increasing the minutes of instruction per day or week.

(b) Quality of the project design. (60 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable.
- (2) The extent to which the design for implementing and evaluating the proposed project will result in information to guide possible replication of project

activities or strategies, including information about the effectiveness of the approach or strategies employed by the project.

- (3) The extent to which the proposed project is designed to build capacity and yield results that will extend beyond the period of Federal financial assistance.
- (4) The extent to which the design of the proposed project reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice.
- (5) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies and organizations providing services to the target population.
- (6) The extent to which the proposed project is part of a comprehensive effort to improve teaching and learning and support rigorous academic standards for students.

Notes for (b) Quality of the project design--factors 1 through 6:

The Secretary encourages applicants to address the factors under this criterion by discussing the extent to which the proposed project addresses key components of project design, such as measurable objectives for all Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measures,

including measures of improved student foreign language proficiency and expected student achievement. Further, the applicant is encouraged to describe the extent to which the proposed project will use its ambitious project objectives and will ensure that they are challenging, raise expectations, provide ways for students to demonstrate progress, and are specific to each year served by the grant. Finally, the applicant is encouraged to describe the extent to which performance guidelines for K-12 students are incorporated by targeting the student proficiency level of Advanced, as measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), for students exiting the K-12 program.

The Secretary encourages applicants to discuss their plans to develop and implement an articulated curriculum with minimal content repetition, so that students in the project will, when they graduate from high school, have the skills needed to achieve a superior level of proficiency by the end of an undergraduate program.

The Secretary encourages applicants to address the extent to which the proposed project describes how it will disseminate its innovative model and best practices for duplication by other LEAs.

The Secretary encourages applicants to describe the specific assessments to be used or, if assessments are not available, how assessments will be developed and how assessment results will be used to inform decisions on instruction and articulation.

The Secretary encourages applicants to describe a plan to carry out activities under the grant as part of their required partnership with one or more IHEs, including how each member will be involved in the planning, development, and implementation of the project; the resources to be provided by each partner; the rationale for selecting the partner(s); the specific activities that the partner(s) will contribute to the grant during each year of the project; and the identity of each member of the partnership, including contact information, with a one-page letter of commitment from the partner(s) in an appendix to the application narrative.

The Secretary encourages applicants to address the commitment of partner(s) to building local capacity so that the program will be institutionalized and sustained after Federal funds are expended.

The Secretary encourages applicants to discuss

the overall project model, its key components, and the degree to which the model's key components are based on sound research and practice.

The Secretary encourages applicants to include evidence of how they will establish linkages with the State educational agency, foreign language organizations, community-based organizations, and the heritage communities of the target language(s) in order to support the program. Further, the Secretary encourages applicants to address the extent to which the proposed project encourages parental involvement.

Finally, the Secretary encourages applicants to include information on how they will use State and national standards for foreign language learning (including standards related to communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities) as a framework for teaching and learning.

(c) Quality of project personnel. (10 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project. In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers the extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on

race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

In addition, the Secretary considers the following

factors:

- (1) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director.
- (2) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel.

Note for (c) Quality of project personnel--factors 1 and 2: The Secretary encourages applicants to address the factors under this criterion by including position descriptions (not resumes) for the project director and other key personnel. Further, the applicant is encouraged to describe the qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of current district employees who will be teaching critical languages, and, if applicable, how the proposed project plans to recruit highly qualified teachers of critical languages. Finally the applicant is encouraged to include the qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of other key project personnel and consultants.

(d) Quality of the management plan. (10 points)

The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining

the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

- (1) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks.
- (2) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project.

Notes for (d) Quality of the management plan--factors 1 and 2: Section 75.112 of EDGAR requires an applicant to include a narrative that describes how and when, in each budget period of the project, the applicant plans to meet each project objective. The Secretary encourages applicants to address the factors under this criterion by including in this narrative a clear, well thought-out implementation plan that includes annual timelines, key project milestones, a schedule of activities with sufficient time for developing an adequate implementation plan, and the persons responsible for each management activity. The Secretary encourages applicants to include the percentage of time the project director, partner

staff, consultants, and other key personnel will spend on the project. Finally, each applicant is encouraged to address this criterion by describing the roles of the LEA and its IHE partner(s) in each phase of the proposed project.

- (e) Quality of the project evaluation. (15 points)

 The Secretary considers the quality of the

 evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project. In

 determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary

 considers the following factors:
- (1) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project.
- (2) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible.
- (3) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes.
- Notes for (e) Quality of the project evaluation--factors

 1 through 3. A strong evaluation plan should be

included in the application narrative and should be used, as appropriate, to shape the development of the project from the beginning of the grant period. The plan should include benchmarks to monitor progress toward specific project objectives and also outcome measures to assess the impact on teaching and learning or other important outcomes for project participants. More specifically, the plan should identify the individual or organization that has agreed to serve as evaluator for the project and describe the qualifications of that evaluator. applicant is encouraged to describe how it will select an independent, objective evaluator who has experience in evaluating foreign language programs and who will play an active role in the design and development of the project. The plan should describe the evaluation design, indicating: (1) what types of data will be collected; (2) when various types of data will be collected; (3) what methods will be used; (4) what instruments will be developed and when; (5) how the data will be analyzed; (6) when reports of results and outcomes will be available; and (7) how the applicant will use the information collected through the evaluation to monitor progress of the funded project and to provide accountability information both about success at the

initial site and effective strategies for replication in other settings. Applicants are encouraged to devote an appropriate level of resources to project evaluation.

The Secretary encourages applicants to address the factors under this criterion by describing how the evaluation plan is aligned with the goals, objectives and activities described in the Quality of Project Design criterion. In addition, each applicant is encouraged to provide how each objective will be evaluated and when the applicant will collect, analyze, and report quantitative and qualitative data. (The specific performance measures established for the overall Foreign Language Assistance Program are discussed under Performance Measures in section VI of this notice.) Grantees are required to submit annual performance reports for each of the first four years of the grant and a final evaluation at the end of the fifth year. Further, the Secretary encourages applicants to address this criterion by describing how they will monitor progress toward specific project objectives and outcome measures, in order to assess the impact on teaching and learning or other important project outcomes. Each applicant is encouraged to describe how it will monitor progress in meeting annual

targets established for project objectives, as well as for the GPRA measures.

- VI. Award Administration Information
- 1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements:
We identify administrative and national policy
requirements in the application package and reference
these and other requirements in the Applicable
Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the <u>Applicable Regulations</u> section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. <u>Grant Administration</u>: Applicants should budget for a two-day meeting for project directors to be held in Washington, DC.

- 4. Reporting: At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html
- 5. <u>Performance Measures</u>: In response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the Department developed three objectives for evaluating the overall effectiveness of the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) LEA program.

Objective 1: To expand foreign language study for students served by FLAP.

Measure 1.1 of 2: The number of students participating in foreign language instruction in the target languages(s) in the schools served by FLAP.

Measure 1.2 of 2: The number of minutes of foreign language instruction in the target languages(s) provided in the schools served by FLAP.

Objective 2: To expand foreign language study in critical languages for students served by the FLAP program.

Measure 2.1 of 1: The number of students participating in critical languages in the schools served by FLAP.

Objective 3: To improve the foreign language proficiency of students served by FLAP.

Measure 3.1 of 1: The number of students in FLAP projects who meet ambitious project objectives for foreign language proficiency.

We will expect each LEA funded under this

competition to document how its project is helping the

Department meet these performance measures. Grantees

will be expected to report on progress in meeting these

performance measures for FLAP in their Annual Performance

Report and in their Final Performance Report.

VII. Agency Contacts

For Further Information Contact: Rebecca Richey, U.S.

Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW.,

Potomac Center Plaza, room 10080, Washington, DC 20202.

Telephone: (202) 245-7133, or by e-mail:

rebecca.richey@ed.gov or

Sharon Coleman, U.S. Department of Education, 400

Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center Plaza, room 10071,

Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-7124, or by

e-mail: sharon.coleman@ed.gov.

If you use TDD, call FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Alternative Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact persons listed under For Further

Information Contact in section VII in this notice.

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Office of English Language Acquisition,

Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
for Limited English Proficient Students.

Authorizing Statute

TITLE V: PROMOTING INFORMED PARENTAL CHOICE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

PART D: FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION SUBPART 9—FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SEC. 5491. SHORT TITLE.

This subpart may be cited as the Foreign Language Assistance Act of 2001.

SEC. 5492. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.

- (a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to make grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational agencies or local educational agencies to pay the Federal share of the cost of innovative model programs providing for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of foreign language study for elementary school and secondary school students.
 - (2) DURATION.—Each grant under paragraph (1) shall be awarded for a period of 3 years.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

- (1) GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—In awarding a grant under subsection (a) to a State educational agency, the Secretary shall support programs that promote systemic approaches to improving foreign language learning in the State.
- (2) GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—In awarding a grant under subsection (a) to a local educational agency, the secretary shall support programs that—
 - (A) show the promise of being continued beyond the grant period;
 - (B) demonstrate approaches that can be disseminated and duplicated in other local educational agencies; and

(C) may include a professional development component.

(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share for each fiscal year shall be 50 percent.
- (2) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary may determine the Federal share for any local educational agency which the Secretary determines does not have adequate resources to pay the non-Federal share of the cost of the activities assisted under this subpart.
- (d) SPECIAL RULE.—Not less than 3/4 of the funds made available under section 5401 to carry out this subpart shall be used for the expansion of foreign language learning in the elementary grades.
- (e) RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve not more than 5 percent of funds made available under section 5401 to carry out this subpart for a fiscal year to evaluate the efficacy of programs assisted under this subpart.

SEC. 5493. APPLICATIONS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Any State educational agency or local educational agency desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require.
- (b) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—The Secretary shall give special consideration to applications describing programs that—
 - include intensive summer foreign language programs for professional development;
 - (2) link nonnative English speakers in the community with the schools in order to promote two-way language learning;
 - (3) promote the sequential study of a foreign language for students, beginning in elementary schools;
 - (4) make effective use of technology, such as computer assisted instruction, language laboratories, or distance learning, to promote foreign language study;
 - (5) promote innovative activities, such as foreign language immersion, partial foreign language immersion, or content based instruction; and

Section C General Application Instructions and Information

- Instructions for Completing the Application Package
- Additional Instructions for Program Narrative
- Additional Instructions for Budget Summary Form and Itemized Line Item Budget
- Application Checklist

Instructions for Completing the Application Package

The enclosed forms shall be used by all applicants for Federal Assistance under the Foreign Language Assistance Program. No grant may be awarded unless the completed application forms have been received. If an item does not appear to be relevant to the assistance requested, write "NA" for not applicable.

The application consists of four parts. These parts are organized in the same manner that the submitted application should be organized. The parts are as follows:

Part I: 424 Forms

Application for Federal Assistance – (SF 424)

Department of Education Supplemental Information Form for SF 424

Part II: 524 Forms

Department of Education Budget Summary Form – (ED 524)

Sections A & B

*Note: Section C – Budget Narrative should be included in the Budget Narrative Attachment Form, located in Part III.

Part III: Program Narrative

ED Abstract Narrative Attachment Form
Project Narrative Attachment Form
Budget Narrative Attachment Form
Other Narrative Attachment Form

The <u>ED Abstract Narrative Attachment Form</u> is where you attach the two-page, single-spaced summary of your proposed project.

The <u>Project Narrative Attachment Form</u> will include the narrative sections addressing the program selection criteria that will be used to evaluate applications submitted for this competition – this section has a strict page limit of 35 pages.

The <u>Budget Narrative Attachment Form</u> is where you attach a detailed line item budget and any supplemental budget information.

The <u>Other Narrative Attachment Form</u> is where you attach the table of contents, letters from IHE partners, and (if applicable) a copy of the cover letter sent to the SPOC.

Electronic submission requires that narratives and other files be attached to the following attachment forms per the instructions in this document. All attachments must be in .DOC, .RTF, or .PDF format. Other types of files will not be accepted.

<u>NOTE</u>: Applicants submitting electronically should not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application components to the Standard Form (SF 424). Although this form accepts attachments, the Department of Education will only review materials/files attached to the attachment forms listed above.

<u>NOTE</u>: Be certain to include all assurances and certifications, and for paper applications only, <u>sign each form</u> in the appropriate place.

- No grant may be awarded unless a complete application has been received.
- When mailing a paper copy be sure to submit one original and two copies of the completed application.

Part IV: Assurances, Certifications, and Survey Forms

GEPA Section 427 Requirement Assurances - Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B) Grants.gov Lobbying Form (formerly ED Form 80-0013) Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)

Additional Instructions for Program Narrative

Before preparing the Program Narrative, applicants should review the Dear Applicant Letter, the <u>Federal Register</u> notice (Notice), program statute, and non-regulatory guidance. Note that applications will be evaluated according to the selection criteria specified in the <u>Notice</u> in this package.

The Program Narrative should provide, in detail, the information that addresses each selection criteria. The maximum possible score for each category of selection criterion is indicated in parenthesis in the <u>Notice</u>.

Applicants submitting through Grants.gov will attach the program narrative to the Project Narrative Attachment Form.

Applicants submitting a paper copy should number the pages of the narrative consecutively.

Formatting

Please note that the Program Narrative is limited to **35 pages**.

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial. An application submitted in any other font (including Times Roman or Arial Narrow) will not be accepted.

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the two-page abstract. However, the page limit does apply to all of the application narrative section in Part III.

We will reject your application if you exceed the page limit; or if you apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Additional Instructions for Budget Summary Form and Itemized Line Item Budget

NOTE: Applicants must submit (1) <u>ED Form 524, Sections A & B</u>, a budget information form to categorize requested U.S. Department of Education Funds and Non-Federal matching funds; (2) <u>Section C</u>, a detailed line item budget with budget narrative justification. If you are sending your applications by mail or courier, no paper form is provided for Section C, so you will need to attach separate sheets. However, applications submitted electronically will be able to upload their budget itemization and narrative to the Budget Narrative Attachment Form.

It is suggested that applicants organize their budgets using either two columns or categories to indicate funding streams as follows: 1) FLAP program federal funds requested; 2) applicant and other cost share funds to be provided. Please note that matching is required unless the applicant requests and is granted a waiver. Applicants should describe how all costs support project activities.

For each line item, provide detailed costs and narrative justification to support your request. Please check all figures and combined totals and compare the line item budget figures in Section C to those on the ED Form 524 for both Sections A & B.

Among the costs that may be supported with grant funds are:

- 1. <u>Personnel</u>: Enter only the project personnel salaries and wages. [Fees for consultants should be included on line 8 "Other".] The budget should include the total commitment of time and the total salary to be charged to the project for each key staff member. A breakdown of project personnel should include: position titles; specific time commitments to project for each staff person in days/months or in percentage, and other relevant information.
- 2. <u>Fringe Benefits</u>: Enter the amount of fringe benefits. The LEA's normal fringe benefit contribution may be charged to the program.
- 3. <u>Travel</u>: Provide the costs for project personnel. [Consultants' travel should be included on line 8 "Other".] Indicate the number of people traveling, whether they are teachers or administrative personnel, where the group is traveling, and a breakdown of the travel costs. Transportation costs should not exceed economy class airfare. Foreign travel may be authorized under the grant for itineraries that are in compliance with the Fly America Act. Please include in your travel budget funds to travel to a two-day project directors' meeting in Washington DC.
- 4. Equipment: Provide the cost for property charged to the grant having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.
- 5. <u>Supplies</u>: Include supplies and materials necessary for implementing the project such as software, computers, general office supplies, and equipment that is less than \$5000 per unit.
- 6. Contractual: Not applicable. Leave blank.
- 7. Construction: Not applicable. Leave blank.

- 8. Other: Other miscellaneous costs may be requested in this section. Examples may include the costs for consultants and consultants' travel. If the project proposes to use outside evaluators and consultants, provide a detailed breakdown of the costs (daily fees to be paid, estimated number of days of services, and all travel expenses). Cost allowances for consultant fees should not exceed amounts permitted by comparable district policies.
- 9. Total Direct Costs: Provide the total direct costs requested.
- 10. <u>Indirect Costs</u>: Provide the amount of indirect costs that you propose to charge against the grant.
- 11. <u>Training Stipends</u>: Provide the amount of stipends to be paid to teachers for participating in professional development activities. Indicate the cost per hour, number of professional development sessions, and number of teachers.
- 12. Total Costs: Provide the total you are requesting from the FLAP program

FY 2008 Application Checklist

Use This Checklist While Preparing Your Application. All items listed on this checklist are required. The list is organized in the same manner that the submitted application should be organized.

Part I:	424 Forms
	Application for Federal Assistance - (SF 424)
	Department of Education Supplemental Information Form for the SF 424
Part II	: 524 Forms
	Department of Education Budget Summary Form - (ED 524) – Sections A & B
Part II	II: Program Narrative
	Ed Abstract Form attach your two-page program abstract
	Project Narrative Attachment Form will include the narrative section
	ssing the program selection criteria that will be used to evaluate applications itted for this competition
□ any si	Budget Narrative Attachment Form attach a detailed line item budget and upplemental budget information
	Other Attachments Form include the table of contents, letters from IHE
partne	ers, and (if applicable) a copy of the cover letter sent to the SPOC
Attac or .PI comp the De	Electronic Submissions hments must be submitted in one of the following file types: .DOC, .RTF, DF format. Do not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application onents to the Standard Form (F 424). Although this form accepts attachments, epartment of Education will only review materials/files attached to the ment forms listed above.
Part I	V: Assurances and Certifications
	GEPA Section 427 Requirement
	Assurances – Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B)
	Grants.gov Lobbying Form (formerly ED Form 80-013)
	Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants
	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SE-LLL)

Section D Instructions for Forms, Forms, Notices, and Statements

NOTE: Some forms do not have instructions – only a signature is needed

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF424)
- Department of Education Supplemental Information Form for the SF 424
- Budget Information Non-Construction Programs (ED524)
- Notice to All Applicants, Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)
- Standard Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF424B)
- Grants.Gov Lobbying Form Formerly ED Form 80-0013
- Lobbying Disclosure Form (SF LLL)
- Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants
- Intergovernmental Review Executive Order 12372
 State Single Point of Contact (SPOCs)
- Burden Statement

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STANDARD FORMS

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)
- Department of Education Supplemental Form for the SF 424
- Department of Education Budget Summary Form (ED 524)
- Notice to All Applicants Section 427 General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Survey Instructions on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0043), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

This is a standard form (including the continuation sheet) required for use as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications and applications and related information under discretionary programs. Some of the items are required and some are optional at the discretion of the applicant or the Federal agency (agency). Required items are identified with an asterisk on the form and are specified in the instructions below. In addition to the instructions provided below, applicants must consult agency instructions to determine specific requirements.

Item	Entry:	Item	Entry:	
1.	Type of Submission: (Required): Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions. Preapplication Application	10.	Name Of Federal Agency: (Required) Enter the name of the Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.	
	 Changed/Corrected Application – If requested by the agency, check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application. Unless requested by the agency, applicants may not use this to submit changes after the closing date. 	11.	Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title: Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement, if applicable.	
2.	Type of Application: (Required) Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions. New – An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time.	12.	Funding Opportunity Number/Title: (Required) Enter the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement.	
- 1	 Continuation - An extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. This can include renewals. Revision - Any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision, enter the appropriate letter(s). More than one may be 	13.	Competition Identification Number/Title: Enter the Competition Identification Number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.	
	selected. If "Other" is selected, please specify in text box provided. A. Increase Award C. Increase Duration E. Other (specify)	14.	Areas Affected By Project: List the areas or entities using the categories (e.g., cities, counties, states, etc.) specified in agency instructions. Use the continuation sheet to enter additional areas, if needed.	
3.	Date Received: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the Federal agency.	15.	Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: (Required) Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If appropriate, attach a map showing project location (e.g., construction or real property projects). For preapplications, attach a summary description of the project.	
4.	Applicant Identifier: Enter the entity identifier assigned by the Federal agency, if any, or applicant's control number, if applicable.			
5a	Federal Entity Identifier: Enter the number assigned to your organization by the Federal Agency, if any.	16.	Congressional Districts Of: (Required) 16a. Enter the applicant's Congressional District, and 16b. Enter all District(s)	
5b.	Federal Award Identifier: For new applications leave blank. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned Federal award identifier number. If a changed/corrected application, enter the Federal Identifier in accordance with agency		 affected by the program or project. Enter in the format: 2 characters State Abbreviation – 2-3 characters District Number, e.g., CA-12 for California 12th district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103rd district. If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all. If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000. 	
6.	instructions. Date Received by State: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the State, if applicable.			
7.	State Application Identifier: Leave this field blank. This identifier will be assigned by the State, if applicable.			
8.	Applicant Information: Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:		If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000.	
	a. Legal Name: (Required): Enter the legal name of applicant that will undertake the assistance activity. This is the name that the organization has registered with the Central Contractor Registry. Information on registering with CCR may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website. b. Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN): (Required): Enter the	17.	Proposed Project Start and End Dates: (Required) Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.	
	Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the US, enter 44-4444444.	18.	Estimated Funding: (Required) Enter the amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be	
	c. Organizational DUNS: (Required) Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.		included on appropriate lines, as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses.	
	d. Address: Enter the complete address as follows: Street address (Line]		

Province, Country (Required US). e. Organizational Unit: Ent unit (and department or divis assistance activity, if applical f. Name and contact inform matters involving this appl required), organizational affil than the applicant organization	county, State (Required, if country is US), Zip/Postal Code (Required, if country is rethe name of the primary organizational on, if applicable) that will undertake the le. ation of person to be contacted on cation: Enter the name (First and last name ation (if affiliated with an organization other on), telephone number (Required), fax required) of the person to contact on	20.	Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If "a." is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the State Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt? (Required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to
matters related to this application	ion.		the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes. If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet.
9. Type of Applicant: (Required Select up to three applicant to instructions. A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Govern E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Posses G. Independent School Dis H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Edu I. Indian/Native American Government (Federally Recognized) J. Indian/Native American Government (Other that Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization L. Public/Indian Housing Authority	ment ent sion P. Individual Pribal Official Offi	21.	Authorized Representative: (Required) To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the name (First and last name required) title (Required), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person authorized to sign for the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424

- a. **Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
- 2. Novice Applicant. Check "Yes" or "No" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants. Otherwise, leave blank.

Check "Yes" if you meet the requirements for novice applicants specified in the regulations in 34 CFR 75.225 and included on the attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424." By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets these novice applicant requirements. Check "No" if you do not meet the requirements for novice applicants.

- 3. Human Subjects Research. (See I. A. "Definitions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.")
- If Not Human Subjects Research. Check "No" if research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period. The remaining parts of Item 3 are then not applicable.
- If Human Subjects Research. Check "Yes" if research activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution. Check "Yes" even if the research is exempt from the regulations for the protection of human subjects. (See I. B. "Exemptions" in attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424.")
- 3a. If Human Subjects Research is Exempt from the Human Subjects Regulations. Check "Yes" if all the research activities proposed are designated to be exempt from the regulations. Insert the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in I. B. "Exemptions." In addition, follow the instructions in II. A. "Exempt Research Narrative" in the attached page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424."
- 3a. If Human Subjects Research is Not Exempt from Human Subjects Regulations. Check "No" if some or all of the planned research activities are covered (not exempt). In addition, follow the instructions in II. B. "Nonexempt Research Narrative" in the page entitled "Definitions for Department of Education Supplemental Information For SF 424
- **3a.** Human Subjects Assurance Number. If the applicant has an approved Federal Wide (FWA) on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, insert the number in the space provided. If the applicant does not have an approved assurance on file with OHRP, enter "None." In this case, the applicant, by signature on the SF-424, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 and proceed to obtain the human subjects assurance upon request by the designated ED official. If the application is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain the assurance within 30 days after the specific formal request.

Note about Institutional Review Board Approval. ED does not require certification of Institutional Review Board approval with the application. However, if an application that involves non-exempt human subjects research is recommended/selected for funding, the designated ED official will request that the applicant obtain and send the certification to ED within 30 days after the formal request.

PAPERWORK BURDEN STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995, NO PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO A COLLECTION OF INFORMATION UNLESS SUCH COLLECTION DISPLAYS A VALID OMB CONTROL NUMBER. THE VALID OMB CONTROL NUMBER FOR THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION IS 1890-0017. THE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION IS ESTIMATED TO AVERAGE BETWEEN 15 AND 45 MINUTES PER RESPONSE, INCLUDING THE TIME TO REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS, SEARCH EXISTING DATA RESOURCES, GATHER THE DATA NEEDED, AND COMPLETE AND REVIEW THE INFORMATION COLLECTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ACCURACY OF THE ESTIMATE(S) OR SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THIS FORM, PLEASE WRITE TO: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202-4700. If YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE STATUS OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM WRITE DIRECTLY TO: JOYCE I. MAYS, APPLICATION CONTROL CENTER, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, POTOMAC CENTER PLAZA, 550 12TH STREET, S.W. ROOM 7076, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202-4260.

DEFINITIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424

(ATTACHMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SF 424)

Definitions:

Novice Applicant (See 34 CFR 75.225). For discretionary grant programs under which the Secretary gives special consideration to novice applications, a novice applicant means any applicant for a grant from ED that—

- Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
- Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
- Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under the program. For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127-75.129, a group includes only parties that meet the requirements listed above.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS IN RESEARCH

I. Definitions and Exemptions

A. Definitions.

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department's regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as defined in the regulations.

-Research

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge it is research. Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other

purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

-Human Subject

The regulations define human subject as "a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information." (1) If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person's environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met. (2) If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met. [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the <u>only</u> involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of *exemptions* are not covered by the regulations:

- (1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.
- (2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation. If the subjects are children, exemption 2 applies only to research

involving educational tests and observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed. Exemption 2 does not apply if children are surveyed or interviewed or if the research involves observation of public behavior and the investigator(s) participate in the activities being observed. [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

- (3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.
- (4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.
- (5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.
- (6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

II. Instructions for Exempt and Nonexempt Human Subjects Research Narratives

If the applicant marked "Yes" for Item 3 of Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424, the applicant must provide a human subjects "exempt research" or "nonexempt research" narrative. Insert the narrative(s) in the space provided. If you have multiple projects and need to provide more than one narrative, be

sure to label each set of responses as to the project they address.

A. Exempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "Yes" for item 3 a. and designated exemption numbers(s), provide the "exempt research" narrative. The narrative must contain sufficient information about the involvement of human subjects in the proposed research to allow a determination by ED that the designated exemption(s) are appropriate. The narrative must be succinct.

B. Nonexempt Research Narrative.

If you marked "No" for item 3 a. you must provide the "nonexempt research" narrative. The narrative must address the following seven points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct.

- (1) Human Subjects Involvement and Characteristics: Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable
- (2) Sources of Materials: Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.
- (3) Recruitment and Informed Consent: Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.
- (4) Potential Risks: Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.
- (5) Protection Against Risk: Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for

ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

- (6) Importance of the Knowledge to be Gained: Discuss the importance of the knowledge gained or to be gained as a result of the proposed research. Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.
- (7) Collaborating Site(s): If research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), name the sites and briefly describe their involvement or role in the research.

Copies of the Department of Education's Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4250, telephone: (202) 245-6120, and on the U.S. Department of Education's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/OCFO/humansub.html

NOTE: The **State Applicant Identifier** on the SF 424 is for State Use only. Please complete it on the OMB Standard 424 in the upper right corner of the form (if applicable).

Instructions for ED 524

General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education (ED) discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached. Please consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form.

Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Indirect Cost Information:

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. (1): Indicate whether or not your organization has an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement that was approved by the Federal government. (2): If you checked "yes" in (1), indicate in (2) the beginning and ending dates covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement. In addition, indicate whether ED or another Federal agency (Other) issued the approved agreement. If you check "Other," specify the name of the Federal agency that issued the approved agreement. (3): If you are applying for a grant under a Restricted Rate Program (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563), indicate whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that is included on your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or whether you are using a restricted indirect cost rate that complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Note: State or Local government agencies may not use the provision for a restricted indirect cost rate specified in 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2). Check only one response. Leave blank, if this item is not applicable.

Section B - Budget Summary Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year, for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Budget Narrative [Attach separate sheet(s)]
Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions,
if attached.

- 1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, and justification by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B. For grant projects that will be divided into two or more separately budgeted major activities or sub-projects, show for each budget category of a project year the breakdown of the specific expenses attributable to each sub-project or activity.
- 2. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
- 3. If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, this information is to be completed by your Business Office. Specify the estimated amount of the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied and the total indirect expense. Depending on the grant program to which you are applying and/or your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, some direct cost budget categories in your grant application budget may not be included in the base and multiplied by your indirect cost rate. For example, you must multiply the indirect cost rates of "Training grants" (34 CFR 75.562) and grants under programs with "Supplement not Supplant" requirements ("Restricted Rate" programs) by a "modified total direct cost" (MTDC) base (34 CFR 75.563 or 76.563). Please indicate which costs are included and which costs are excluded from the base to which the indirect cost rate is applied.

When calculating indirect costs (line 10) for "Training grants" or grants under "Restricted Rate" programs, you must refer to the information and examples on ED's website at: http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms.html.

You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.

| General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)

Section 427

*ALL APPLICANTS <u>MUST</u> INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

Section 427 requires each applicant to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its federally-assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.

This section allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six barriers that can impede equitable access or participation that you may address: gender, race, national origin, color disability, or age.

A general statement of an applicant's nondiscriminatory hiring policy is not sufficient to meet this requirement. Applicants must identify potential barriers and explain steps they will take to overcome these barriers.

*Note: If you applying electronically, you are required to address this provision by attaching a statement to the ED GEPA 427 Form that must be downloaded from Grants.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

- 1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
- 2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- 3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
- 5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- 8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- 9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.

- 10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
 - (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Scnd comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Survey Instructions on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

Provide the applicant's (organization) name and DUNS number and the grant name and CFDA number.

- 1. Self-explanatory.
- 2. Self-identify.
- 3. Self-identify.
- 4. 501(c)(3) status is a legal designation provided on application to the Internal Revenue Service by eligible organizations. Some grant programs may require nonprofit applicants to have 501(c)(3) status. Other grant programs do not.
- 5. Self-explanatory.
- 6. For example, two part-time employees who each work half-time equal one full-time equivalent employee. If the applicant is a local affiliate of a national organization, the responses to survey questions 2 and 3 should reflect the staff and budget size of the local affiliate.
- 7. Annual budget means the amount of money your organization spends each year on all of its activities.

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1890-0014. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average five (5) minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: The Agency Contact listed in this grant application package.

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STANDARD FORMS

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)
- Department of Education Supplemental Form for the SF 424
- Standard Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF424B)
- Department of Education Budget Summary Form (ED 524)
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form (formerly ED Form 80-013)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

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Application for Federal Assistan	ce SF-424		Version 02
*1. Type of Submission:	*2. Type of Application	on * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s)	
☐ Preapplication	☐ New	•	
☐ Application	☐ Continuation	*Other (Specify)	
☐ Changed/Corrected Application	Revision		
3. Date Received: 4.	Applicant Identifier:		
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		*5b. Federal Award Identifier:	
State Use Only:	_		
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Ap	plication Identifier:	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
*a. Legal Name:			
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification N	Number (EIN/TIN):	*c. Organizational DUNS:	
d. Address:			
*Street 1:			
Street 2:			
*City:			
County:	_		
*State:			
Province:			
*Country:	<u></u>		
*Zip / Postal Code			
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name:	-	Division Name:	
f. Name and contact information o	f person to be contac	cted on matters involving this application:	
Prefix:	*First Name:		
Middle Name:			
*Last Name:			
Suffix:			
Title:			
Organizational Affiliation:			

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*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:		
*Other (Specify)		
*10 Name of Federal Agency:		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
CFDA Title:		
*12 Funding Opportunity Number:		
*Title:		
13. Competition Identification Number:		
Title:		
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.	c.):	

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	Version 02
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
*a. Applicant: *b	o. Program/Project:
17. Proposed Project:	
*a. Start Date:	o. End Date:
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
*a. Federal	
*b. Applicant	
*c. State	•
*d. Local	
*e. Other ———	
*f. Program Income *g. TOTAL	
*19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372	Process?
a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order	
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for	review.
C. Program is not covered by E. O. 12372	
*20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide exp	lanation.)
☐ Yes ☐ No	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminate the contained of the contained	d agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware
□ ** AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain	n this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	
Middle Name:	
*Last Name:	
Suffix:	
*Title:	
*Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
* Email:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
*Signature of Authorized Representative:	*Date Signed:
·	Form 424 (Revised10/2005) rescribed by OMB Circular A-102

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*Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation The following should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent of any Federal Debt.
The following should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent of any Federal Debt.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Project Direct	or:			
Prefix:	*First Name:	Middle Name:	*Last Name:	Suffix:
Address:				
* Street1:			· .	
Střeet2:				
* City:				
County:				
* State	* Zip Code:		* Country:	
* Phone Numb	er (give area code)	Fax Number (g	ive area code)	
Email Addres	SS:			
2. Applicant E	xperience:			
Novice Applic	eant	Yes	NΩ	Not applicable to this program
3. <u>Human Sub</u>	jects Research:			
Are any resea	arch activities involving huilect Period?	man subjects planne	ed at any time du	iring the
Yes	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 			
Are ALL the r	esearch activities propose	ed designated to be	exempt from the	regulations?
Yes		Provide Exemption	on(s) #:	
No		Provide Assu	irance #, ir availa	apie:
Please attach	an explanation Narrativ	<u>e:</u>		

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- 6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of

the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d)

the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

- 7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- 8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

- Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c and 18 U.S.C. 874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
- 10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- 11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. . . 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. . . 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).

- 12 Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).
- 14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. . . 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead- based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- 17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, □Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.□
- 18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET INFORMATION NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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Name	of	Institu	ition/	Org.	anization
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Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS

Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (a)	Project Year 2 (b)	Project Year 3 (c)	Project Year 4 (d)	Project Year 5 (e)	Total (f)
1. Personnel						
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other		-				
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs*						
11. Training Stipends						
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)						

	direct Cost Information (To Be Completed by Your Business Office):
If yo	ou are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, please answer the following questions:
(1)	Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government?Yes No
(2)	If yes, please provide the following information:
	Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement: From:/_/To:/_/ (mm/dd/yyyy)
	Approving Federal agency: ED Other (please specify):
(3)	For Restricted Rate Programs (check one) Are you using a restricted indirect cost rate that: Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement? or Complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2)?

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Name of Institution/Organization		Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.				
			ON B - BUDGET SU ON-FEDERAL FUN			
	Project Year 1	Project Year 2	Project Year 3	Project Year 4	Project Year 5	Total
Budget Categories	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1. Personnel	l					
2. Fringe Benefits						
3. Travel						
4. Equipment						
5. Supplies						
6. Contractual						
7. Construction						
8. Other						
9. Total Direct Costs (Lines 1-8)						
10. Indirect Costs						
11. Training Stipends 12. Total Costs (Lines 9-11)						
	SECTION C – BUDGET NARRATIVE (see instructions)					

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal Loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loam or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance.

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Applicant's Organization	,
Printed Name of Authorized Representative	Printed Title of Authorized Representative
Signature	Date

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Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

Type of Federal Action: a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award		3. Report Type: a. initial filing b. material change For material change only: Year quarter Date of last report
4. Name and Address of Reporting End Prime Subawardee Tier, if	-	5. If Reporting and Address	Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name of Prime:
Congressional District if known		Congression	nal District if known:
Congressional District, if known: 6. Federal Department/Agency:		Congressional District, if known: 7. Federal Program Name/Description:	
7. Federal Action Number, if known: 10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):		9. Award Amount, if known: \$ b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.		Signature:	
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Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants

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<u>Purpose:</u> The Federal government is committed to ensuring that all qualified applicants, small or large, non-religious or faith-based, have an equal opportunity to compete for Federal funding. In order for us to better understand the population of applicants for Federal funds, we are asking nonprofit private organizations (not including private universities) to fill out this survey.

Upon receipt, the survey will be separated from the application. Information provided on the survey will not be considered in any way in making funding decisions and will not be included in the Federal grants database. While your help in this data collection process is greatly appreciated, completion of this survey is voluntary.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THE SURVEY: IF YOU ARE APPLYING USING A HARD COPY APPLICATION, PLEASE PLACE THE COMPLETED SURVEY IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED "APPLICANT SURVEY." SEAL THE ENVELOPE AND INCLUDE IT ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE. IF YOU ARE APPLYING ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE SUBMIT THIS SURVEY ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Applicant's (Organization) Name:	
Applicant's DUNS Number:	
Federal Program:	CFDA Number:
1. Has the applicant ever received a grant or contract from the Federal government?	7. What is the size of the applicant's annual budget? (Check only one box.)
Yes No	Less Than \$150,000
2. Is the applicant a faith-based organization?	\$150,000 - \$299,999
Yes No	\$300,000 - \$499,999
3. Is the applicant a secular organization? Yes No	\$500,000 - \$999,999 \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999 \$5,000,000 or more
4. Does the applicant have 501(c)(3) status?	PROCESS (MA
Yes No	
5. Is the applicant a local affiliate of a national organization?	
Yes No	
6. How many full-time equivalent employees does the applicant have? (Check only one box).	

Intergovernmental Review, State Single Point of Contact

Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs was issued to foster an intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on state and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

Applicants must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. A listing of the Single Point of Contact for each State may be viewed at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html.

PAPERWORK BURDEN STATEMENT

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1890-0009. Expiration date: 6/30/2008. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to: Foreign Language Assistance Program, Office of English Language Acquisition, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., PCP Room 10080, Washington, D.C. 20202-6500.