U.S. Department of Education 2017 Grantee Satisfaction Survey

Introduction

The Department of Education (ED) is committed to serving and satisfying its customers. To this end, we have commissioned the CFI Group, an independent third-party research group, to conduct a survey that asks about your experience as a grant recipient of the **[GRANT PROGRAM]** and the ways we can improve our service to you.

CFI Group and the Department of Education will treat all information in a secure fashion. Your answers are voluntary, but your opinions are very important. Your responses will remain anonymous and will only be reported in aggregate to Department personnel. This brief survey will take about 15 minutes of your time. This survey is authorized by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Control No. 1090-0007 which expires on May 31, 2018.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Blanca Rodriguez at <u>blanca.rodriguez@ed.gov</u>.

Please note that ALL questions on this survey (unless noted otherwise) refer to your experiences over the PAST 12 MONTHS.

Program

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WILL HAVE THE RESPONSE AUTOMATICALLY "PIPED IN" FROM THE RESPONDENT LIST. THE RESPONDENT WILL NOT SEE THE QUESTION Q1. THIS INFORMATION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE CORE AND CUSTOM QUESTIONS THE RESPONDENT WILL RECEIVE.

Note that individuals will be asked to respond based on their experiences with the program (e.g., OELA) vs. the individual research centers.

Q1. PROGRAM RESPONDENTS WILL BE ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOR:

Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA)

- 1. Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program
- 2. National Professional Development Program

Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE)

- 3. Adult Education and Family Literacy to State Directors of Adult Education
- 4. Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education State Directors

Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)

5. Financial Improvement Team/Indirect Cost Group (FIO/ICG)

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

- 6. Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions
- 7. Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program
- 8. Minority Science and Engineering Program
- 9. Hispanic-Serving Institutions Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs
- 10. TRIO Talent Search
- 11. Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), First in the World (FITW)

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

- 12. IDEA-State Directors of Special Education (Part B)
- 13. IDEA-Part C Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

- 14. Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
- 15. 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- 16. Payments for Federal Property (Section 7002)
- 17. Payments for Federally Connected Children (Section 7003)
- 18. High School Equivalency Program (HEP) Migrant Education
- 19. Project Prevent
- 20. Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies & National Activities
- 21. Migrant Education Programs (Title I, Part C)
- 22. Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grants for State and Local Activities/ McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
- 23. School Improvement Fund
- 24. Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies Title I
- 25. English Language Acquisition State Grants (Title III State Formula Grants)
- 26. Neglected and Delinquent State and Local Agency Programs
- 27a. School Climate Transformation Grants/State Department of Education
- 27b. School Climate Transformation Grants/Local Education Agency
- 28a. Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)/Rural and Low Income School (RLIS) Program
- 28b. Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)/Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program
- 29. Alaska Native Education Program
- 30. Innovative Approaches to Literacy
- 31. Demonstration Grants for Indian Children/Special Projects Demonstration Grants
- 32. College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
- 33. Grants for State Assessments
- 34. Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program
- 35. Carol White Physical Education Program

When answering the survey, please only think about your interactions with [GRANT PROGRAM].

ED Staff [INTRO IF Q1=1-5, 12-35]

Please think about the interactions you have had with senior **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** officers (e.g. the Director of the Office that administers this grant program). [NOTE: Many of the customized questions ask about satisfaction with your individual program officer.]

[DO NOT ASK OSEP (programs 12-13) RESPONDENTS] PLEASE NOTE: This does not include technical assistance to states to build state capacity to implement education reforms, such as regional labs, national associations, contractors, etc.

[INTRO IF Q1=6-11]

Please think about the interactions you have had with senior **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** officers (e.g. the Director of the Office that administers this grant program). [NOTE: Many of the customized questions ask about satisfaction with your individual program officer.]

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: This does not include technical assistance to states to build state capacity to implement education reforms, such as regional labs, national associations, contractors – including those that service G5, grants.gov, etc.

[Q2-5 ALL PROGRAMS]

On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the senior **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** officers' and/or other **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** staff's:

- If a question does not apply, please select "N/A".
- Q2. Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations, policies, and procedures
- Q3. Responsiveness to your questions
- Q4. Accuracy of responses
- Q5. Sufficiency of legal guidance in responses

Q6. [DO NOT ASK OSEP PROGRAMS] Consistency of responses with the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** staff from different program offices

Q7.[DO NOT ASK OSEP PROGRAMS] Collaboration with other **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** programs or offices in providing relevant services

Q8. .[DO NOT ASK OSEP PROGRAMS] [Ask Q8 only if Q7 is rated<6] Please identify a good example of collaboration across programs and/or offices that you would offer as a model for the [PROGRAM OFFICE].

Technical Assistance to States to Build State Capacity to Implement Education Reforms

[Q9-14 ALL PROGRAMS EXCEPT OSEP (12 AND 13]

- Q9. Is this grant program administered by a State Department of Education?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No (SKIP TO Q15)
 - 3. Don't Know (SKIP TO Q15)

Q10. Please rate the extent to which the technical assistance services provided by DEPARTMENT STAFF have helped build your state capacity to implement education reforms (e.g., college and career-ready standards and assessments; differentiated recognition, accountability, and support systems; effective teachers and leaders; turning around the lowest-performing schools; data systems to support instruction). Use a 10-point scale where "1" is "no impact" and "10" is "very high impact".

Here are examples of technical assistance that DEPARTMENT STAFF might provide: Non-regulatory guidance; Frequently asked questions (FAQs); Non-regulatory guidance/FAQ addenda; Help desk; Listserv; Outreach; Training (webinars, Director meetings, conference workshops); Consultative services (teleconferences, onsite meeting, video conferences); Peer-to-Peer information sharing among grantees.

Q11. Please rate the extent to which the technical assistance services provided by DEPARTMENT-FUNDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS have helped build your state capacity to implement education reforms. Department-funded technical assistance providers include regional labs, comprehensive centers, equity assistance centers, national associations, U.S. Department of Education-funded contractors, etc. Use a 10point scale where "1" is "no impact" and "10" is "very high impact".

Here are examples of technical assistance that DEPARTMENT-FUNDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS might offer: Training (webinars, workshops, and conferences); Consultative services (teleconferences, on-site meetings, video conferences); Facilitation services; Providing experts to teach skills and advise in their areas of specialization.

Given the technical assistance provided by both Department staff and Department-funded technical assistance providers, to what extent have you been able to accomplish the following RESULTS? Use a 10-point scale, where "1" is "no results" and "10" is "very high results".

- Q12. Increased knowledge/awareness regarding key issues in education reform.
- Q13. Higher quality implementation of this program.
- Q14. Our state was able to develop, improve or support promising practices.

[Q15-20 ALL PROGRAMS]

Online Resources

Please think about your experience using the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]**'s online resources. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the:

- Q15. Ease of finding materials online
- Q16. Ease of submitting information to the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** via the web (e.g., grant applications, annual reports, and accountability data)
- Q17. Freshness of content
- Q18. Ability to accomplish what you want on the site
- Q19. Ease of reading the site
- Q20. Ease of navigation

[Q21-22 ALL PROGRAMS]

Technology

Q21. Now think about how the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** uses technology (e.g., conference calls, video-conferencing, Web conferencing, listservs) to deliver its services to you. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]**'s effectiveness in using technology to deliver its services.

(Ask Q22 only if Q21 is rated<6)

Q22. Please describe how the [PROGRAM OFFICE] could better use technology to deliver its services.

[ASK Q23-26 ONLY IF Q1=3-5, 12-35]

- Q23. Think about how the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** is working with the states and LEAs to develop an automated process to share accountability information. Please rate the quality of this assistance from the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]**. Use a 10-point scale where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent."
- Q24. How effective has this automated process been in improving your state/LEA reporting? Please use a 10-point scale where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective."
- Q25. What reporting system do you use for reporting accountability data?
 - 1. EDEN/EDFacts
 - 2. G5
 - 3. Other electronic system (Specify)
 - 4. Do not use electronic system, submit hard copy
- Q26. How much of a reduction in federal paperwork do you expect over the next few years because of the **[PRINCIPAL OFFICE]**'s initiative to promote the use of technology in reporting accountability data (e.g. EDEN/ED*Facts*)? Please use a 10-point scale where "1" is "Not very significant" and "10" is "Very significant."

[ASK intro text ONLY IF Q1=1-5, 12-35]

Documents

Think about the documents (e.g., publications, guidance, memoranda, and frequently asked questions) you receive from the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]**.

[ASK Q27-Q31 IF Q1=1-5, 12-35]

On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent, please rate the documents':

- Q27. Clarity
- Q28. Organization of information
- Q29. Sufficiency of detail to meet your program needs
- Q30. Relevance to your areas of need
- Q31. Comprehensiveness in addressing the scope of issues that you face

[ASK Q32-Q41 IF Q1=6-11]

When you were preparing your application, how easy was it for you to locate and understand the information in the application package? Please rate the following on a scale from "1" to "10", where "1" is "very difficult" and "10" is "very easy".

Q32. Program Purpose

- Q33. Program Priorities
- Q34. Selection Criteria
- Q35. Review Process
- Q36. Budget Information and Forms
- Q37. Deadline for Submission
- Q38. Dollar Limit on Awards
- Q39. Page Limitation Instructions
- Q40. Formatting Instructions
- Q41. Program Contact

[ASK Q42-45 ONLY TO ALL TO ALL OESE PROGRAMS Q1 = 14-35]

- Q42. How effective have the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's (OESE's) technical assistance services been in helping you learn to implement your OESE-funded grant programs? Please use a 10-point scale where "1" is "not very effective" and "10" is "very effective."
- Q43. How useful have OESE's technical assistance services been in serving as a model that you can replicate with your subgrantees? Please use a 10-point scale where "1" is "not very useful" and "10" is "very useful." If you do not have subgrantees or this does not apply, please select "not applicable."
- Q44. Describe your <u>best</u> customer service experience during the past 12 months with the U.S. Department of Education staff who work on this program. (Open end)
- Q45. Describe your <u>worst</u> customer service experience during the past 12 months with the U.S. Department of Education staff who work on this program. (Open end)

[Q46-Q51 ALL PROGRAMS]

ACSI Benchmark Questions

Now we are going to ask you to please consider ALL of [PROGRAM OFFICE]'s products and services.

- Q46. Using a 10-point scale on which "1" means "Very Dissatisfied" and "10" means "Very Satisfied," how satisfied are you with **[PROGRAM OFFICE]**'s products and services?
- Q47. Now please rate the extent to which the products and services offered by **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** have fallen short of or exceeded your expectations. Please use a 10-point scale on which "1" now means "Falls Short of Your Expectations" and "10" means "Exceeds Your Expectations."
- Q48. Now forget for a moment about the products and services offered by the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]**, and imagine the ideal products and services. How well do you think the **[PROGRAM OFFICE]** compares with that ideal? Please use a 10-point scale on which "1" means "Not Very Close to the Ideal" and "10" means "Very Close to the Ideal."

Now please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement.

Q49. Overall, when I think of all of [PROGRAM OFFICE]'s products and services, I am satisfied with their quality.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Disagree
- d. Strongly Disagree
- e. Does Not Apply

Closing

- Q50. In the past 6 months, have you issued a formal complaint to the office that administers your grant to express your dissatisfaction with the assistance you've received from a staff member?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- Q51. Finally, please describe how the [PROGRAM OFFICE] can improve its service to you.

NOTE: EACH RESPONDENT WILL ONLY RECEIVE 1 SET OF CUSTOM QUESTIONS CONCERNING THEIR PROGRAM

Again, only think about your interactions with of [GRANT PROGRAM] when answering the following questions.

After custom question section DISPLAY: Thank you again for your time. To complete the survey and submit the results, please hit the "Finish" button below. Have a good day!

ONLY IF Q1=1 NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL PROGRAM ASK 1-10 BELOW

- 1. How often do you receive monitoring and/or technical assistance support from your program officer?
 - a. At least weekly
 - b. Monthly
 - c. Quarterly
 - c. Yearly
- 2. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how helpful is that monitoring and/or technical assistance?
- 3. How often do you visit the OELA ed.gov website (<u>http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/index.html</u>)?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Every few months
 - e. Never
- 4. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how useful is the OELA ed.gov website?
- 5. How often do you visit the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition (NCELA) website or use the NEXUS newsletter?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Every few months
 - e. Never
- 6. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how useful is the NCELA website and the NEXUS newsletter?
- 7. How often do you visit the OELA Facebook page?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Every few months
 - e. Never
- 8. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how useful is the OELA Facebook page?
- 9. What, if any, improvements have you seen in OELA over the last year? (open end)
- 10. What recommendations do you have of the program staff to assist you in administering your grant effectively? (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=2 National Professional Development Program ASK 1-10 BELOW

- 1. How often do you receive monitoring and/or technical assistance support from your program officer?
 - a. At least weekly
 - b. Monthly
 - c. Quarterly
 - c. Yearly
- 2. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how helpful is that monitoring and/or technical assistance?
- 3. How often do you visit the OELA ed.gov website (<u>http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/index.html</u>)?
 - a. Dailv
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Every few months
 - e. Never
- 4. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how useful is the OELA ed.gov website?
- 5. How often do you visit the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition (NCELA) website or use the NEXUS newsletter?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Every few months
 - e. Never
- 6. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how useful is the NCELA website and the NEXUS newsletter?
- 7. How often do you visit the OELA Facebook page?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Every few months
 - e. Never
- 8. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is "Poor" and 10 is "Excellent," how useful is the OELA Facebook page?
- 9. What, if any, improvements have you seen in OELA over the last year? (open end)
- 10. What recommendations do you have of the program staff to assist you in administering your grant effectively? (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=3 Adult Education and Family Literacy to the State Directors of Adult Ed (AEFLA) ASK 1-12 BELOW

- 1. Think about the National Reporting System as a way to report your state's performance data to OCTAE. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the NRS's ease of reporting using the NRS Web-based system.
- 2. Think about the training offered by OCTAE through its contract to support the National Reporting System (NRS). On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the usefulness of the training.

If you have been monitored, think about the federal monitoring process as it relates to your AEFLA grant. On a 10point scale, where "1" is," Not Very Effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate the effectiveness of the federal monitoring process on the following:

- 3. Being well-organized
- 4. Providing pre-planning adequate guidance
- 5. Setting expectations for the visit
- 6. Using state peer reviewers in the federal monitoring process

Think about the national meetings and conference offered by OCTAE. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent", please rate the information provided at these conferences and institutes on the following:

- 7. Being up-to-date
- 8. Relevance of information
- 9. Usefulness to your program

Think about the national activities offered by DAEL. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is," Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the activities on the following:

- 10. Usefulness of the products in helping your state meet AEFLA program priorities.
- 11. How well does the technical assistance provided through the national activities address your program priorities and needs? Please use a 10-point scale where "1" means "does not address needs very well" and "10" means "addresses needs very well."
- 12. What can DAEL do over the next year to meet your state's technical assistance/program improvement needs? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1= 4 Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Program to the State Directors of Career & Technical Ed ASK 1-10 BELOW

1. Think about the Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) as a way to report your state's performance data to OCTAE. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the CAR's user friendliness.

If you were monitored by OCTAE within the last year, think about the federal monitoring process as it relates to your Perkins grant. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate the effectiveness of the federal monitoring process in:

- 2. Identifying and correcting compliance issues in your state
- 3. Helping you to improve program quality

Think about your formal interactions with OCTAE last year. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the effectiveness of these sessions in helping you to improve your Perkins administration, implementation, and accountability systems.

- 4. Office Hours
- 5. New State Director's Orientation
- 6. Quarterly State CTE Directors Webinars
- 7. Personal Communications (telephone calls and e-mail correspondence)
- 8. Think about the Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN) administered by OCTAE. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate PCRN's usefulness to your program.
- 9. Think about the Perkins State Plan Portal as a means to submit your annual revisions, budgets, and performance levels. On a 10-point scale, where 1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the user-friendliness of the portal.
- 10. What can OCTAE do over the next year to meet your state's technical assistance and program improvement needs? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=5 Indirect Cost Group/Financial Improvement Team (IDG/FIO)

For questions 1-4, please answer on the following scale: 1- Always, 2- Most of the time, 3-Sometimes and 4- Never

- 1. Did the cost negotiator demonstrate knowledge of applicable regulations and guidance regarding indirect cost rates?
- 2. Did the cost negotiator provide timely responses to request for technical assistance (i.e., general and indirect proposal specific questions)?
- 3. Were timely indirect cost rates issued for an adequate indirect cost rate proposal?
- 4. Was the cost negotiator professional and courteous during the indirect cost rate proposal review?
- 5. What is the experience level of your staff preparing the indirect cost rate proposal?
- a. Inexperienced Less than 2 years
- b. 2-4 years
- c. 5-7 years
- d. More than 7 years
- 6. Please rank the top six indirect cost areas that would be most beneficial to your staff's training needs?
 - a. Preparation of the Indirect Cost rate proposal
 - b. Restricted Rate Calculations
 - c. Subawards and Subcontracts
 - d. Subrecipient Indirect cost rates
 - e. Exclusions
 - f. Calculations of LEA Indirect rates
 - g. Other, please specify (PN: "Other" not required in ranking)
- 7. Have your indirect cost proposals been submitted timely by the due date of six months after the end of the fiscal year?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

If no, please explain the reason why.

- 8. Has the indirect cost group provided the technical assistance needed during reviews when the required documentation was not submitted in the original submission?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

If no, please explain the reason why.

- 9. [IF Q8=YES] how satisfied were you with the timeliness of our services?
 - a. Satisfied
 - b. Very Satisfied
 - c. Extremely Satisfied
- 10. Nonprofits only: Have you had your indirect cost review performed based on our low risk procedures and if so, how timely was the issuance of the indirect cost rate agreement?
 - a. Within 30 to 60 days from receipt of proposal

- b. Within 60 to 90 days from receipt of proposal
- c. Within 90 to 120 days from receipt of proposal
- d. Question does not apply to me
- 11. During a site visit, did your staff receive sufficient technical guidance and answers to their questions which resulted in better understanding of the indirect cost process and review?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. N/A
- 12. How can the indirect cost group partner with your organization in assuring that submissions are complete and submitted on time and indirect cost rate agreements are issued timely?

ONLY IF Q1=6 Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions ASK 1-12 BELOW

- 1. How long have you been working on the current grant? (Choose one that most closely approximates the amount of time.)
 - a. Less than one year
 - b. 1-2 years
 - c. 2-3 years
 - d. 3-4 years
 - e. 4 or more years

Think about your experience with receiving technical assistance from the Hispanic Serving Institutions Division. On a 10-point scale where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent please rate the Hispanic Serving Institutions Division according to the following:

- 2. Responsiveness to questions
- 3. Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations, policies and procedures
- 4. Ability to resolve issues
- 5. Use of clear and concise written and verbal communication
- 6. Timely resolution of general programmatic and/or financial issues

7. Which best describes how often you interact with Hispanic Serving Institution Division staff?

- a. Daily
- b. Weekly
- c. Monthly
- d. A few times a year
- e. Once a year
- f. Less than once a year
- 8. When you interact with Hispanic Serving Institution Division Staff what is the quality of the customer service provided to you?
 - a. Excellent
 - b. Very Good
 - c. Average
 - d. Fair
 - e. Poor

9. What type of support from the program office would help you implement your grant? (open end)

- 10. Please provide at least one specific suggestion for how we can improve this program. (open end)
- 11. Please provide at least one example how this grant is making a positive contribution towards achieving the mission of the institution. (open end)
- 12. Please provide at least one example of how the grant increases student persistence toward degree attainment. (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=7 Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program ASK 1-12 BELOW

- 1. How long have you been working on the current grant? (Choose one that most closely approximates the amount of time.)
 - a. Less than one year
 - b. 1-2 years
 - c. 2-3 years
 - d. 3-4 years
 - e. 4 or more years

Think about your experience with receiving technical support from the Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program. On a 10-point scale where "1" means "poor" and "10" means "excellent" please rate the Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program according to the following:

- 2. Responsiveness to questions
- 3. Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations, policies and procedures
- 4. Ability to resolve issues
- 5. Use of clear and concise written and verbal communication
- 6. Timely resolution of general programmatic and/or financial issues
- 7. Which best describes how often you interact with Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program staff?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. A few times a year
 - e. Once a year
 - f. Less than once a year
- 8. When you interact with Promoting Post baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program Staff what is the quality of the customer service provided to you?
 - a. Excellent
 - b. Very Good
 - c. Average
 - d. Fair
 - e. Poor

9. What type of support from the program office would help you implement your grant? (open end)

- 10. Please provide at least one specific suggestion for how we can improve this program. (open end)
- 11. Please provide at least one example how this grant is making a positive contribution towards achieving the mission of the institution. (open end)
- 12. Please provide at least one example of how the grant increases student persistence toward degree attainment. (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=8 Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program ASK 1-9 BELOW

On a 10-point scale, where 1 means "poor" and 10 means "excellent," please assess the following:

- 1. Whether the post-award guidelines given to you were comprehensive and clear. Base your assessment on the quality and usefulness of each mode of communication written, webinar, or by your Program Officer.
- 2. The competence of your Program Officer based on his/her responsiveness to your programmatic needs. Base your assessment on his/her courteousness; timeliness of initial response and final actions; accessibility via phone and emails; communication effectiveness; etc.
- 3. The competence of your Program Officer to resolve programmatic issues efficiently. Base your assessment on his/her knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations, policies and procedures.
- 4. The competence of your Program Officer based on his/her knowledge of the goals of the MSEIP program; his/her knowledge of your subject area; his/her ability to understand your project activities and goals; and his/her ability to support the achievement of your project outcomes.
- 5. The quality of support you received in the preparation and submission of your performance reports (interim, annual and final). Base your answer on the clarity of instructions, submission time given, and the ease of submission (using the performance reporting system in place).
- 6. The usefulness of performance reports to your own project. Base on your answer on the extent of data collection, analysis, and reporting required; and the relevance of data and analyses to your project activities and outcomes.
- 7. Provide an overall assessment of the quality of service provided by this Program Office in support of your grant. You may include all other factors not covered in this list of questions, such as the continuity (or the lack thereof) of service by Program Officers due to changes in staff; frequency and quality of on-site meetings; etc.
- 8. Provide an overall rating for the 2016 MSEIP Project Directors' Meeting. Base your assessment on its timing, relevance, and usefulness. [PROVIDE AN "I DID NOT ATTEND THE 2016 MEETING" OPTION]
- 9. Tell us what additional services you would like this Program Office to provide in support of the MSEIP program. (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=9 Hispanic-Serving Institutions - Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs

ASK 1-12 BELOW

1. How long have you been working on the current grant?

(Choose one that most closely approximates the amount of time.)

- a. Less than one year
- b. 1-2 years
- c. 2-3 years
- d. 3-4 years
- e. 4 or more years

Think about your experience with receiving technical assistance from the Hispanic-Serving Institutions - Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs. On a 10-point scale where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent please rate the Hispanic Serving Institutions Division according to the following:

- 2. Responsiveness to questions
- 3. Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations, policies and procedures
- 4. Ability to resolve issues
- 5. Use of clear and concise written and verbal communication
- 6. Timely resolution of general programmatic and/or financial issues
- 7. Which best describes how often you interact with Hispanic-Serving Institutions Science, Technology,
 - Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs staff?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. A few times a year
 - e. Once a year
 - f. Less than once a year
- 8. When you interact with Hispanic-Serving Institutions Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs Staff what is the quality of the customer service provided to you?
 - a. Excellent
 - b. Very Good
 - c. Average
 - d. Fair
 - e. Poor
- 9. What type of support from the program office would help you implement your grant? (open end)
- 10. Please provide at least one specific suggestion for how we can improve this program. (open end)
- 11. Please provide at least one example how this grant is making a positive contribution towards achieving the mission of the institution. (open end)
- 12. Please provide at least one example of how the grant increases student persistence toward degree attainment. (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=10 Talent Search ASK 1-24 BELOW

In interacting with the U.S Department of Education (ED) Talent Search (TS) program specialist responsible for overseeing your grant, please rate service/support in the following areas on a 1 to 10 scale where 1 means Poor and 10 means Excellent. If a service area does not apply, please select "N/A".

1. Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulation, policies and procedures, including updated programmatic knowledge as necessitated by HEOA (Higher Education Opportunity Act).

2. Responsiveness to your inquiries (by email, telephone, letter etc.).

3. Ability to assist you in interacting with institutional officials, if necessary in the resolution of critical internal programmatic issues.

4. Knowledge of the annual performance report.

5. Ability to assist with questions about the completion and submission of the report.

6. Processing of administrative action request, including change in key personnel and budget revisions, within 30 days.

In interacting with the U.S Department of Education (ED) Talent Search (TS) program specialist responsible for overseeing your grant, please rate the service /support in the following areas on a 1 to 10 scale where 1 means Poor and 10 means Excellent. If you did not receive information or feedback in an area please select "N/A".

- 7. Compliance Issues
- 8. Fiscal Issues
- 9. Grant Management Issues
- 10. Evaluation Issues
- 11. No-Cost Extension Issues
- 12. Annual Performance Report
- 13. Project Director's Meeting at COE

In interacting with the U.S Department of Education (ED) Talent Search (TS) program Annual Performance Report (APR) helpdesk responsible for assisting you with technical issue on the website, please rate the service /support in the following areas, again using a 1 to 10 scale.

- 14. CBMI assistance with technical Issues
- 15. Assistance with the website

On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "poor " and "10" is "excellent", please rate the technical assistance provided by the program specialist assigned to your grant on the following:

- 16. Technical Assistance
- 17. Timeliness of responses
- 18. Clarity of information
- 19. Usefulness to the program

Think about your experience seeking information from the Talent Search Program website http://www2.ed.gov/programs/triotalent/index.html. Using a 10 point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent; please rate the website on the following:

- 20. Organization of information
- 21. User friendliness

22. Do you have any suggestions for simplifying the Annual Performance Report process? (open end)

23. How frequently would you like to have in-person meetings, webinars or other means of technical assistance?

- a. Quarterly
- b. Annually
- c. Bi-annually

24.Please name area(s) in the Talent Search program that the technical assistance or individualized support received helped you improve? (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=11 Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) ASK 1-9 BELOW

1. How long have you been working on the current First in the World (FITW) grant? (Choose one that most closely approximates the amount of time.)

- a. Less than one year
- b. 1 year
- c. 2 years
- d. 3 years

In considering the support you have received from the FITW program, please rate the service/support you receive for Q2 through Q7 on a scale of 1 – 10 where 1 means Poor and 10 means Excellent. If a specific service or program support area does not apply, please select "N/A":

2. Program staff responsiveness to your inquiries by email, telephone, letter, etc.

3. Program staff knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations, policies, and procedures

4. FIPSE On-line Grant Database for grant management i.e. Annual Reports, Budget Modification, Project updates, etc.

5. FITW Evaluation Technical Assistance Website (https://fitw.grads360.org)

6. Technical Assistance (TA) from Applied Engineering Management Corporation (AEM) and their partner, Abt Associates, to help implement rigorous evaluations, conduct appropriate statistical analyses, and report findings from program evaluations

7. Program content and TA provided at the Annual FITW Project Director's Meeting

8. About what type of questions do you most often contact U.S. Department of Education staff? (Open ended)

9. What additional services would you like the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), FITW Program to make available to you to assist you in effectively administering your grant? (Open ended)

ONLY IF Q1=12 IDEA - State Directors of Special Education (Part B) ASK 1-12 BELOW

Assistance from OSEP Staff and other Professional Resources

Think about the technical assistance and support provided by state Contacts from the Monitoring and State Improvement Planning (MSIP) Division of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). On a 10-point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the staff's:

- 1. Clarity of information received in developing your state's applications, annual performance reports and other required submissions
- 2. Timeliness of responses (i.e., returning phone calls; responding to emails; forwarding to others when appropriate)
- 3. What improvements can you suggest regarding support from MSIP state contacts?

Think about the types of technical assistance and support provided by OSEP such as Dear Colleague letters, Question and Answer documents, MSIP monthly TA calls, OSEP-Director's newsletter, topical webinars, etc.

- 4. Which types of assistance were most effective in helping you meet federal requirements and/or improve program quality?
- 5. Which types of assistance were least helpful?

How often do you access the following resources to support your efforts to implement practices based on evidence in your state? (Please use a 10-point scale in which "1" means "Never" and "10" means "Very frequently")

- 6. An OSEP-funded TA provider
- 7. An Education Department-funded TA provider (funded by an office other than OSEP)
- 8. Professional associations (including conferences, listservs, and publications)
- 9. Conferences where research is presented
- 10. Books
- 11. Journal Articles
- 12. Personal interaction with peers

ONLY IF Q1=13 IDEA-Part C Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program ASK 1-12 BELOW

Assistance from OSEP Staff

Think about the technical assistance and support provided by state contacts from the Monitoring and State Improvement Planning (MSIP) Division of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). On a 10-point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the staff's:

- 1. Clarity of information received in developing your state's applications, annual performance reports and other required submissions.
- 2. Timeliness of responses (i.e., returning phone calls; responding to emails; forwarding to others when appropriate)
- 3. What improvements can you suggest regarding support from MSIP state contacts?

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- 7. An Education Department-funded TA provider (funded by an office other than OSEP)
- 8. Professional associations (including conferences, listservs, and publications)
- 9. Conferences where research is presented
- 10. Books
- 11. Journal Articles
- 12. Personal interaction with peers

ONLY IF Q1=14 Improving Teacher Quality State Grants ASK 1-10 BELOW

Customer Service

Think about the support you have received from the Office of State Support (OSS) program staff regarding [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**] (i.e. responses to State questions, assistance meeting program requirements, connecting you to resources). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of OSS program staff in supporting your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]:

- 1. Provides timely responses to State requests and questions
- 2. Demonstrates understanding of my State's specific context (e.g. educational policies and priorities, governance structure, etc.)
- 3. Provides assistance that enhances my capacity to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]

Implementation Support

Think about your participation in OSS performance review and technical assistance activities (i.e. quarterly progress checks, fiscal review, consolidated state performance report, grantee meetings, collaboration calls, communities of practice). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of these activities to support your State in implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 4. Helps my State assess how well we are accomplishing [PROGRAM NAME from Q1] goals
- 5. Provides support that is responsive to my State's needs to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]
- 6. Helps my State address grant implementation challenges
- 7. Provides information about key changes to requirements (e.g., new provisions under ESSA, revisions to formula)
- 8. Supports the establishment and strengthening of cross-program connections and coordination within my State

Think about services offered by OSS in the previous year (e.g., opportunities for peer learning, collaboration calls, grantee meetings, communities of practice, webinars, publication of non-regulatory guidance, support transitioning to the *Every Student Succeeds Act*) to support your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 9. What services provided by OSS have been most helpful or effective? (Please cite specific examples) (open ended)
- 10. How can OSS services be improved over the next year to better meet the needs of your State as you implement [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]? (Please cite specific recommendations) (open ended)

ONLY IF Q1=15 21st Century Community Learning Centers ASK 1-10 BELOW

- 1. How long have you served as the 21st CCLC State Director?
 - a. Less than two years
 - b. More than two years
 - c. I am not the state director but I have served in a leadership (decision-making) capacity for this program for <u>less than two years</u>.
 - d. I am not the state director but I have served in a leadership (decision-making) capacity for this program for <u>more than two years</u>.
- 2. Please rate the knowledge of the U.S. Department of Education staff on 21st CCLC program grant administration issues and on program administration issues as they assist the states. Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being poor and "10" being excellent.
- 3. Think about the national leadership conferences, institutes, and webinars sponsored by OESE (i.e. SEA Coordinators' meetings, 21st CCLC Summer Institute, webinars on 21APR, Faith-based Organization (FBO) Partnerships, request for proposal development, uniform guidance, etc.). On a 10-point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the effectiveness of these sessions on helping you to improve the quality of your 21st CCLC program implementation.
- 4. How helpful is the information and guidance provided to you by the US Department of Education staff and contracted staff in preparing for monitoring activities (monitoring calls, virtual reviews, onsite monitoring reviews? Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being "not very helpful" and "10" being "very helpful".
- 5. How likely are you to recommend the 21st CCLC program's *You for Youth* (Y4Y) website to your State's grantees as a technical assistance resource? Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being not at all likely and "10" being extremely likely.
- 6. How easy is it to navigate is the Y4Y website? Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being "not very easy" and "10" being "very easy".
- 7. Would you prefer 21st CCLC program in-person meetings to include SEAs only **OR** SEAs and Center-level staffs?
 - a. SEAs only
 - b. Both SEAs and Center-level staffs
- Based on your selection of [PIPE IN Q7 SELECTION], please rate the extent to which you prefer that the 21st CCLC program convene <u>regional technical assistance meetings</u>. Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being never and "10" being always.
- 9. Based on your selection of [PIPE IN Q7 SELECTION], please rate the extent to which you prefer that the 21st CCLC program convene <u>national technical assistance meetings (TA sessions that include sub-grantees and include topics identified by all stakeholders)</u>. Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being never and "10" being always.
- 10. What technical assistance topics can the 21st CCLC program provide at meetings to support the states more effectively? (Open-ended)

ONLY IF Q1=16 Payments for Federal Property (Section 8002) ASK 1-10 BELOW [NOT SURVEYED LAST YEAR, BUT TRENDS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS]

Think about your experience preparing and submitting your most recent Impact Aid application, including gathering and organizing data and preparing the e-application.

- 1. Did you use the written instruction and guidance documents provided for the application?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 2. **[IF Q1=a]** On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective rate the effectiveness of the documents in helping you complete the application.
- 3. Did you contact the Impact Aid Program for technical assistance?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

[IF Q3=a, ASK Qs 4-6] On a scale of "1" to "10", where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent"; rate the Impact Aid Program staff's:

- 4. Responsiveness to answering questions
- 5. Supportiveness in helping you complete your application
- 6. Knowledge about technical material

7. Have you attended any Webinars or in person meetings where IAP staff provided you information on the Section 8002 program, application submission, or the review process.

- a. Yes
- b. No

8. **[IF Q7=a]** Did the presentation and/or materials prepared help you understand your responsibilities in submitting data?

- a. Yes
- b. No

8a. [IF Q8=a] Please explain. (Open end)

- 9. How was the quality of the interaction with Impact Aid program staff members during the review process? Please use a scale from "1" to "10", where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent."
- 10. What additional communications would you like to receive regarding the status of your application, prior to receiving a payment? **(Open end)**

ONLY IF Q1=17 Payments for Federally Connected Children (Section 8003) ASK 1-17 BELOW[TRENDS WITH LAST YEAR]

Think about your experience preparing and submitting your most recent Impact Aid application, including gathering and organizing data and preparing the e-application.

- 1. Did you use the written instruction and guidance documents provided for the application?
 - c. Yes
 - d. No
- 2. **[IF Q1=a]** On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective rate the effectiveness of the documents in helping you complete the application.
- 3. Did you contact the Impact Aid Program for technical assistance?
 - c. Yes
 - d. No
- 4. **[IF Q3=a]** On a scale of 1 to 10, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent; rate the Impact Aid Program staff's performance in answering your questions and helping you to complete your application.
- 5. Did you contact the G5 Helpdesk for technical assistance?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 6. **[IF Q5=a]** On a scale of 1 to 10, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent; rate the G5 Helpdesk's performance in resolving your problem.
- 7. Have you participated in any Webinars or meetings where IAP staff provided you information on the Section 8003 program and the review process?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 1. **[IF Q7=a]** Did the presentation and/or materials prepared help you to understand your responsibilities in completing the application or submitting data?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 2. [IF Q8=b] Please explain. (Open end)
- 3. Has your school district been contacted by the Impact Aid Program in the past year regarding a monitoring or field review of your application?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 4. **[IF Q10=a]** Did the letter you received provide sufficient explanation of what and how you need to prepare your documents for the review?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 5. [IF Q11=b] Please explain. (Open end)

- 6. Did you receive timely communications regarding the outcome of the review?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 7. [IF Q13=b] Please explain. (Open end)

Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent to rate the Impact Aid staff members on the following.

- 15. Ease of reaching the person who could address your concern
- 16. Ability to resolve your issue
- 17. Please provide any additional specific suggestions for how the Impact Aid Program can improve customer service. **(Open end)**

ONLY IF Q1=18 High School Equivalency Program (HEP) - Migrant Education ASK 1-10 BELOW

As it relates to the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), please rate the following using a 10 point scale, where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent.

- 1. Accessibility and responsiveness of program staff
- 2. Timely resolution of questions by program staff
- 3. Clarity of information provided by program staff
- 4. Usefulness and relevance of the strategies for technical assistance (e.g., webinars, policy documents, meetings, conference calls)
- 5. Usefulness and relevance of subject matter experts
- 6. What additional topics would you like discussed during HEP meetings, webinars, or phone calls to help you implement a high-quality program? (Open end)
- 7. What could the HEP team do to improve the content of technical assistance? (Open end)
- 8. What could the HEP team do to improve the structure or format of technical assistance? (Open end)
- 9. Please share any comments on how the HEP team can better support your work. Please include any ideas that the HEP team may use to better support your work as it relates to your project's specific needs. (Open end)
- 10. What other federal programs providing you technical assistance in form and/or content the HEP/CAMP team should consider as a model? (Open end)

Think about the one-on-one communication (via phone or email) with your Federal project Officer. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate your Federal Project Officer on the following:

- 1. Responsiveness to questions about Project Prevent Grant Program requirements and applicable Department of Education (EDGAR) and other federal regulations
- 2. Timeliness in returning phone calls and responding to emails
- 3. Effectiveness in providing technical assistance or guidance regarding the development, revision and reporting of budgets, the collection of GPRA data, and the submission of annual performance
- 4. Frequency of communication regarding grant information, deadlines, expectations, requirements, or other pertinent information

Think about the technical assistance, including meetings, written guidance, webinars, and presentations that you receive from the P2 technical assistance team. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the following:

5. Relevance and usefulness to your project and program activities

6. Frequency of communication

7. Use of technology to deliver services

ONLY IF Q1=20 Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Education Agencies ASK 1-8 BELOW

Think about the particular ways in which you have received technical support and/or assistance from the Office of Indian Education (OIE). On a 10-point scale, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of technical assistance in:

- 1. Responsiveness of OIE staff in answering questions and/or information requests.
- 2. Timeliness of OIE staff in providing information to meet your Title VII application and APR deadlines.
- 3. Quality of support and technical assistance provided by OIE staff on Title VII program implementation.

4. Comprehensiveness of guidance documents OIE provides, e.g. Getting Started; Frequently Asked Questions, website links and EASIE Community website.

Think about the application process when applying for a grant through the *Electronic Application System for Indian Education* (EASIE). On a 10-point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the EASIE System on the following:

5. Ease of using the EASIE system when applying for a grant.

6. Quality of training via webinars provided by the EASIE system and grant application process.

7. Think about the Title VII formula grant requirements. Select two topics around which you have greatest need for technical assistance:

- a. Establishing parent committees
- b. Expanding membership of parent committees
- c. Verifying student information
- d. Using the EASIE system
- e. Allowable uses of funds
- f. General grant program requirements, deadlines and milestones
- g. Using the G5 system

Open ended questions for your comments:

8. Over the next year, what can OIE do to better meet your technical assistance and program improvement needs? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=21 Migrant Education Program (MEP) -- Title I, Part C ASK 1-7 BELOW

1a. *If* you are a new MEP Director (new as of May 2014), what technical assistance opportunities have been most helpful for implementing your program?

1b. What could OME add or change to improve technical assistance to new MEP Directors?

The purpose of the Coordination Work Group (CWG) is to meet with the Office of Migrant Education to collect feedback from their respective districts to identify, discuss, and work on program coordination and program implementation issues that directly affect efforts to improve the educational opportunities and academic success of migrant children.

2a. How do you feel about the usefulness of the CWG for collaborating on topics of technical assistance and program operations?

- a. I am satisfied with collaboration through the CWG.
- b. I am not satisfied with collaboration through the CWG.

2b. [IF 2a=b] Please provide specific suggestions to improve collaboration through the CWG. [open end]

3a. Which of this year's technical assistance webinars were most useful to you? [BI: leave old values in, trend variable]

- a. CSPR Series
- b. MSIX Technical Webinar
- c. MEP Eligibility Guidance
- d. New Director Orientation: Service Delivery Plan
- e. I did not participate in a webinar this year
- 3b. Please indicate why this webinar was helpful and/or how we could improve our webinars in the future.(open end)
- 4. Please check up to three technical assistance topics that you will need in the future, in order to improve the performance of your MEP. (Check boxes with the maximum of three to be selected for the topics below) [PN: Multi-select with max of 3 choices. Randomize]
 - a. Child Eligibility
 - b. Comprehensive Needs Assessment
 - c. Continuation of Services
 - d. Fiscal Requirements
 - e. Interstate Coordination
 - f. Parental/Family Engagement
 - g. Priority for Services
 - h. Program Evaluation
 - i. Quality Control
 - j. Records Exchange
 - k. Recruitment
 - I. Re-interviewing
 - m. Service Delivery Models
 - n. Service Delivery Plan
 - o. Subgrant Formulas
 - p. Service Delivery Strategies (Instructional and Support)
 - q. Subrecipient Monitoring
 - r. Other, please specify [ANCHOR at bottom]

- 5. Which resources have you accessed via the RESULTS webpage in the last year? [choice]
 - a. Legislation Information
 - b. Policy Questions
 - c. Tools & Curriculum
 - d. Webinars
 - e. Stories from the field
 - f. State contacts
 - g. None of the Above
- 6. What is the most useful method for OME to communicate pertinent information, such as new developments or policy, to you (e.g. webinars, in-person presentations, listserv, program office calls, etc.) (Open end)

7. Please share any comments on how OME can better support your work as an MEP state director. (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=22 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program - McKinney-Vento ASK 1-11 BELOW

Think about the technical assistance (TA) you received from individual ED program staff for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program, including coordination with activities arranged by the technical assistance contractor, National Center for Homeless Education), or independently.

On a 10-point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the technical assistance provided by the US Department of Education and NCHE staff on the following:

Put "NA" if the item is not applicable to you or you don't know how to respond.

FORMATTING NOTE - USE 2 COLUMNS FOR EACH QUESTION TO SHOW USDE and NCHE US Department of Education

- 1. Responsiveness in answering questions.
- 2. Knowledge of technical material

Technical Assistance Center (NCHE)

1a.Responsiveness in answering questions.2a.Knowledge of technical material

On a scale of 1 to 10, where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate the effectiveness of the technical assistance efforts provided by the US Department of Education and NCHE staff in helping you with the following:

Put "NA" if the item is not applicable to you or you don't know how to respond.

US Department of Education

- 3. Meeting program compliance requirements
- 4. Assisting you (as state coordinators) to impact performance results
- 5. Developing cross-agency collaborations

Technical Assistance Center (NCHE)

- 3a. Meeting program compliance requirements
- 4a. Assisting you (as state coordinators) to impact performance results
- 5a. Developing cross-agency collaborations

On a scale of 1 to 10, where "1" is "Poor" and "10" is "Excellent," please rate the quality and usefulness of the TA methods provided by NCHE:

Put "NA" if the item is not applicable to you or you don't know how to respond.

FORMATTING NOTE - USE 2 COLUMNS FOR EACH QUESTION TO SHOW QUALITY AND USEFULNESS Quality

- 6. Direct one-on-one TA calls
- 7. Webinars
- 8. State Coordinators meeting
- 9. Website
- 10. Products

Usefulness 6a.Direct one-on-one TA calls 7a.Webinars 8a. State Coordinators meeting 9a. Website 10a.Products

Please respond to the following open-ended question regarding your thoughts on how to improve the assistance and monitoring you receive.

11. What can the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program office do over the next year to meet your state's technical assistance, program improvement and coordination needs? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=23 School Improvement Fund ASK 1-10 BELOW

Customer Service

Think about the support you have received from the Office of State Support (OSS) program staff regarding [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**] (i.e. responses to State questions, assistance meeting program requirements, connecting you to resources). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of OSS program staff in supporting your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]:

- 1. Provides timely responses to State requests and questions
- 2. Demonstrates understanding of my State's specific context (e.g. educational policies and priorities, governance structure, etc.)
- 3. Provides assistance that enhances my capacity to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]

Implementation Support

Think about your participation in OSS performance monitoring (i.e. quarterly progress checks, fiscal review, consolidated state performance report, grantee meetings, collaboration calls, communities of practice). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of these activities to support your State in implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 4. Helps my State assess how well we are accomplishing [PROGRAM NAME from Q1] goals
- 5. Provides support that is responsive to my State's needs to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]
- 6. Helps my State address grant implementation challenges
- 7. Provides information about key changes to requirements (e.g., new provisions under ESSA, revisions to formula)
- 8. Supports the establishment and strengthening of cross-program connections and coordination within my State

Think about services offered by OSS in the previous year (e.g., opportunities for peer learning, collaboration calls, grantee meetings, communities of practice, webinars, publication of non-regulatory guidance, support transitioning to the *Every Student Succeeds Act*) to support your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 9. What services provided by OSS have been most helpful or effective? (Please cite specific examples) (open ended)
- 10. How can OSS services be improved over the next year to better meet the needs of your State as you implement [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]? (Please cite specific recommendations) (open ended)

ONLY IF Q1=24 TITLE I PART A - IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS OPERATED BY LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES (LEAs) ASK 1-10 BELOW

Customer Service

Think about the support you have received from the Office of State Support (OSS) program staff regarding [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**] (i.e. responses to State questions, assistance meeting program requirements, connecting you to resources). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of OSS program staff in supporting your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]:

- 1. Provides timely responses to State requests and questions
- 2. Demonstrates understanding of my State's specific context (e.g. educational policies and priorities, governance structure, etc.)
- 3. Provides assistance that enhances my capacity to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]

Implementation Support

Think about your participation in OSS performance monitoring (i.e. quarterly progress checks, fiscal review, consolidated state performance report, grantee meetings, collaboration calls, communities of practice). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of these activities to support your State in implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 4. Helps my State assess how well we are accomplishing [PROGRAM NAME from Q1] goals
- 5. Provides support that is responsive to my State's needs to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]
- 6. Helps my State address grant implementation challenges
- 7. Provides information about key changes to requirements (e.g., new provisions under ESSA, revisions to formula)
- 8. Supports the establishment and strengthening of cross-program connections and coordination within my State

Think about services offered by OSS in the previous year (e.g., opportunities for peer learning, collaboration calls, grantee meetings, communities of practice, webinars, publication of non-regulatory guidance, support transitioning to the *Every Student Succeeds Act*) to support your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

9. What services provided by OSS have been most helpful or effective? (Please cite specific examples) (open ended)

10. How can OSS services be improved over the next year to better meet the needs of your State as you implement [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]? (Please cite specific recommendations) (open ended)

ONLY IF Q1=25 English Language Acquisition State Grants/Title III State Formula Grant Program ASK 1-10 BELOW

Customer Service

Think about the support you have received from the Office of State Support (OSS) program staff regarding [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**] (i.e. responses to State questions, assistance meeting program requirements, connecting you to resources). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of OSS program staff in supporting your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]:

- 1. Provides timely responses to State requests and questions
- 2. Demonstrates understanding of my State's specific context (e.g. educational policies and priorities, governance structure, etc.)
- 3. Provides assistance that enhances my capacity to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]

Implementation Support

Think about your participation in OSS performance monitoring (i.e. quarterly progress checks, fiscal review, consolidated state performance report, grantee meetings, collaboration calls, communities of practice). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of these activities to support your State in implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 4. Helps my State assess how well we are accomplishing [PROGRAM NAME from Q1] goals
- 5. Provides support that is responsive to my State's needs to implement [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]
- 6. Helps my State address grant implementation challenges
- 7. Provides information about key changes to requirements (e.g., new provisions under ESSA, revisions to formula)
- 8. Supports the establishment and strengthening of cross-program connections and coordination within my State

Think about services offered by OSS in the previous year (e.g., opportunities for peer learning, collaboration calls, grantee meetings, communities of practice, webinars, publication of non-regulatory guidance, support transitioning to the *Every Student Succeeds Act*) to support your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 9. What services provided by OSS have been most helpful or effective? (Please cite specific examples) (open ended)
- 10. How can OSS services be improved over the next year to better meet the needs of your State as you implement [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]? (Please cite specific recommendations) (open ended)

ONLY IF Q1=26 Neglected and Delinquent State and Local Agency Programs ASK 1-23 BELOW

Think about the technical assistance (TA) you received from individual ED program staff for the Title I, Part D program, including coordination with activities arranged by the technical assistance contractor, the National Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Neglected or Delinquent Children and Youth (NDTAC), or independently.

On a 10-point scale, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the technical assistance provided by the US Department of Education and NDTAC staff on the following:

Put "NA" if the item is not applicable to you or you don't know how to respond.

FORMATTING NOTE - USE 2 COLUMNS FOR EACH QUESTION TO SHOW USDE and NDTAC

US Department of Education

- 1. Responsiveness in answering questions.
- 2. Knowledge of technical material

Technical Assistance Center (NDTAC)

- 3. Responsiveness in answering questions.
- 4. Knowledge of technical material

On a scale of 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of the technical assistance efforts provided by the US Department of Education and NDTAC staff in helping you with the following:

Put "NA" if the item is not applicable to you or you don't know how to respond.

US Department of Education

- 5. Meeting program compliance requirements
- 6. Assisting you (as state coordinators) to impact performance results
- 7. Developing cross-agency collaborations

Technical Assistance Center (NDTAC)

- 8. Meeting program compliance requirements
- 9. Assisting you (as state coordinators) build your capacity to impact performance results
- 10. Developing cross-agency collaborations

On a scale of 1 to 10, where "1" is poor and "10" is excellent, please rate the quality and usefulness of the TA methods provided by NDTAC:

Put "NA" if the item is not applicable to you or you don't know how to respond.

FORMATTING NOTE - USE 2 COLUMNS FOR EACH QUESTION TO SHOW QUALITY AND USEFULNESS

Quality

- 11. Direct one-on-one TA calls /emails or written communication s
- 12. ND Community calls (including topical calls)
- 13. Webinars
- 14. State Coordinators meeting
- 15. Website

16. Products

Usefulness

- 17. Direct one-on-one TA calls/emails or written communication s
- 18. ND Community calls/emails or written communication s
- 19. Webinars
- 20. State Coordinators meeting
- 21. Website
- 22. Products

23. What can the Title I, Part D program office do over the next year to meet your state's technical assistance, program improvement and coordination needs?

ONLY IF Q1=27a School Climate Transformation Grant Program - State Department of Education ASK 1-8 BELOW

Think about the one-on-one communication (via phone or email) with your Federal Project Officer. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate your Federal project Officer on the following:

- 1. Responsiveness and accuracy in responding to questions regarding School Climate Transformation Grant Program requirements
- 2. Responsiveness and accuracy in providing guidance related to Department of Education grant administrative regulation, including budget issues, reporting, grant requirements, and other Federal regulations
- 3. Timeliness in responding to emails and returning phone calls
- 4. Frequency of communication regarding grant information, deadlines, expectations, requirements, or other pertinent information

Think about your project's technical assistance, including meetings, written guidance, webinars, and presentations that you receive from your technical assistance provider. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the following:

- 5. Quality of technical assistance received
- 6. Relevance and usefulness to your project and program activities
- 7. Frequency of communication
- 8. Use of technology to delivery training and technical assistance

ONLY IF Q1=27b School Climate Transformation Grant Program - Local Education Agency ASK 1-2 BELOW

1. How satisfied are you with your program officer (e.g., knowledge, timeliness, clarity, ability to resolve issues, understanding of my specific needs, quality of feedback received, professionalism/courtesy)? (open ended question)

2. What topics would you like to have our technical assistance efforts focus on over the coming year? (open ended question)

ONLY IF Q1=28a Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)/Rural Low-Income School Program ASK 1-8 BELOW

1. How could we make the February 2017 REAP Web-X more beneficial to you? What additional information is needed? (Open end)

Please rate the following using a 10-point scale, where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent. (Q2 & Q3 only)

- 2. Accessibility and responsiveness of REAP program staff
- 3. Clarity of information provided by REAP program staff
- 4. How frequently would you like to have webinars or other means of technical assistance? (Open end)
- 5. What could the REAP team do to improve the content of technical assistance? (Open end)
- 6. Please check up to 3 topics for technical assistance that you will need in the future in order to improve the performance of your RLIS grant. (Check boxes with the maximum of 3 to be selected for the topics below) [PN: Multi-select with max of 3 choices. Randomize]
 - a) Use of grant funds
 - b) Use of G5 (i.e., grantee information, grant award notice (GAN), available funds, drawdown of funds, etc.)
 - c) Use of Max.gov
 - d) Providing Technical Assistance to Grantees
 - e) REAP Eligibility Data and Estimating Award Amounts
 - f) Consolidated grant application process
 - g) Grant eligibility data review & submission
 - h) Fiscal accounting procedures
 - i) Monitoring RLIS grantees
 - j) Use of grant funds for administrative costs
 - k) Reporting and use of data
 - I) Other (please specify)
- 7. How can we improve the content and navigation of our online resources,

http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reaprlisp/index.html and http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html in order to make your experience more useful? (Open end)

8. What recommendations would you like to make to the REAP program staff to assist you in administering your grant effectively? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=28b Rural Education Achievement Program/Small, Rural School Achievement Program ASK 1-7 BELOW

Please rate the following using a 10-point scale, where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent. [Q1 & Q2 only]

- 1. Accessibility and responsiveness of REAP program staff
- 2. Clarity of information provided by REAP program staff
- 3. How frequently would you like to have webinars or other means of technical assistance? (Open end)
- 4. What could the REAP team do to improve the content of technical assistance? (Open end)
- 5. Please check up to 3 topics for technical assistance that you will need in the future in order to improve the performance of your SRSA grant. (Check boxes with the maximum of 3 to be selected for the topics below) [PN: Multi-select with max of 3 choices. Randomize]
 - a. Use of funds
 - b. Use of G5 (i.e., grantee information, grant award notice (GAN), available funds, drawdown of funds, etc.)
 - c. Grant application process
 - d. EDGAR
 - e. REAP flexibility
 - f. Reporting and use of data
 - g. Eligibility Data and Estimating Award Amounts
 - h. Other: [Type in response]
- 6. How can we improve the content and navigation of our REAP online resource,
 - http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html in order to make your experience more useful? (Open end)
- 7. What recommendations would you like to make to the REAP program staff to assist you in administering your grant effectively? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=29 Alaska Native Education Program ASK 1-9 BELOW

- 1. How long have you served as the ANE Project Director?
 - a. Less than one year
 - b. More than one year
 - c. I am not the ANE Project Director but I have served in a leadership (decision-making) capacity for this program for less than one year.
 - d. I am not the ANE Project Director but I have served in a leadership (decision-making) capacity for this program for more than one year.
- 2. Please rate the knowledge of the U.S. Department of Education staff on ANE program grant administration issues and on program administration issues as they assist your grant project. Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being "poor" and "10" being "excellent."
- 3. When you were preparing your application, how easy was it for you to locate and understand the information in the application package? Please rate the following on a scale from "1" to "10", where "1" is "very difficult" and "10" is "very easy."
 - a. Program Purpose
 - b. Program Priorities
 - c. Selection Criteria
 - d. Review Process
 - e. Budget Information and Forms
 - f. Deadline for Submission
 - g. Dollar Limit on Awards
 - h. Page Limitation Instructions
 - i. Formatting Instructions
 - j. Program Contact
- 4. Has your program officer initiated technical assistance or conducted a Quarterly Monitoring Call with you or anyone on the ANE staff during the past 3-6 months?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 5. [IF Q4=YES] Where and how did the technical assistance or support take place (Select all that apply)
 - a. Project Directors' meeting sponsored by the Department
 - b. Conference call/email exchange with your Program Officer
 - c. Program Officer
 - d. Other Program (or the Department) staff site visit
 - e. Monitoring contractor (Please specify)
 - f. National association meeting (Please specify)
 - g. Other (Please specify)
- 6. How helpful is the information on the ANE website? Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being "not very helpful" and "10" being "very helpful."
- 7. What technical assistant topics can the ANE program provide at Project Directors' meetings to support the implementation of your grant projects more effectively? (Open-ended)
- 8. How easy is it to navigate the web-based annual performance report process? Please use a 10-point scale with "1" being "not very easy" and "10" being "very easy."
- 9. What suggestions do you have for improving the annual performance report process? (Open-ended)

ONLY IF Q1=30 Innovative Approaches to Literacy ASK 1-9 BELOW

Think about your experience with receiving technical assistance from the IAL program specialist. On a 10-point scale where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent please rate your program specialist on:

- 1. Responsiveness to questions.
- 2. Timely resolution of general programmatic and financial issues.
- 3. Use of clear and concise written and verbal communication.
- 4. The quality of information or feedback received from IAL program staff.
- 5. Knowledge of and ability to assist with the submission of the IAL annual performance report.
- 6. Your overall level of satisfaction with the service provided by the representative.

7. Frequency of communication regarding grant information, deadlines, expectations, requirements, or other pertinent information

8. What, if any, improvements have you seen in IAL over the last year? (open end)

9. Please provide at least one specific suggestion for how we can improve this program. (open end)

ONLY IF Q1=31 Demonstration Grants for Indian Children/Special Projects Demonstration Grants ASK 1-8 BELOW

As it relates to the Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) program, please rate the following using a 10 point scale, where "1" means "Poor" and "10" means "Excellent"

- 1. Accessibility and responsiveness of program staff
- 2. Timely resolution of program questions by program staff
- 3. Usefulness and relevance of webinar-based technical assistance
- 4. Usefulness and relevance of project director meeting technical assistance
- 5. Usefulness and relevance of technical assistance resources on the OIE web site.
- 6. Assign the priority, 1 being highest and 6 being lowest, that you would assign to the following technical assistance topics:
 - a. Native Youth Community Projects Performance Reporting
 - b. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - c. Capacity Building
 - d. Parent Engagement
 - e. Partnerships
 - f. Cultural Relevance

7. What could the NYCP team do to improve the structure or format of technical assistance? (Open end)

8. Please share any comments on how the NYCP team can better support your work. (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=32 College Assistance Migrant Program ASK 1-10 BELOW

As it relates to the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), please rate the following using a 10 point scale, where "1" means poor and "10" means excellent.

- 1. Accessibility and responsiveness of program staff
- 2. Timely resolution of questions by program staff
- 3. Clarity of information provided by program staff

4. Usefulness and relevance of the strategies for technical assistance (e.g., webinars, policy documents, meetings, conference calls)

5. Usefulness and relevance of subject matter experts.

6. What additional topics would you like discussed during CAMP meetings, webinars, or phone calls to help you implement a high-quality program? (Open end)

7. What could the CAMP team do to improve the content of technical assistance? (Open end)

8. What could the CAMP team do to improve the structure or format of technical assistance? (Open end)

9. Please share any comments on how the CAMP team can better support your work. Please include any ideas that the CAMP team may use to better support your work as it relates to your project's specific needs. (Open end)

10. What other federal programs providing you technical assistance in form and/or content the HEP/CAMP team should consider as a model? (Open end)

ONLY IF Q1=33 Grants for State Assessments ASK 1-10 BELOW

Customer Service

Think about the support you have received from the Office of State Support (OSS) program staff regarding [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**] (i.e. responses to State questions, assistance meeting program requirements, connecting you to resources). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of OSS program staff in supporting your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 1. Provides timely responses to State requests and questions
- 2. Demonstrates understanding of my State's specific context (e.g. educational policies and priorities, governance structure, etc.)
- 3. Provides assistance that enhances my capacity to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]

Implementation Support

Think about your participation in OSS performance review and technical assistance activities (i.e. quarterly progress checks, fiscal review, consolidated state performance report, grantee meetings, collaboration calls, communities of practice). On a scale from 1 to 10, where "1" is not very effective and "10" is very effective, please rate the effectiveness of these activities to support your State in implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 4. Helps my State assess how well we are accomplishing [PROGRAM NAME from Q1] goals
- 5. Provides support that is responsive to my State's needs to implement [PROGRAM NAME from Q1]
- 6. Helps my State address grant implementation challenges
- 7. Provides information about key changes to requirements (e.g., new provisions under ESSA, revisions to formula)
- 8. Supports the establishment and strengthening of cross-program connections and coordination within my State

Think about services offered by OSS in the previous year (e.g., opportunities for peer learning, collaboration calls, grantee meetings, communities of practice, webinars, publication of non-regulatory guidance, support transitioning to the *Every Student Succeeds Act*) to support your State's implementation of [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**].

- 9. What services provided by OSS have been most helpful or effective? (Please cite specific examples) (open ended)
- 10. How can OSS services be improved over the next year to better meet the needs of your State as you implement [**PROGRAM NAME from Q1**]? (Please cite specific recommendations) (open ended)

ONLY IF Q1=34 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM (ESSC) ASK 1-11 BELOW

Think about the one-on-one communications (via phone or email) with your Federal Project Officer. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate your FPO's:

1. Responsiveness to questions about ESSC program requirements

2. Responsiveness to questions about applicable Department of Education (EDGAR) and other federal regulations

3. Timeliness in returning phone calls and responding to emails

4. Effectiveness in providing technical assistance or instructions regarding annual performance reports

5. Effectiveness in providing technical assistance or guidance regarding budget development, revisions, and reporting

6. Frequency of communication regarding grant information, deadlines, expectations, requirements, or other pertinent information

Think about your project's technical assistance, including meetings, written guidance, webinars, and presentations that you receive from the technical assistance provider. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate the following:

- 7. Quality of technical assistance received
- 8. Relevance and usefulness to your project and program activities
- 9. Frequency of communication
- 10. Use of technology to delivery training and technical assistance

Please base your response on a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not very important" and "10" is "Very important."

11. How important is it that your Federal Project Officer conducts a site visit of your program to observe grant activities and monitor grant compliance and progress.

ONLY IF Q1=35 Carol White Physical Education Program (PEP) ASK 1-9 BELOW

Think about the one-on-one communications (via phone or email) with your Federal Project Officer. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not very effective" and "10" is "Very effective," please rate your FPO's:

1. Responsiveness to questions about PEP program requirements

2. Timeliness in returning phone calls and responding to emails

3. Effectiveness in providing technical assistance or guidance regarding budget development, revisions, and reporting

4. Frequency of communication regarding grant information, deadlines, expectations, requirements, or other pertinent information

Think about the written guidance, meetings, webinars, conference calls, and presentations from the PEP Federal Team. On a 10-point scale, where "1" is "Not Very Effective" and "10" is "Very Effective," please rate the following:

5. Instructions and guidance regarding GPRA data collection and reporting

6. What additional topics would you like discussed during PEP meetings, webinars, or phone calls to help you implement a high-quality program? (Open end)

7. What could the PEP team do to improve the content of technical assistance? (Open end)

8. How frequently would you like to have webinars or other means of technical assistance? (Open end)

9. How important is it that your Federal Project Officer conducts a site visit of your program to observe grant activities and monitor grant compliance and progress. Please base your response on a 10-point scale, where "1" is, "Not Very Important" and "10" is "Very Important."