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UNDER THE
FULBRIGHT-HAYS GROUP PROJECTS ABROAD
LONG-TERM PROGRAM**

**ADVANCED OVERSEAS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE
TRAINING PROJECTS
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant under the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Advanced Overseas Intensive Language (GPA long-term) program. Included in this application booklet are the instructions and forms required to complete and submit your Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 grant application to the U.S. Department of Education (Department). We have also included the technical review form containing the selection criteria that external review panels will use to evaluate your application.

The Fulbright-Hays GPA long-term program supports advanced overseas intensive projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. GPA long-term projects are designed to take advantage of the opportunities present in the foreign country that are not present in the United States when providing intensive advanced foreign language training. Applicants may apply for a maximum grant performance period up to 48 months (four years) in duration for foreign language projects.

Under the Fulbright-Hays GPA long-term program, the FY 2016 competition includes one absolute priority and two competitive preference priorities. We encourage you to develop application narratives that respond to these priorities, with particular attention paid to the competitive preference priorities. The Department is permitted to award additional points to applications that address the competitive preference priorities particularly well.

Also, for this competition we are requiring applicants to include more meaningful evaluation plans in their grant applications. To that end, the application package includes an evaluation guide to assist you with developing useful evaluation plans and performance measures for your projects.

We urge you to consider the following three extremely important administrative steps if you are planning to apply for this program:

1. We strongly encourage you to register on Grants.gov early. The registration procedures may require five (5) or more days to complete.

2. We strongly recommend that you submit your application 2-3 days prior to the closing date deadline. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on your application and the speed of your Internet connection. The application submission process must be complete prior to the deadline for transmittal of applications.
3. In order to submit your application successfully, you must remember to provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when your organization registered with the SAM (System for Award Management).

After you submit your application electronically, you will receive an automatic notification of receipt from Grants.gov that contains a tracking number. We remind you that the Federal Register notice is the official document and that you should not rely upon any information that is inconsistent with the guidance contained within the official document. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, please refer to this document.

We appreciate your interest in the Fulbright-Hays GPA long-term program. For further information regarding the program, please contact Tanyelle Richardson, Senior Program Officer, at (202) 502-7626 or at tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,



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FY 2016 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Competition Highlights

1. **Grants.gov and Electronic Submission: GPA long-term program applications submitted for FY 2016 must be submitted electronically using Grants.gov.** You are urged to acquaint yourself with the requirements of Grants.gov early as the registration procedures may require five (5) or more days to complete. A more thorough discussion is included later in this application package. Grants.gov is accessible through its portal page at:

<http://www.grants.gov>

It is important to know that the Grants.gov site works differently than the Department's e-Application system, used in past competitions. 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 log on to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application.

We also urge you to consider the following three extremely important administrative factors if you are planning to apply for this program:

- 1.) We strongly encourage you to register in Grants.gov early. The registration procedures may require 5 or more days to complete.
- 2.) We strongly recommend that you submit your application 2-3 days prior to the closing date. The time it takes to upload an application will vary depending on your application and the speed of your Internet connection. The application submission process must be complete prior to the deadline for transmittal of applications.
- 3.) In order to submit successfully, you must remember to provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when your organization registered with the CCR Central Contractor Registry (CCR).

Grants.gov does not allow applicants to "un-submit" applications. Therefore, if you discover that changes or additions are needed once your application has been accepted and validated by the Department, you must "re-submit" the application. You should know that if the Department receives duplicate applications, we will accept and process the application with the latest "date/time received" validation.

After you electronically submit your application, you will receive the first e-mail from Grants.gov acknowledging the date and time at which your application was received. You will receive a second e-mail from Grants.gov that will state that your application has been validated OR that your application was rejected with errors. If your application is

validated, you will receive a third e-mail from the Department of Education with an assigned PR/Award number, which is an ED-specified identifying number that is unique to your application. **This third confirmation by e-mail, with a PR/Award number assigned, is the e-mail that verifies that your application was submitted on time by the closing date. This may take several days.**

For additional information on verifying submission of your application, please refer to the “Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants” section.

2. **Page Limitation:** All applicants are required to adhere to the **50-page limit** for (single applicants) and **60-page** limit for consortia applications in the Project Narrative portion of the application.
3. **Project Abstracts:** Applicants are required to submit a Project Abstract. It is limited to no more than one single-spaced page and should include the name of the applicant institution, name and contact information of the Project Director, the Advanced Overseas Language overseas intensive language and world region focus, the number of proposed project participants, the number of weeks/months proposed and a brief overview of the proposed project. If responding to either or both competitive priorities, please include how they were included in your project. The abstract must be uploaded into the “ED Abstract Narrative Form” in Grants.gov.
4. **Deadline Information:** The application must be received on or before the deadline date and time. Please note that U.S. Department of Education grant application deadlines fall at 4:30:00 p.m. EST. Late applications will not be accepted. We suggest that you submit your application several days before the deadline. The Department is required to enforce the established deadline to ensure fairness to all applicants. No changes or additions to an application will be accepted after the deadline date and time.
5. **Applicant Eligibility:** Please pay special attention to the Additional Eligibility Information in the Supplemental Information section to ensure that your application will be found eligible. An eligibility checklist has been included as well for your use.
6. **Proposed Grant Dates & Project Activities:** Fulbright-Hays GPA Long-term program grants (CFDA 84.021B) for the FY 2016 competition will be 48 months total, divided up by four 12 month performance periods. Proposed start and end dates for the first year budget performance period should be September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017 for the first budget year.
7. **Program Priorities:** Please note the following program priorities for FY 2016:

Absolute Priority:

Specific geographic regions of the world. Group Projects Abroad Long Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language program funded under this priority must focus on one or more of the following geographic regions of the world: Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and

South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Near East.

Under 34 CFR 75.105 (c)(2)(i), depending on how well the application meets these priorities, we award up to an additional two points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority I and up to three points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority II. The maximum amount of competitive preference priority points an application can receive is 5 points.

The competitive priorities for FY 2016 are:

Competitive Preference Priority I: Projects that provide substantive training and thematic focus on any of the seventy-eight (78) priority languages that were selected from the U.S. Department of Education’s list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs).

This list includes the following: Akan (Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic (all dialects), Armenian, Azeri (Azerbaijani), Balochi, Bamanakan (Bamana, Bambara, Mandikan, Mandingo, Maninka, Dyula), Belarusian, Bengali (Bangla), Berber (all languages), Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano (Visayan), Chechen, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Gan), Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese (Min), Chinese (Wu), Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Georgian, Gujarati, Hausa, Hebrew (Modern), Hindi, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer (Cambodian), Kirghiz, Korean, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kurdish (Sorani), Lao, Malay (Bahasa Melayu or Malaysian), Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepali, Oromo, Panjabi, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (all varieties), Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala (Sinhalese), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrigna, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur/Uigur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu. We award up to an **additional 3 points** to an application that meets this priority, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

Competitive Preference Priority 2— Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs).

Applications from Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) (as defined in the Federal Register Notice).

Applications for Fulbright-Hays GPA long-term advanced overseas intensive language training projects from MSIs.

Please note that these priorities are explained in detail in the Federal Register notice contained in this application package. You are urged to fully review this document before preparing your application.

8. Contact Information:

For program related questions and assistance, please contact:

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Telephone: (800) 518-4726
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Grants.gov Contact Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Also refer to “Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants” found in this application booklet.

FY 2016 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Supplemental Information

General Information

The following information supplements the information provided in the “Dear Applicant” letter and the Federal Register notice.

A. Eligible Applicants

- Institutions of higher education;
- State departments of education;
- Private nonprofit educational organizations; and
- Consortia of institutions, departments, and organizations.

B. Eligible Advanced Overseas Language Fulbright-Hays GPA Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Program Project Participants

An individual is eligible to participate in a GPA long-term program advanced overseas intensive language project if s/he is:

- A citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States;
- Has successfully completed two academic years of language training;
- Able to study in the a language indigenous to the host country and maximum use must be made of local institutions and personnel;
- Able to apply his or her language skills and knowledge of countries to a teaching career and;
- Able to apply his or her language skills and knowledge of countries vital to the United States’ national security in fields including government, the professions, or international development.

C. Additional Eligibility Information

Please note that an applicant may be found **ineligible** according to the following criteria. Please check this list carefully prior to application submission.

- Applicant is not an eligible institution or organization or insufficient information is presented to show that the applicant is eligible.
- Application was not submitted by the due date and/or on time.
- Applicant submitted an incomplete application and/or a significant item(s) was missing from the body of the application.
- Applicant requested funding for an amount that exceeded the limitation stated in the Federal Register notice.

- Applicant submitted a proposal for a project to spend less than the minimum timeframe allowed abroad of six weeks
- Application was submitted for study/travel in an ineligible country.
- Applicant's project activities are not suitable for the GPA long-term program (e.g. sending U.S. educators abroad to teach or teaching foreign languages to U.S. students).
- Applicant requested funding for expenses in the U.S.

D. Criteria for Funding

All applications for grants under the GPA long-term program will be evaluated using the selection criteria listed in the program regulations (34 CFR 664).

E. Length of New Award

Applicants may apply for a maximum grant performance period up to 48 months (four years) in duration for foreign language projects.

F. Financial Provisions

The grant does not provide funds for project-related expenses within the United States. Grant funds may be used only for the following:

*For **advanced overseas intensive language training projects**, the GPA long-term grant may pay for costs associated with pre-and post-foreign language assessment in the host country.*

Other allowable cost may include:

- Round-trip international travel;
- A local travel allowance for necessary project-related travel within the host country;
- Purchase of project-related artifacts, books, and other teaching materials in the country of study;
- Rent for instructional facilities in the country of study;
- Clerical and professional services performed by resident instructional personnel in the country of study; and
- Other expenses in the country of study for the project's success and approved in advance by the U.S. Department of Education.

Indirect costs are not allowed under this grant.

Please note that National Resource Center (NRC) institutions may not use NRC funds to offset the domestic costs associated with GPA long-term projects. Please note that the GPA long-term program will NOT provide funds for:

- *U.S.-based salaries and fringe benefits; and*

- *U.S.-based activities such as pre-departure orientations and post-travel follow-up.*

The U.S. Department of Education encourages cost sharing by the participants and their affiliated institutions, school districts, or organizations to cover the expenses within the U.S., and to make up the difference between the grant and the costs of the activities abroad. Please note that if an applicant is awarded a grant, the full amount of cost sharing indicated in the applicant's budget will need to be provided.

G. Evaluation of Applications for Awards

A three- to five-member panel of non-federal evaluators reviews each application. Each reviewer will prepare a written evaluation of the application and assign points for each selection criterion.

H. Performance Measure/Evaluation Guide

This application booklet contains an evaluation guide that is designed to assist applicants in responding to the Impact and Evaluation selection criterion. The booklet also includes a Performance Measurement Form (PMF) for the GPA long-term program that is a new requirement effective with this FY 2016 competition. You must use the PMF to present the project goal statements for the FY 2016-2020 GPA long-term project cycle. **You are required to complete only items 1, 2, and 3 on the PMF when you submit your FY 2016 grant application. If the application is recommended for funding, we will request completed forms.**

H. Selection of Grantees

The Secretary will select an application for funding in rank order, based on the application's total score for the selection criteria and competitive priority points. If there are insufficient funds to fund all applications with the same total score, the Secretary will choose among the tied applications. Please note that once Departmental approval has taken place for recommended applications, approval must also be obtained from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

I. Applicant Funding

The Department is often unable to award the full amount of funds requested. Applicants should pay close attention to the "Maximum Award" section of the Federal Register notice. The Department will not fund any application at an amount exceeding the applicable maximum award level.

J. Notice to Successful Applicants

The Department's Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs will inform the Congress regarding applicants approved for new GPA long-term grants. Successful applicants will receive award notices by mail shortly after Congress is notified. No funding information will be released before Congress is notified. Notification should occur in August 2016.

K. Notice to Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

*Please note that all applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will receive copies of evaluators' scores and comments for reference purposes.

L. Restriction on Non-Participants

Spouses, other family members, and friends who have not been selected to participate in this project according to the selection criteria stated in the approved application are not permitted to join the group at any point during the program.

M. Performance Reports

All GPA long-term grantees must submit project performance reports using the International Resource Information System (IRIS) electronic reporting system. If you wish to view the performance report currently required, visit the IFLE Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsgpa/performance.html>. Please be advised that the report is for informational purposes only and does not reflect the actual reporting instrument that you will use, if you receive a FY 2016 grant award. The performance report will assist IFLE staff in determining whether or not the GPA long-term project is making substantial progress toward meeting the approved project objectives and whether or not a continuation award (if applicable) is in the best interest of the Federal government. Project Directors will be responsible for overall project reports as well as entering project participant information into the system and ensuring that participants complete and submit individual reports.

The IRIS reporting instrument includes sections for grantees to input data that responds to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) to assess overall program performance.

O. Resources for Proposal Development

National Resource Centers (NRCs) are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and serve the general purpose of training specialists in modern foreign languages and area or international studies. Most NRC institutions have outreach coordinators whose general purpose is to disseminate information and assist other institutions and individuals with accessing needed information and resources. Institutions interested in submitting proposals to the GPA long-term program are encouraged to contact NRCs and their

outreach coordinators for assistance in accessing suitable resources for proposal and program development. Additional information can be found at the NRC program website at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsnrc/awards.html>

Language Resource Centers (LRCs) are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and serve the general purpose of serving as resources for improving the nation's capacity for teaching and learning foreign languages through teacher training, research, materials development, and dissemination projects. LRC institutions disseminate information and assist other institutions and individuals with accessing needed information and resources. Additional information can be found at the LRC portal website at: <http://www.nflrc.msu.edu> <http://www.nflrc.org/>

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Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Project Description

Project Features:

- The language to be studied must be indigenous to the country of study and maximum use should be made of local institutions and personnel;
- Language training must be given at the advanced level (equivalent to that provided to students who have successfully completed at least two academic years of language training); and
- The project must be designed to take advantage of advanced foreign language training opportunities present in the country of study that are not available in the United States.

Time Frame & Participant Numbers:

- Project activities may be carried out during a full year, an academic year, a semester, a trimester, a quarter, or a summer in the country of study (6 weeks minimum).
- Contact hours: minimum of 120.
- The grant is for four, 12-month performance periods (four years total).
- At least 10 participants plus Resident Director = 11 minimum for each cohort year

Key Personnel Type & Number:

- Travel and host country expenses for one overall project director (with GPA funds).
- If necessary, the GPA long-term program may support (travel and host country expenses) for a second key person, whose qualifications and responsibilities with the project should be well justified in the proposal.
- If any other Key Personnel are necessary, their expenses must be paid for with cost share funds.

Participant Type: All participants must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents and studying or working full-time. Participant groups must change each year and participants must have successfully completed at least two academic years of training in the language to be studied. Participants should be studying in the fields of humanities, social sciences, foreign languages, and/or area studies. Generally, the group may include:

- Graduate students, or juniors or seniors in higher education institutions, who are prospective teachers in the areas mentioned above; and
- Graduate students, or juniors or seniors in higher education institutions, who plan to apply their language skills and knowledge of countries vital to the United States' national security in fields outside teaching, including government, the professions, or international development.

Allowable Costs: Please refer to the "Financial Provisions" section of Supplemental Information.

**Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Long-Term
Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program
Federal Register Notice Insert Here**

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Authorizing Legislation

Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961

UNITED STATES CODE

TITLE 22: CHAPTER 33

MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Sec. 2451. - Congressional statement of purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations, and the contributions being made toward a peaceful and more fruitful life for people throughout the world; to promote international cooperation for educational and cultural advancement; and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world.

Sec. 2452. - Authorization of activities

(a) Grants or contracts for educational or cultural exchanges; participation in international fairs and expositions abroad

The Director of the United States Information Agency is authorized, when he considers that it would strengthen international cooperative relations, to provide, by grant, contract, or otherwise, for -

(1) Educational exchanges,

(i) by financing studies, research, instruction, and other educational activities -

(A) of or for American citizens and nationals in foreign countries, and

(B) of or for citizens and nationals of foreign countries in American schools and institutions of learning located in or outside the United States;

and

(ii) by financing visits and interchanges between the United States and other countries of students, trainees, teachers, instructors, and professors;

(2) cultural exchanges, by financing -

(i) visits and interchanges between the United States and other countries of leaders, experts in fields of specialized knowledge or skill, and other influential or distinguished persons;

(ii) tours in countries abroad by creative and performing artists and athletes from the United States, individually and in groups, representing any field of the arts, sports, or any other form of cultural attainment;

(iii) United States representation in international artistic, dramatic, musical, sports, and other cultural festivals, competitions, meetings, and like exhibitions and assemblies;

(iv) participation by groups and individuals from other countries in nonprofit activities in the United States similar to those described in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, when the Director of the United States Information Agency determines that such participation is in the national interest.

(3) United States participation in international fairs and expositions abroad, including trade and industrial fairs and other public or private demonstrations of United States economic accomplishments and cultural attainments.

(b) Other exchanges

In furtherance of the purposes of this chapter, the President is further authorized to provide for -

(1) interchanges between the United States and other countries of handicrafts, scientific, technical, and scholarly books, books of literature, periodicals, and Government publications, and the reproduction and translation of such writings, and the preparation, distribution, and interchange of other educational and research materials, including laboratory and technical equipment for education and research;

(2) establishing and operating in the United States and abroad centers for cultural and technical interchanges to promote better relations and understanding between the United States and other nations through cooperative study, training, and research;

(3) assistance in the establishment, expansion, maintenance, and operation of schools and institutions of learning abroad, founded, operated, or sponsored by citizens or nonprofit institutions of the United States, including such schools and institutions serving as demonstration centers for methods and practices employed in the United States;

(4) fostering and supporting American studies in foreign countries through professorships, lectureships, institutes, seminars, and courses in such subjects as American history, government, economics, language and literature, and other subjects

related to American civilization and culture, including financing the attendance at such studies by persons from other countries;

(5) promoting and supporting medical, scientific, cultural, and educational research and development;

(6) promoting modern foreign language training and area studies in United States schools, colleges, and universities by supporting visits and study in foreign countries by teachers and prospective teachers in such schools, colleges, and universities for the purpose of improving their skill in languages and their knowledge of the culture of the people of those countries, and by financing visits by teachers from those countries to the United States for the purpose of participating in foreign language training and area studies in United States schools, colleges, and universities;

(7) United States representation at international nongovernmental educational, scientific, and technical meetings;

(8) participation by groups and individuals from other countries in educational, scientific, and technical meetings held under American auspices in or outside the United States;

(9) encouraging independent research into the problems of educational and cultural exchange;

(10) promoting studies, research, instruction, and other educational activities of citizens and nationals of foreign countries in American schools, colleges, and universities located in the United States by making available to citizens and nationals of less developed friendly foreign countries for exchange for currencies of their respective countries (other than excess foreign currencies), at United States embassies, United States dollars in such amounts as may be necessary to enable such foreign citizens or nationals who are coming temporarily to the United States as students, trainees, teachers, instructors, or professors to meet expenses of the kind described in section 2454(e)(1) of this title;

(11) interchanges and visits between the United States and other countries of scientists, scholars, leaders, and other experts in the fields of environmental science and environmental management; and

(12) promoting respect for and guarantees of religious freedom abroad by interchanges and visits between the United States and other nations of religious leaders, scholars, and religious and legal experts in the field of religious freedom.

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Code of Federal Regulations

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), unless otherwise noted.

Source: 63 FR 46366, Aug. 31, 1998, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 664.1 What is the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program?

(a) The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States by providing opportunities for teachers, students, and faculty to study in foreign countries.

(b) Under the program, the Secretary awards grants to eligible institutions, departments, and organizations to conduct overseas group projects in research, training, and curriculum development.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.2 Who is eligible to apply for assistance under the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program?

The following are eligible to apply for assistance under this part:

- (a) Institutions of higher education;
- (b) State departments of education;
- (c) Private non-profit educational organizations; and
- (d) Consortia of institutions, departments, and organizations described in paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this section.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.3 Who is eligible to participate in projects funded under the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program?

An individual is eligible to participate in a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad, if the individual—(a)(1) Is a citizen or national of the United States; or

(2) Is a permanent resident of the United States; and

(b)(1) Is a faculty member who teaches modern foreign languages or area studies in an institution of higher education;

(2) Is a teacher in an elementary or secondary school;

(3) Is an experienced education administrator responsible for planning, conducting, or supervising programs in modern foreign languages or area studies at the elementary, secondary, or postsecondary level; or

(4) Is a graduate student, or a junior or senior in an institution of higher education, who plans a teaching career in modern foreign languages or area studies.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.4 What regulations apply to the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program?

The following regulations apply to this program:

(a) The regulations in this part 664; and

(b) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86).

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2454(e)(1), 2456(a)(2))

§ 664.5 What definitions apply to the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program?

(a) Definitions in EDGAR. The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR part 77:

Applicant

Application

Award

EDGAR

Equipment

Facilities

Grant

Grantee

Nonprofit

Project

Private

Public

Secretary

State

State educational agency

Supplies

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

(b) *Definitions that apply to this program:* The following definitions apply to the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program:

Area studies means a program of comprehensive study of the aspects of a society or societies, including the study of their geography, history, culture, economy, politics, international relations, and languages.

Binational commission means an educational and cultural commission established, through an agreement between the United States and either a foreign government or an international organization, to carry out functions in connection with the program covered by this part.

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 it awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a two-year program, which 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.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board means the presidentially appointed board that is responsible for supervision of the program covered by this part.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456)

Subpart B—What Kinds of Projects Does the Secretary Assist Under This Program?

§ 664.10 What kinds of projects does the Secretary assist?

The Secretary assists projects designed to develop or improve programs in modern foreign language or area studies at the elementary, secondary, or postsecondary level by supporting overseas projects in research, training, and curriculum development by groups of individuals engaged in a common endeavor. Projects may include, as described in §§664.11 through 664.14, long-term seminars, curriculum development teams, group research or study, and advanced intensive language programs.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.11 What is a long-term seminar project?

A long-term seminar project is—

- (a) Designed to help integrate international studies into an institution's or school system's general curriculum; and
- (b) Normally four to six weeks in length and focuses on a particular aspect of area study, such as, for example, the culture of the area or a portion of the culture.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.12 What is a curriculum development project?

(a) A curriculum development project—

- (1) Is designed to permit faculty and administrators in institutions of higher education and elementary and secondary schools, and administrators in State departments of education the opportunity to spend generally from four to eight weeks in a foreign country acquiring resource materials for curriculum development in modern foreign language and area studies; and
- (2) Must provide for the systematic use and dissemination in the United States of the acquired materials.

(b) For the purpose of this section, resource materials include artifacts, books, documents, educational films, museum reproductions, recordings, and other instructional material.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.13 What is a group research or study project?

(a)(1) A group research or study project is designed to permit a group of faculty of an institution of higher education and graduate and undergraduate students to undertake research or study in a foreign country.

(2) The period of research or study in a foreign country is generally from three to twelve months.

(b) As a prerequisite to participating in a research or training project, participants—

(1) Must possess the requisite language proficiency to conduct the research or study, and disciplinary competence in their area of research; and

(2) In a project of a semester or longer, shall have completed, at a minimum, one semester of intensive language training and one course in area studies relevant to the projects.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

§ 664.14 What is an advanced overseas intensive language training project?

(a)(1) An advanced overseas intensive language project is designed to take advantage of the opportunities present in the foreign country that are not present in the United States when providing intensive advanced foreign language training.

(2) Project activities may be carried out during a full year, an academic year, a semester, a trimester, a quarter, or a summer.

(3) Generally, language training must be given at the advanced level, i.e., at the level equivalent to that provided to students who have successfully completed two academic years of language training.

(4) The language to be studied must be indigenous to the host country and maximum use must be made of local institutions and personnel.

(b) Generally, participants in projects under this program must have successfully completed at least two academic years of training in the language to be studied.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6))

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 664.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application for a Group Project Abroad on the basis of the criteria in §664.31. The Secretary informs applicants of the maximum possible score for each criterion in the application package or in a notice published in the Federal Register.

(b) All selections by the Secretary are subject to review and final approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

(c) The Secretary does not recommend a project to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board if the applicant proposes to carry it out in a country in which the United States does not have diplomatic representation.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456)

[63 FR 46366, Aug. 31, 1998, as amended at 70 FR 13376, Mar. 21, 2005]

§ 664.31 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the criteria in this section to evaluate applications for the purpose of recommending to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board Group Projects Abroad for funding under this part.

(a) *Plan of operation.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) High quality in the design of the project;

(ii) An effective plan of management that insures proper and efficient administration of the project;

(iii) A clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;

(iv) The way the applicant plans to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and

(v) A clear description of how the applicant will ensure that project participants who are otherwise eligible to participate are selected without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.

(b) *Quality of key personnel.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information to determine the quality of key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) The qualifications of the project director;

(ii) The qualifications of each of the other key personnel to be used in the project;

(iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (b)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) The extent to which the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.

(3) To determine the qualifications of a person, the Secretary considers evidence of past experience and training in fields related to the objectives of the project as well as other information that the applicant provides.

(c) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the project has an adequate budget and is cost effective.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) The budget for the project is adequate to support the project activities; and

(ii) Costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.

(d) *Evaluation plan.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the evaluation plan for the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the methods of evaluation are appropriate for the project and, to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

(e) *Adequacy of resources.* (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the applicant plans to devote adequate resources to the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the facilities, equipment, and supplies that the applicant plans to use are adequate.

(f) *Specific program criteria.* (1) In addition to the general selection criteria contained in this section, the Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the project meets the specific program criteria.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

- (i) The potential impact of the project on the development of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in American education.
- (ii) The project's relevance to the applicant's educational goals and its relationship to its program development in modern foreign languages and area studies.
- (iii) The extent to which direct experience abroad is necessary to achieve the project's objectives and the effectiveness with which relevant host country resources will be utilized.
- (g) *Priorities*. The Secretary looks for information that shows the extent to which the project addresses program priorities in the field of modern foreign languages and area studies for that year.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1840–0068)

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456(a)(2))

[63 FR 46366, Aug. 31, 1998, as amended at 70 FR 13376, Mar. 21, 2005]

§ 664.32 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

(a) The Secretary may establish for each funding competition one or more of the following priorities:

(1) Categories of projects described in §664.10.

(2) Specific languages, topics, countries or geographic regions of the world; for example, Chinese and Arabic, Curriculum Development in Multicultural Education and Transitions from Planned Economies to Market Economies, Brazil and Nigeria, Middle East and South Asia.

(3) Levels of education; for example, elementary and secondary, postsecondary, or postgraduate.

(b) The Secretary announces any priorities in the application notice published in the Federal Register.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456(a)(2))

§ 664.33 What costs does the Secretary pay?

(a) The Secretary pays only part of the cost of a project funded under this part. Other than travel costs, the Secretary does not pay any of the costs for project-related expenses within the United States.

(b) The Secretary pays the cost of the following—

(1) A maintenance stipend related to the cost of living in the host country or countries;

(2) Round-trip international travel;

(3) A local travel allowance for necessary project-related transportation within the country of study, exclusive of the purchase of transportation equipment;

(4) Purchase of project-related artifacts, books, and other teaching materials in the country of study;

(5) Rent for instructional facilities in the country of study;

(6) Clerical and professional services performed by resident instructional personnel in the country of study; and

(7) Other expenses in the country of study, if necessary for the project's success and approved in advance by the Secretary.

(c) The Secretary may pay—

(1) Emergency medical expenses not covered by a participant's health and accident insurance; and

(2) The costs of preparing and transporting the remains of a participant who dies during the term of a project to his or her former home.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2454(e)(1))

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?

§ 664.40 Can participation in a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad be terminated?

(a) Participation may be terminated only by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board upon the recommendation of the Secretary.

(b) The Secretary may recommend a termination of participation on the basis of failure by the grantee to ensure that participants adhere to the standards of conduct adopted by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6), 2456, and Policy Statements of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, 1990)

Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

What is GPRA?

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires all federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report their progress to Congress. In so doing, it is expected that the GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve Congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

How has the Department of Education Responded to the GPRA Requirements?

As required by GPRA, the Department of Education has prepared a strategic plan for 2014-2018. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the U.S. The 2014-2018 plan includes the following six goals:

- Goal 1: Increase college access, affordability, quality, and completion by improving postsecondary education and lifelong learning opportunities for youth and adults
- Goal 2: Improve the elementary and secondary system's ability to consistently deliver excellent instruction aligned with rigorous academic standards while providing effective support services to close achievement and opportunity gaps, and ensure all students graduate high school college- and career-ready
- Goal 3: Improve the health, social-emotional, and cognitive outcomes for all children from birth through third grade, so that all children, particularly those with high needs, are on track for graduating from high school college- and career-ready
- Goal 4: Increase educational opportunities for and reduce discrimination against underserved students so that all students are well-positioned to succeed
- Goal 5: Enhance the education system's ability to continuously improve through better and more widespread use of data, research, and evaluation, evidence, transparency, innovation, and technology
- Goal 6: Improve the organizational capacities of the Department to implement its strategic plan

What are the Performance Indicators for the International Education Programs?

The objective of the GPA long-term program is to meet the nation's security and economic needs through the development of a national capacity in foreign languages, and area and international studies. Under the Government Performance and Results Act, the Department will use the following measures to evaluate the success of the program in meeting this objective.

The Department has developed (and OMB has approved) the following GPRA measures to evaluate the overall success of this IFLE grant program:

GPA long-term program GPRA Measure:

- Percentage of GPA participants in the Advanced Language Program who increased their reading, writing, and/or listening/speaking foreign language scores by one proficiency level (Long-Term Projects).

*(GPA long-term program GPRA Measure will be calculated based on information provided in grantee reports.)

Instructions for Completing the Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Application Package

Part I:

Standard Forms

Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)
Standard Budget Sheet (ED 524), Sections A & B
Assurances Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B)
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
Grants.gov Lobbying Form (formerly ED Form 80-0013)
GEPA Section 427 Requirement
Department of Education Supplemental Information Form for SF 424

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

****Also:** Applicants must complete the SF-424 form first because the information you provide here is automatically inserted into other sections of the Grants.gov application package. Please do not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application components to the Standard Form (SF 424). Although the form accepts attachments, the Department of Education will only review materials/files attached to the forms listed below.

Part II:

Project Narrative

- ED Abstract Narrative Form (one attachment; one page limit)
 - Project Narrative Attachment Form (one attachment; 50 page limit single applicant and 60 pages for consortial applications)
 - Other Narrative Attachment Form I (three attachments; no page limit)
 - 84.021B: Pre-departure Schedule of Activities, Overseas Class Schedule
 - with Details, Follow-Up Activities
 - Other Narrative Attachment Form II (five attachment limit; three page limit per attachment) – Curriculum Vitae of Key Personnel
 - Other Narrative Attachment Form III (ten attachment limit; two page limit per attachment) – Letters of Support
 - Other Narrative Attachment Form IV (five attachment limit; no page limit) Examples of Evaluation Materials, Project Timeline Chart, Project-Specific PMF Forms with Proposed Measures and Activities
 - 84.021B: Details Concerning Pre-and Post-Foreign Language Assessment, Examples of Project Evaluation Materials, Project Timeline Chart
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- Budget Narrative Attachment Form (two attachment limit; no page limit)
Detailed Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative Justification (per performance year)

The **ED Abstract Narrative Form** is where applicants will attach their one page single-spaced brief overview of the proposed project. It should include the name of the applicant institution/consortial

partnership, name and contact information for the Project Director, the world area/language which the applicant is apply to, the length of the program and the number of project participants the program will serve, . It should also identify clearly which competitive priorities the application will be addressing.

The **Project Narrative Attachment Form** will include the narrative sections addressing the program selection criteria that will be used to evaluate applications submitted for this competition. Please include a Table of Contents as the first page of the project narrative. You must limit the project narrative to no more than 50 pages for single applicants and 60 pages for consortial applications. The Table of Contents will not be counted in the maximum page limit. The Project Narrative should be numbered consecutively.

The **Other Narrative Attachment Forms** are where applicants attach proposal appendices. Each applicant should provide in this section the appendices described above under Project Narrative.

The **Budget Narrative Attachment Form** is where you would attach a detailed line item budget and any supplemental budget information.

NOTE: Please do not attach any narratives, supporting files, or application components to the SF 424. The Department of Education will only review materials/files attached to the attachment forms listed above. All attachments must be in .pdf format. Other types of files will not be accepted.

Instructions for Project Narrative

Applicants will attach the project narrative to the Project Narrative Attachment Form.

Formatting

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

Please note that the Project Narrative Attachment Form is limited to **50 pages for single applicants and 60 pages for consortial applications**. This section will include the discussion of the selection criteria. The required forms, abstract, table of contents, requested appendices, assurances, certifications, and survey forms will not count against your 50-60-page limit respectfully.

Before preparing the Project Narrative, applicants should review the Dear Applicant Letter, the Federal Register notice, program statute, and program regulations for specific guidance and requirements. Please note that applications will be evaluated according to the specific selection criteria specified in the Federal Register notice and this package.

The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the broad criteria in 34 CFR 664 of the GPA program regulations as identified in this application (see “Authorizing Legislation and Regulations”). The Project 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 Federal Register notice. For ease of reading by the reviewers, applicants should follow the sequence of the criteria as provided below.

NOTE: *Please note that if an applicant institution has previously received a GPA long-term award, they should discuss how the successes and challenges of previous GPA long-term grants will contribute to quality GPA long-term projects in the future. They should also address how additional GPA long-term grants will build upon previous GPA long-term projects and/or focus on increased language capacity, new curricula, themes, fields, and communities in order to provide pertinent information to panel reviewers.*

Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advance Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Selection Criteria

Applicants **MUST** address each of the following GPA long-term program selection criteria:

1. Plan of Operation(20 points)
2. Quality of Key Personnel.....(10 points)
3. Budget and Cost Effectiveness(10 points)
4. Evaluation Plan(20 points)
5. Adequacy of Resources(10 points)
6. Potential Impact(15 points)
7. Relevance to Institution’s Educational Goals.....(5 points)
8. Need for Overseas Experience(10 points)
9. Competitive Preference Priority I.....(2 points)
10. Competitive Preference Priority II.....(3 points)

Total Maximum Score for Selection Criteria.....(105 points)

In addition to the guidance listed in the Federal Register notice and program regulations, the following guidance may assist applicants in addressing each of the selection criteria:

1. Plan of Operation (20 points)

- Describe how the objectives of the project are related to the purposes of the GPA long-term program and how those objectives will be accomplished.
- In the project design, which generally consists of three phases (pre-departure phase, overseas phase, and post travel follow-up phase), describe how each of the phases will be carried out and supported.
- How will the management plan effectively link all project phases and efficiently operate among all project parties?
- Explain the ways resources and personnel will be used to achieve the objectives of the project. Include details of which key personnel will be responsible for vital project components/activities, and describe how, when, why, and where project activities will take place.
- Provide a clear description of how the project will provide equal access and treatment for eligible project participants without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.

- In the appendices section (Other Narrative Attachment), upload detailed daily proposed itineraries/language and culture class schedules for all phases of the project, including the pre-departure orientation schedule, overseas travel and study itinerary, and curriculum and other post-travel follow-up activities. Be sure to demonstrate the academic nature and focus of the project in these materials. Details should be included such as the number of hours of language study and at what levels, number and types of cultural and other activities such as field trips, tutoring, etc.

2. Quality of Key Personnel (10 points)

- Describe the U.S. project director's qualifications including educational background, professional training and experience in the host country, administrative experience, language and subject area expertise, and other related qualifications. Also indicate the responsibilities and time commitment of the project director.
- Describe any other U.S. key personnel's qualifications using the guidance above which are pertinent to the project's objectives and management. Indicate each individual's title, responsibilities, and time commitment to the project.
- Describe the host country personnel's qualifications in relation to the project. Administrative staff, language teachers and assessors, evaluators, etc., whenever applicable, should be included. Be sure to indicate titles, project responsibilities, and time commitments.
- In the appendices section (Other Narrative Attachment), upload abbreviated curriculum vitas (no more than three (3) pages each) of key personnel. These should present relevant areas of expertise for the proposed project.

3. Budget and Cost Effectiveness (10 points)

- Demonstrate and justify that all costs presented in the line item budget are adequate, allowable, and reasonable in today's market, and necessary to accomplish your project objectives.
- Discuss the project's cost effectiveness.
- Show the relationship between the project costs and project objectives.
- In the Budget Narrative Attachment, upload a detailed itemized line item budget and accompanying budget narrative that clearly outlines how costs have been calculated and how they are necessary in order to achieve project objectives. Please note that if sufficient detail is not provided, we may not be able to

determine if the costs of the activities are necessary and reasonable and may disallow such costs.

4. Evaluation Plan (20 points)

- For foreign language projects, identify the project’s language assessor(s), his/her qualifications and how pre and post student language evaluations will be conducted according to program requirements. Please find the required assessment form at the following link: http://iris.ed.gov/iris/pdfs/GPA_instructor.pdf. If additional instruments are to be used, please describe them and their relevance to project objectives.

Note: Please carefully review the section on “Guidance on Developing an Evaluation Plan” in this application package for detailed instructions on how to address this criterion.

5. Adequacy of Resources (10 points)

- What resources will the applicant use to accomplish project objectives, both in the U.S. and abroad?
- Indicate specifics regarding the facilities, supplies, and other resources (including those provided by host country partners) to show that they are adequate to carry out the activities in all phases of the project.
- In the appendices section (Other Narrative Attachment), upload letters of support from both U.S. and host country institutions and individuals.

6. Potential Impact of the Project on the Development of the Study of Modern Foreign Languages and Area Studies in American Education (15 points)

- What would be the potential impact of the project on the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in U.S. education?
- Describe the possible long-term benefits to project participants, their students (if relevant), colleagues, and communities resulting from successful completion of the grant. What specific multiplier effects will the project have?
- Indicate the process by which resulting curricula/projects/research will be evaluated for accuracy and effectiveness.

7. Relevance to the Institution’s Educational Goals and Its Relationship to Its Program Development in Modern Foreign Languages and Area Studies (5 points)

- Explain how the proposed project will address institutional development goals.
- Describe the relationship between the project and the institution’s program development in modern foreign languages and area studies.

- Outline what changes take will place due to a GPA project.

8. **The Extent to which Direct Experience Abroad is Necessary to Achieve Project Objectives and the Effectiveness with which Relevant Host Country Resources Will Be Utilized** (10 points)

- Explain why first-hand cultural and language study overseas is necessary in order to achieve the project's objectives.
- Outline how the needs for overseas culture and language study were identified and how these needs are addressed by the project. Be specific about the unique need(s) that this proposed project will be addressing.
- Describe the benefits to be gained through the project by meeting those needs.

Explain how effectively the host country's resources will be utilized toward this effort.

9. **Competitive Preference Priority I: Strategic World Areas** (0 or 2 points)

Projects that provide substantive training and thematic focus on any of the seventy-eight (78) priority languages that were selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs). Applicants should list the specific country/countries their project will focus on in the project abstract. Please refer to the Federal Register notice for the complete list of applicable languages. We award up to an additional two points to an application that meets this priority, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

Competitive Preference Priority II: Minority-Serving Institutions (up to 3 points) (MSIs). *Applications from Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) (as defined in the Federal Register notice).*

Applications for Fulbright-Hays GPA long-term advanced overseas intensive language training projects from MSIs. We award up to an additional three points to an application that meets this priority. Please note in the abstract if you qualify as an MSI.

Guidance on Developing an Evaluation Plan

Overview of GPRA Measures, Program Evaluation, and Project Evaluation

The U.S. Congress passed the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 to assess and improve federally funded programs. GPRA requires that federal agencies document the achievements of grant-funded programs. Specifically, GPRA requires federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Education, to develop and report quantifiable annual and long-term measures to Congress. GPRA stipulates that these measures be limited in number, be specific, and have baselines and targets that are ambitious, yet achievable. Performance reporting occurs *at the program level*, meaning that the U.S. Department of Education (ED) aggregates data from all IFLE grantees and reports on measures of the IFLE program overall. ED's challenge is to articulate program-level measures that are relevant to several grant programs and that capture the achievements of many disparate grantees. ED's Budget Service and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve IFLE's GPRA measures to make sure that the measures reflect the programs' overall goals. Therefore, once approved, GPRA measures remain relatively constant over time.

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA)

GPRA and GPRAMA are intended to improve accountability for the expenditure of public funds, enhance congressional decision-making by providing Congress with objective information on the effectiveness of federal programs, and promoting federal programs' results, delivery of services, and customers' satisfaction. Accordingly, GPRA and the GPRAMA mandate that federal agencies, including ED, submit three major products to Congress: multi-year strategic plans, annual plans, and annual reports. To comply with GPRA and GPRAMA, ED must state clearly in these products what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and report on its progress annually to Congress.

How has the Department of Education Responded to the GPRA Requirements?

As required by GPRA, ED has developed a strategic plan that reflects its organizational priorities and also integrates IFLE's mission and program authorities. ED's stated goal for IFLE is "to meet the nation's security and economic needs through the development and maintenance of a national capacity in foreign languages, and area and international studies."

The Title VI international education programs' overarching goals are to maintain a U.S. higher education system with the capacity to produce experts in less commonly taught languages and area studies who are capable of contributing to the needs of U.S. government, academic, and business institutions. The Fulbright-Hays programs provide opportunities for U.S. educators and postsecondary students to advance their studies of foreign languages, to create and improve curriculum, or to conduct learning and research activities in host country settings. Each IFLE grant program addresses a specific objective related to the overarching goal. The next section of

this document provides program-specific guidance to applicants on selecting appropriate performance and evaluation measures.

IFLE GRANT PROJECT EVALUATION

A strong project proposal by an applicant for an IFLE grant includes a well-designed evaluation plan that is based on clearly stated goals and objectives. The evaluation plan must address all IFLE GPRA measures, as well as include project-specific measures that are tied to the project's goals and objectives. The evaluation plan also must identify how each of the specific objectives will be achieved, and establish the quantitative and qualitative measures that will be used to demonstrate the successful implementation of the proposed project. The Performance-Measure Form (PMF) serves as a guide for applicants to plan and articulate key aspects of a well-designed evaluation plan.

IFLE offers applicant institutions the following suggestions to consider in developing the Impact and Evaluation section of the grant application.

DEVELOPING AN EVALUATION PLAN

Working with an Independent Project Evaluator

Please note that an independent project evaluator may not be required for every IFLE grant program. Applicants and grantees should consult with their IFLE program officer and refer to program-specific materials for guidance.

The independent project evaluator should be involved in the project throughout the entire grant cycle from the proposal development phase through the project's funding and implementation to ensure that a well-designed evaluation plan is developed and implemented. The independent project evaluator works with key project personnel to draft measurable objectives, identify appropriate progress indicators and benchmarks, and to formalize the data collection, calculation, and analytical methodologies. The primary role of the independent project evaluator is to provide technical support and expertise to the project in order to best demonstrate its progress toward achieving stated goals and objectives. The independent project evaluator may also provide support and guidance for the development of a dissemination plan to publicize the project results to internal and external entities.

A grant applicant may wish to collaborate with other projects on a given campus to pool resources and share the cost of a professional evaluator. The guidance provided in this document is intended to help maximize evaluation resources by streamlining an evaluation process and by supporting collaboration between key project personnel and an independent evaluator. Very small projects may have very limited funds available to compensate an evaluator. In such cases, limited resources are best expended on working with an evaluator at the project's start, as opposed to its later stages.

To ensure both the quality and the credibility of the evaluation, it should be conducted by a qualified evaluator with appropriate expertise and training. The evaluator should be independent,

whether the evaluator is internal or external to the grant project. The applicant should provide a plan to ensure that the evaluator maintains sufficient independence from the project team, thus avoiding any potential or perceived conflict of interest.

Developing Clear Goals and Objectives

A well-designed evaluation plan includes clearly articulated goals, measurable objectives, and a way to collect concrete data to substantiate the project's progress toward achieving its goals. The evaluation plan should be limited to a few clear and specific objectives that are linked directly to the proposed goals of the project and that can be measured. The applicant/grantee should consider the following when developing measurable objectives and planning for data collection:

1. What will indicate or demonstrate that the project is meeting its goals? Describe the expected measurable outcomes.
2. What types and sources of data will best demonstrate that the project is achieving, or will achieve, its objectives? Identify the data and its sources that can serve as indicators or benchmarks that the project is meeting, or will meet, the intended outcomes.
3. How will the data be collected? Describe access and frequency.
4. How will the data be analyzed and reported? Describe the methodology and key personnel responsible.
5. Will the results demonstrate the project's proposed outcome and impact (e.g., an increase in qualified language instructors, higher graduation rate in international studies, better employment rate of program graduates, etc.)? Describe how the results may demonstrate long-term and long-term outcomes and impact.

Examples of possible project-specific quantitative objectives include:

- Increase the number of students completing advanced courses in priority languages;
- Increase the number of students in business, health, or science majors graduating with foreign language skills;
- Increase the number of study abroad opportunities for students on campus; or,
- Increase the number of certificates and degrees conferred in targeted programs of study.

Examples of possible project-specific qualitative objectives include:

- Improve employment opportunities for students who possess advanced language skills and international experience;
- Strengthen collaboration between foreign language departments, international education, and other disciplines; or,
- Improve quality of assessment tools for priority and/or less-commonly-taught languages.

Examples of specific activities that may support project objectives include:

- Recruit and hire qualified priority language faculty; or,
- Create or increase professional development and training sessions for faculty.

Progress indicators that relate to the quantitative and qualitative examples cited in the above sections include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Increase in the number of new faculty positions in priority and/or less-commonly-taught languages, area studies courses, or interdisciplinary courses that are institutionalized after grant support has ended;
- Increase in the number and type of courses developed, piloted, and subsequently submitted to the institution's review board for inclusion in the college catalog for the upcoming academic year.

Developing Evaluation Questions

An applicant should formulate evaluation questions that interest all stakeholders and audiences related to the proposed project, and align the questions with appropriate information gathering techniques.

1. Who/what will change?
2. When will the change(s) take place?
3. How much change is expected?
4. How will change be measured, recorded, or documented?

Planning Data Collection and Analysis

In order to show change, baseline data must be included in the final evaluation plan, submitted to the program office, once the grant is awarded. Applicants should determine if baseline data already exist and where to find them. Data collection instruments that are not readily available need to be developed..... Data collection instruments may include surveys, standardized tests, exams, focus groups, and topic guides. Institutions may have additional instruments that are specific to the proposed project. The final evaluation plan must specify the types and sources of data that will be collected and describe how the data will be collected, including access and frequency. The plan must also describe how the data will be compiled, analyzed, and reported, as well as the methodology that will be used and key personnel responsible for these tasks. The institutions should work with evaluation specialists to develop a detailed analysis plan to analyze the data and interpret results. In addition, the evaluation plan should include a timeline to

delineate tasks and specify when and how progress benchmarks or indicators will be met. The timeline will help projects to stay on track toward achieving their goals.

Special Guidance to GPA Long-Term Program Applicants

The Fulbright-Hays international education programs' overarching goal is to maintain a U.S. higher education system with the capacity to produce experts in less commonly taught languages and area studies who are capable of contributing to the needs of U.S. government, academic, and business institutions. Each IFLE grant program addresses a specific objective related to this overarching goal. The objective of the GPA Long-term program is to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States by providing opportunities for teachers, students, and faculty to study abroad.

The Department has developed (and OMB has approved) the following GPRA measures to evaluate the overall success of this IFLE grant program:

- GPA GPRA Measure 1: Percentage of GPA long-term program participants who increased their reading, writing, and/or listening/speaking foreign language scores by one proficiency level.
- GPA GPRA Measure 2: Efficiency Measure – Cost per GPA long-term program participant who increased his/her foreign language score in reading, writing, and/or listening/speaking, by at least one proficiency level.

Instructions for Completing the Project-Specific PMF

The Performance Measure Form (PMF)

The Performance Measure Form (PMF) includes the Project Goals, Performance Measures, Activities, Data Indicators, Frequency, Data Sources, Baselines and Targets that you have selected as necessary to demonstrate your project's performance. Information entered into each section of the PMF will make it possible to assess the project's progress toward, and ultimate achievement of, its goals in a clear, relevant and quantifiable manner.

Project Goal (Min. 3, Max. 5)

A Project Goal is a broad, overall statement of what the project is aiming to achieve/accomplish. The Project Goals you enter into IRIS must be selected from the Project Goals that you submitted in the grant application approved for funding. The Project Goals selected for the PMF do *not* have to cover every project goal in the approved application, but the three to five selected goals must align with the overall scope of the approved project. The Project Goals that you select should be reasonable and realistic representations of what you anticipate achieving by the end of the grant cycle; they should allow you and others to make a determination of your grant project's substantial progress.

Performance Measures (Min. 1, Max. 3)

The Performance Measure(s) is the metric against which you will measure whether the project is meeting its overall Project Goal. It should be specific and time-bound, with well-defined units of measure (number of students, number of courses, percentage increase, etc.). It should reflect the Project Goal, so that meeting the Performance Measure(s) would result in the achievement of the Project Goal, as in the sample PMFs. Performance Measures may address direct products and services delivered by a program (outputs), and/or the results of those products and services (outcomes). Performance Measures include not only "what" will be achieved, but "by how much".

Activities (Min. 1, Max. 3)

Activities are actions that the grantee will carry out in order to meet the Performance Measure and achieve the Project Goal. Each Performance Measure will have at least one, and up to three, Activities. You may wish to include more than one Activity, if more than one Activity is necessary to meet a Performance Measure. In addition, if meeting the

In addition, please provide a brief Activity Description to illustrate how the Activity will directly contribute to achievement of the Performance Measure. Examples of Activity Descriptions for a language program include:

- ✓ Recruit and hire qualified priority-language faculty;
- ✓ Support OPI training for more instructors;
- ✓ Send more instructors to professional conferences such as ACTFL;

- ✓ Provide access to innovative instructional pedagogy such as Content and Language Integrated Learning.

Successful GPA long-term applicants (later grantees) will be required to collect data on GPA long-term program GPRA Measure 2, and report those data to US/ED in their final performance reports.

**Group Projects Abroad Long-Term
Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program
Specific Performance Measure Form (PMF)**

Note to Applicants: All applicants are required to create a PMF for each Project Goal selected. The Project Goals selected for the PMF do *not* have to cover every project goal in the application, however; the three to five selected goals must align with the overall scope of the approved project. The Project Goals that you select should be reasonable and realistic representations of what you anticipate achieving by the end of the grant cycle; they should allow you and others to make a determination of your grant project’s substantial progress.

Figure 1: Sample of an for Project-Specific Measures for GPA Long-Term Applicants

Project Goal: (Required)									
Performance Measures (Required)	Activities (Required)	Data Indicators	Frequency	Data Source	Baseline and Targets				
					BL	T1	T2	T3	T4

Figure 2: Sample of an completed PMF for Project-Specific Measures for GPA Long-Term Applicants

Project Goal: Improve foreign language proficiency of U.S. educators.									
Performance Measures	Activities	Data Indicators	Frequency	Data Source	Baseline and Targets				
					BL	T1	T2	T3	T4
1. Increase language proficiency to advanced level for at least 60% of participants by the end of the performance period.	1a. Engage participants in advanced language coursework.	1ai. Number of participants completing advanced language coursework.	Annual	Project Director	0	12		12	12
	1b. Conduct pre-tests, mid-term tests and final assessments for all participants	1bi. Number of assessments conducted for each participant	Annual	Project Director	0	3		3	3
	1c. Review instructor-led language evaluations in IRIS.	1ci. Number of participants demonstrating increased language proficiency at the advanced level in IRIS language evaluations.	Annual	Participants' language evaluations in IRIS	0	4		5	6

Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program Evaluation Selection Criteria Guidance

This section describes the selection criteria that reviewers will use to score the “Evaluation Plan.” The following questions in bold are quoted from the “Instructions for Project Narrative” on the GPA long-term application. Each question is followed by guidance to help the applicant provide information that will enable reviewers to award the appropriate level of points for the applicant’s planned impact and evaluation efforts. Should the applicant become a grantee, it will be required to provide actual baseline numbers, including trend data. The applicant should explain what mechanisms, if any, it will put into place to collect desired data and to track progress toward the proposed project’s goals and objectives.

- (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the evaluation plan for the project.
- (2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the methods of evaluation are appropriate for the project and, to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

Provide an evaluation plan that will adequately and effectively measure the project’s activities and impact, including curricular/project/research/language competency outcomes.

The applicant should review the section entitled “Guidance on Developing an Evaluation Plan” earlier in this document. This guidance document simplifies and demonstrates the key elements of a comprehensive and objective evaluation plan. Applicants must clearly express: Who/what will change? When will the change(s) take place? How much change is expected? What are the proposed data collection methodologies? Are the credentials, qualifications, and impartial statuses of those who will carry out the evaluation plan sufficient to ensure that the results will be valid and reliable?

Indicate how evaluation results will be used to shape the development of the project.

The participants’ journal entries mentioned in the response to the last question are intended to serve as the basis of constructive feedback for the GPA program managers. Applicants can also tabulate helpful tips from past fellows concerning the activities and ways of relating to the host country sponsors that either helped or hindered participants’ learning experiences.

ED seeks information from the applicant on whether and how it has used project evaluation results and findings to inform its strategic and operational decision-making. The applicant should provide examples of the types of evaluations and studies that it has carried out in similar grant projects, and of the results of those evaluations and studies. The applicant should also describe how these findings inform and improve the project proposed in the current application. ED looks favorably upon applicants that provide evidence-based results from past grant projects or similar

efforts that indicate long-term outcomes that advance the Program's goals, and that propose to scale up and institutionalize these results.

Link the evaluation plan to the project objectives and goals.

The applicant should design the evaluation plan in light of a clear and well-defined set of goals and objectives. For instance, if the project's success will be determined based on increases in participants' knowledge of language and culture, the evaluation plan should include a pre-/post-test of participants' language proficiency and perhaps a qualitative report on gains in their cultural awareness.

If the project's desired outcome is the development of a new and improved curriculum, the evaluation plan should contain assess how participants turned experiences in the host country into classroom learning experiences, and whether the development of the new curriculum followed established best practice guidelines. The success of a new curriculum also may be assessed from the students' perspective, evaluating their sense of engagement in a classroom setting and improvements in their language abilities and cultural understanding.

Describe the evaluation tools; present a proposed timetable for conducting evaluations.

The applicant's evaluation tools should correspond to the needs of the evaluation plan. For instance, in the case of an objective to increase language proficiency of instructors, the evaluation tools may consist of standard language proficiency assessments. The evaluation timing also will depend upon which goals and objectives are to be assessed. In the case of a new curriculum, the assessment cannot take place until the new curriculum is implemented in a classroom setting. The applicant may choose to seek feedback from a third-party professional advisor on the evaluation tools and timetable.

Instructions for Budget Summary Form and Itemized Line Item Budget

NOTE: Applicants to the GPA long-term program must submit two documents: (1) a budget summary form to categorize requested funds (ED Form 524), **AND** (2) a detailed line item budget with budget narrative justification.

The budget summary is to be included on the “Department of Education Budget Summary Form – (ED Form 524).” The applicant must complete both Sections A & B.

Both the detailed line item budget AND the accompanying budget narrative justification should be included in the “Budget Narrative Attachment Form,” which requests information on the applicant’s financial plan for carrying out the project.

It is suggested that applicants organize their budgets using either three columns or categories to indicate funding streams as follows: 1) federal funds (GPA long-term program) requested; 2) applicant and other institutional cost share funds to be provided; and 3) project participant and other cost share funds to be provided. (Please note that matching is not required for the GPA long-term program, but is highly encouraged. If matching is put forth in an applicant’s budget, and a grant is awarded, it will be expected that the grantee will provide these matching funds.) Applicants should describe how all costs support project activities.

The budget should only include costs that are allowable, reasonable and necessary for carrying out the objectives of the GPA long-term program. Please note that federal funds under the GPA long-term program are provided **only** for project-related expenses within the host country(ies) and **may not be used for project-related expenses within the United States**. Please consult the listing of allowable grant expenses located under Financial Provisions in the Supplemental Information section.

For the Fiscal Year 2016 competition, applicants may receive funding for up to 48 months for long-term projects.

For each line item, provide detailed costs (in dollars) and narrative justification to support your request. Please check all figures and combined totals and compare the line item budget figures to those used on the ED Form 524 for both Sections A & B. Also, please note that if sufficient detail is not provided, we may not be able to determine if the costs of the activities are necessary and reasonable and may disallow such costs.

Please note the following GPA long-term program policy guidelines:

1. **Personnel:** GPA long-term program policies allow for grant funds to be used (**Allowable Expenses see Financial Provisions section**) for only one administrative person (normally the Project Director). If additional U.S.-based administrative key personnel, such as an overseas intensive language curriculum specialist, are necessary to achieve project objectives, they must be well justified in order for their travel to be paid for with GPA long-term program funds OR their expenses may be paid for using other sources of funding.

Please note that the GPA long-term program **will not** provide funding for U.S.-based salaries and fringe benefits. Under this section, the applicant may regard these expenses as part of the applicant matching contribution. If personnel costs are included here as cost share, details such as the following should be provided: position titles, specific time commitment to project for each staff person in days/months, and other relevant information.

2. Fringe Benefits: Please see comments from the Personnel section above.
3. Travel: The applicant may request funds to cover project-related international and internal host country travel. Details should be included to explain the mode of transportation for which funding is requested.

Indicate the number of persons traveling, whether they are participants or administrative personnel, where the group is traveling to with specific dates and locations, and a breakdown of the travel costs. Transportation costs should not exceed economy class fares. All travel must be related to the project objectives and proposed activities.

A maintenance stipend (per diem) for each group member may be requested for the overseas phase of the project. This should be based on fifty percent of the amount established in the U.S. Department of State publication, “Maximum Travel Per Diem Allowances For Foreign Areas;” http://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp Budgets should include details such as the number of days to be spent in each city/region.

4. Equipment: Not applicable. Leave blank.
5. Supplies: Applicants may request GPA long-term program funds to cover the purchase of project-related books, artifacts, and other teaching materials in the host country. GPA long-term program funds cannot be used to purchase materials in the U.S. An itemized list of supplies and the proposed costs for each should be provided.
6. Contractual: Not applicable. Leave blank.
7. Construction: Not applicable. Leave blank.
8. Other: Consultant costs may be included in this section such as payments to host country instructional and administrative personnel (lecturers, host country administrators or organizers, clerical and professional services provided by resident host country personnel, evaluators and language instructors.) GPA long-term program funds cannot be used to pay for U.S.-based consultants. Other miscellaneous costs may be requested in this section. Examples may include rent for instructional facilities in the host country, communication costs, including cell phone expenses in the host country, equipment rental, admission fees for site visits, utilities, printing costs or other expenses considered vital to the project’s success and based in the host country. A clear breakdown should be provided for how all costs were calculated and it should be clear that these costs are based in the host country, not in the U.S. DO NOT use grant funds for refreshments/banquets/welcome and closing meals, etc. Use in-kind or matching funds for these costs.

9. Total Direct Costs: Provide the total direct costs requested.
10. Indirect Costs: Indirect costs are **not allowable** under the GPA long-term program.
11. Training Stipends: Not applicable. Leave blank.
12. Total Costs: Provide the total amount that you are requesting from the GPA long-term program. Note: This amount should also be the same as that shown as 18a on the application face sheet (SF 424) and on SF 524, Section A, Line 12.

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Long-Term Advanced Overseas Intensive Language Training Program FY 2016 Application Checklist

An applicant may be found ineligible according to the following criteria. Please check this list carefully prior to application submission.

An application may be found ineligible under the following circumstances:

Applicant is not an eligible institution or organization or not enough information is presented to show that the applicant is eligible.

Applicant submitted an incomplete application and/or a significant item(s) was missing from the body of the application.

Applicant requested funding for an amount that exceeded the limitation stated in the Federal Register notice.

Applicant submitted a proposal for a project to spend less than the minimum timeframe allowed abroad: four weeks for a long-term project; six weeks and 120 contact hours for a long-term project.

Application was submitted for study/travel in an ineligible country.

Applicant's project activities are not suitable for the GPA program (e.g. sending U.S. educators abroad to teach or teaching foreign languages to U.S. students).

Applicant requested funding for expenses in the U.S. 6

Use This Checklist While Preparing Your Application. All items are required.

Part I: Standard Forms

Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424)

Standard Budget Sheet (ED 524), Sections A & B

SF 424B – Assurances Non-Construction Programs

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Grants.gov Lobbying Form

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Department of Education Supplemental Information Form for SF 424

Part II: Project Narrative

ED Abstract Narrative Form (one attachment; one page limit)

Project Narrative Attachment Form (one attachment; **50 page limit – single applicant; 60 page limit for consortial applications**)

Other Narrative Attachment Form I (three attachments; no page limit)

84.021B: Pre-departure Schedule of Activities, Overseas Class Schedule with Details, Follow-Up Activities

Other Narrative Attachment Form II (five attachments; three page limit per attachment) – CVs of Key Personnel

Other Narrative Attachment Form III (ten attachment limit; two page limit per attachment) – Letters of Support

Other Narrative Attachment Form IV (five attachment limit; no page limit)

Project-Specific PMF Forms with Proposed Measures and Activities

84.021B: Details Concerning Pre- and Post- Foreign Language Assessment, Examples of Project Evaluation Materials, Project Timeline Chart

Budget Narrative Attachment Form (two attachment limit; no page limit) – Detailed Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative Justification

NOTE: The “ED Abstract Narrative Form” is where the applicant will attach the program abstract. The “Project Narrative Attachment Form” should 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 50 pages for single applicants and 60 for consortial applicants. (not including the table of contents). In the “Other Narrative Attachment Form”, each applicant should include the items listed above and other supporting documents, if necessary. The “Budget Narrative Attachment Form” is where the applicant will attach a detailed line item budget and any supplemental budget information.

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. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 100 hours per response, including time for reviewing instruction, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is required to obtain or retain benefits (22U.S.C. 2452 (b)(6)). Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) during the public comment period for this collection of information. If you have specific questions about the form, instrument or survey, please contact OPE/IFLE, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave, SW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20202.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ FIRST

U.S. Department of Education

Grants.gov Submission Procedures and Tips for Applicants

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 – Adobe Forms and PDF Files Required

Applications submitted to Grants.gov for the Department of Education will be posted using Adobe forms. Therefore, applicants will need to download the latest version of Adobe reader (at least Adobe Reader 10.1.14). (Please note that in early 2013, Grants.gov discovered an issue with the newest version of Adobe Reader XI but it was subsequently resolved.) Information on computer and operating system compatibility with Adobe and links to download the latest version is available on Grants.gov at this link: [compatibility table](#). We strongly recommend that you review these details on www.Grants.gov before completing and submitting your application. In addition, applicants should submit their application a day or two in advance of the closing date as detailed below. Also, applicants are required to upload their attachments in .pdf format only. (See details below under “Attaching Files – Additional Tips.”) 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.

Also, applicants should be aware that on October 11, 2010, Grants.gov implemented a new security build which requires each organization’s e-Biz POC (Point of Contact) update their Grants.gov registration. To complete this step, the e-Biz POC must have their DUNS number and CCR MPIN. We recommend this step be completed several days before application submission unless the e-Biz POC has already responded to this requirement. For more information on this topic, please visit this Grants.gov information link: <http://www.grants.gov/securitycommebiz/>.

- 1) **REGISTER EARLY** – Grants.gov registration involved many steps including registration on SAM (www.sam.gov) which may take approximately one week to complete, but may take upwards of several weeks to complete, depending upon the completeness and accuracy of the data entered into the SAM database by an applicant. 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. Please note that once your SAM registration is active, it will take 24-48 hours for the information to be available in Grants.gov, and before you can submit an application through Grants.gov. For detailed information on the Registration Steps, please go to: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grantss/register.html>. [Note: Your organization will need to update its SAM registration annually (formerly Central Contractor Registry (CCR).)]

Primary information about SAM is available at www.sam.gov. However, to further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account the Department of Education has prepared a SAM.gov Tip Sheet which you can find at: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html>

- 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 to Grants.gov before 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time on the deadline date.

Note: To submit successfully, you must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov. This

DUNS number is typically the same number used when your organization registered with the SAM (formerly CCR -Central Contractor Registry). If you do not enter the same DUNS number on your application as the DUNS you registered with, Grants.gov will reject your application.

- 3) **VERIFY SUBMISSION IS OK** – You will want to verify that Grants.gov received your application submission on time 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 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time, on the deadline date, AND the application status should be: Validated, Received by Agency, or Agency Tracking Number Assigned. Once the Department of Education receives your application from Grants.gov, an Agency Tracking Number (PR/award number) will be assigned to your application and will be available for viewing on Grants.gov’s Track My Application link.

If the date/time received is later than 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the deadline 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/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html>. For more detailed information on troubleshooting Adobe errors, you can review the Adobe Reader Error Messages document at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/technical-support/troubleshooting/encountering-error-messages.html>. 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 <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/about/contact-us.html>, or access the Grants.gov Self-Service web portal at: <https://grants-portal.psc.gov/Welcome.aspx?pt=Grants>

If electronic submission is optional 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 midnight on the deadline date.

If electronic submission is required, you must submit an electronic application before 4:30:00 p.m., unless you follow the procedures in the Federal Register notice and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and 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 login to Grants.gov to upload and submit the application. **You must provide the DUNS number on your application that was used when you registered as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) on Grants.gov.**

Please go to <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/about/contact-us.html> 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/web/grants/support/general-support/faqs.html>

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

For MAC compatibility information, review the Operating System Platform Compatibility Table at the following Grants.gov link: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/technical-support/recommended-software.html>. **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

Please note the following tips related to attaching files to your application, especially the requirement that applicants **only include read-only, non-modifiable .PDF files** in their application:

1. Ensure that you attach **.PDF files only** for any attachments to your application, and they must be in a **read-only, non-modifiable format**. PDF files are the only Education approved file type accepted as detailed in the Federal Register application notice. Applicants must submit individual .PDF files only when attaching files to their application. Specifically, the Department will not accept any attachments that contain files within a file, such as PDF Portfolio files, or an interactive or fillable .PDF file. Any attachments uploaded that are not .PDF files or are password protected files will not be read. If you need assistance converting your files to a .pdf format, please refer to the following Grants.gov webpage with links to conversion programs under the heading of additional resources: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/technical-support/software/pdf.conversion-software.html>
2. Grants.gov cannot process an application that includes two or more files that have the same name within a grant submission. Therefore, each file uploaded to your application package should have a unique file name.
3. When attaching files, applicants should follow the guidelines established by Grants.gov on the size and content of file names. Uploaded files must be less than 50 characters, contain no spaces, no special characters (example: -, &, *, %, /, #, \) including periods (.), blank spaces and accent marks. Applications submitted that do not comply with the Grants.gov guidelines will be rejected at Grants.gov and not forwarded to the Department.
4. Applicants should limit the size of their file attachments. Documents submitted that contain graphics and/or scanned material often greatly increase the size of the file attachments and can result in difficulties opening the files. For reference, the average discretionary grant application package totals 1 to 2 MB. Therefore, you may want to check the total size of your package before submission.

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Application Transmittal Instructions

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 following address:

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Attention: CFDA Number **84.021B**
LBJ Basement Level 1
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4260

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.

Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery:

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You 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 84.021B
550 12th Street, SW.
Room 7039, Potomac Center Plaza
Washington, DC 20202-4260

The Application Control Center accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30:00 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.

Intergovernmental Review, State Single Point of Contact

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs)

This program falls under the rubric of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) and the regulations in 34 CFR Part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to strengthen federalism--or the distribution of responsibility between localities, States, and the Federal government--by fostering intergovernmental partnerships. This idea includes supporting processes that State or local governments have devised for coordinating and reviewing proposed Federal financial grant applications.

The process for doing this requires grant applicants to contact State Single Points of Contact for information on how this works. Multi-state applicants should follow procedures specific to each state.

Further information about the State Single Point of Contact process and a list of names by State can be found at:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_spoc

Absent specific State review programs, applicants may submit comments directly to the Department. All recommendations and comments must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date indicated in the actual application notice to the following address: The Secretary, EO 12372—CFDA #84.021B, U.S. Department of Education, room 7E200, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications (see 34 CFR §75.102). Recommendations or comments may be hand-delivered until 4:30 p.m. (eastern time) on the closing date indicated in this notice.

Important note: The above address is not the same address as the one to which the applicant submits its completed applications. **Do not send applications to the above address.**

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

The purpose of this enclosure is to inform you about a new provision in the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) that applies to applicants for new grant awards under Department programs. This provision is Section 427 of GEPA, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Public Law (P.L.) 103-382).

To Whom Does This Provision Apply?

Section 427 of GEPA affects applicants for new grant awards under this program. **ALL APPLICANTS FOR NEW AWARDS MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS NEW PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.**

(If this program is a State-formula grant program, a State needs to provide this description only for projects or activities that it carries out with funds reserved for State-level uses. In addition, local school districts or other eligible applicants that apply to the State for funding need to provide this description in their applications to the State for funding. The State would be responsible for ensuring that the school district or other local entity has submitted a sufficient section 427 statement as described below.)

What Does This Provision Require?

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) 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 provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, etc. from such access or participation in, the Federally-funded project or activity. The description in your application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances. In

addition, the information may be provided in a single narrative, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with related topics in the application.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

What are Examples of How an Applicant Might Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with Section 427.

- (1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to such potential participants in their native language.
- (2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in braille for students who are blind.
- (3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a model science program for secondary students and is concerned that girls may be less likely than boys to enroll in the course, might indicate how it intends to conduct "outreach" efforts to girls, to encourage their enrollment.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.

Estimated Burden Statement for GEPA Requirements

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 **1840-0792**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1.5 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, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-4537.

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)**
- **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)**

Instructions for the SF-424

This is a standard form required for use as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications 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 fields on the form are identified with an asterisk (*) and are also specified as "Required" in the instructions below. In addition to these instructions, applicants must consult agency instructions to determine other specific requirements.

Item	Entry:	Item	Entry:
1.	Type of Submission: (Required): Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preapplication • 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. 	10.	Name Of Federal Agency: (Required) Enter the name of the Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.
		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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New – An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time. • 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 selected. If "Other" is selected, please specify in text box provided. A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration E. Other (specify) 	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.
		13.	Competition Identification Number/Title: Enter the Competition Identification Number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.
		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) 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 12 th district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103 rd district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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 instructions.		
6.	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:		
	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.	17.	Proposed Project Start and End Dates: (Required) Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.
	b. Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN): (Required): Enter the 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.		
	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.	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 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.

	<p>d. Address: Enter the complete address as follows: Street address (Line 1 required), City (Required), County, State (Required, if country is US), Province, Country (Required), Zip/Postal Code (Required, if country is US).</p>	19.	<p>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</p>																								
	<p>e. Organizational Unit: Enter the name of the primary organizational unit (and department or division, if applicable) that will undertake the assistance activity, if applicable.</p>	20.	<p>Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt? (Required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.</p> <p>If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet.</p>																								
	<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: Enter the name (First and last name required), organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other than the applicant organization), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person to contact on matters related to this application.</p>	21.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.)</p>																								
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[U.S Department of Education note: As of spring, 2010, the FON discussed in Block 12 of the instructions can be found via the following URL: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp.]

Instructions for Department of Education Supplemental Information for SF 424

1. 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. 20202-4537. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to: 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 **only** 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) 260-3353-6120, 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/appforms.html>. You may also contact (202) 377-3838 for additional information regarding calculating indirect cost rates or general indirect cost rate information.

4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

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 sub award 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.

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 (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

***1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

***2. Type of Application:**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

*Other (Specify):

*** 3. Date Received:**

Completed by Grants.gov upon submission

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

*5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*a. Legal Name:

[Redacted]

*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

[Redacted]

*c. Organizational DUNS:

[Redacted]

d. Address:

*Street 1:

[Redacted]

Street 2:

*City:

[Redacted]

County/Parish:

*State:

[Redacted]

Province:

*Country:

*Zip / Postal Code:

[Redacted]

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: _____

*First Name:

[Redacted]

Middle Name: _____

*Last Name:

[Redacted]

Suffix: _____

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

*Telephone Number:

[Redacted]

Fax Number:

*Email:

[Redacted]

9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

[Redacted]

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*Other (Specify)

***10 Name of Federal Agency:**

[Redacted]

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

***12 Funding Opportunity Number:**

[Redacted]

*Title:

[Redacted]

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

[Redacted]

***15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

[Redacted]

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

16. Congressional Districts Of:

*a. Applicant: [Redacted]

*b. Program/Project: [Redacted]

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

*a. Start Date: [Redacted]

*b. End Date: [Redacted]

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

*a. Federal	[Redacted]
*b. Applicant	[Redacted]
*c. State	[Redacted]
*d. Local	[Redacted]
*e. Other	[Redacted]
*f. Program Income	[Redacted]
*g. TOTAL	[Redacted]

***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 12372 Process for review on _____
- 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 explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach.

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

**** I AGREE**

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: _____ *First Name: [Redacted]

Middle Name: _____

*Last Name: [Redacted]

Suffix: _____

*Title: [Redacted]

*Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Fax Number: _____

* Email: [Redacted]

*Signature of Authorized Representative: [Completed by Grants.gov upon submission]

*Date Signed: [Completed by Grants.gov upon submission]

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
REQUIRED FOR
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Project Director:

Prefix: *First Name: Middle Name: *Last Name: Suffix:

Address:

* Street1:

Street2:

* City:

County:

* State: * Zip Code: * Country:

* Phone Number (give area code) Fax Number (give area code)

Email Address:

2. Applicant Experience:

Novice Applicant Yes No Not applicable to this program

3. Human Subjects Research:

Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project Period?

Yes No

Are ALL the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations?

Yes Provide Exemption(s) #:

No Provide Assurance #, if available:

Please attach an explanation Narrative:

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ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. 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.

9. 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.
13. 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

OMB Control Number: 1894-0008
Expiration Date: 02/28/2011

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.

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)						

Indirect Cost Information (To Be Completed by Your Business Office):

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, please answer the following questions:

Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government? Yes No

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): _____

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 6.564(c)(2)?

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.
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**SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY
NON-FEDERAL 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)						

SECTION C – BUDGET NARRATIVE (see instructions)

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 an 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 than 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, loan, 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 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 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	
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
Prefix: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	* First Name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>	Suffix: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
* Title: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>	
* SIGNATURE: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>	* DATE: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<p>Type of Federal Action:</p> <p>_____ a. contract</p> <p>_____ b. grant</p> <p>_____ c. cooperative agreement</p> <p>_____ d. loan</p> <p>_____ e. loan guarantee</p> <p>_____ f. loan insurance</p>	<p>Status of Federal Action:</p> <p>_____ a. bid/offer/application</p> <p>_____ b. initial award</p> <p>_____ c. post-award</p>	<p>Report Type:</p> <p>_____ a. initial filing</p> <p>_____ b. material change</p> <p>For material change only:</p> <p>Year _____ quarter _____</p> <p>Date of last report _____</p>
<p>Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</p> <p>_____ Prime _____ Subawardee</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Tier _____, if Known:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	<p>If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	
<p>Federal Department/Agency:</p>	<p>CFDA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p>Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>\$</p>	
<p>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):</p>	<p>b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____</p>	