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January 19, 2021

Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair Joint Legislative Budget Committee Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee Honorable Phil Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair Assembly Appropriations Committee

## Section 28.00—Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00, 2020 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received the attached Section 28.00 application from the Department of Education for \$6,038,671,000 one-time federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) to support schools in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are required to be allocated to local educational agencies based on their proportion of Title I, Part A allocations.

The Department of Education received official notification of the availability of additional, unanticipated funds on January 5, 2021, and notified Finance within 45 days of this date.

This request meets the following criteria, as required in subdivision (b) of Section 28.00:

- The funds will be expended for preparing schools for safe re-opening, measuring and addressing learning loss, and taking other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on students and families which is consistent with state law.
- The funds are made available to the state under conditions permitting their use only for the specified purpose, and the additional expenditure proposed would apply to this specified funding purpose.
- Acceptance of the additional funding does not impose on the state any requirement to commit or expend new state funds for any program or purpose.
- The need exists to expend the additional funding during the current fiscal year to maximize the use of the ESSER II funds and distribute funding to

local educational agencies as quickly as possible to support schools impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget, and we request that the 30-day notification period be waived given the immediate need to assist local educational agencies grappling with the challenges caused by the COVID-19 emergency.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Melissa Ng, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-0328.

KEELY MARTIN BOSLER Director By:

ERIKA LI Chief Deputy Director

## Attachment

cc: Honorable Kevin McCarty, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 Honorable John Laird, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 Honorable Jim Nielsen, Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Honorable Vince Fong, Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee Gabriel Petek, Legislative Analyst (3) Joe Stephenshaw, Staff Director, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Kirk Feely, Fiscal Director, Senate Republican Fiscal Office Christopher W. Woods, Senate President pro Tempore's Office (2) Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant, Assembly Budget Committee Joseph Shinstock, Fiscal Director, Assembly Republican Caucus, Office of Policy and Budget Paul Dress, Caucus Co-Chief of Staff, Assembly Republican Leader's Office Alex Khan, Chief Consultant, Assembly Republican Leader's Office Jason Sisney, Assembly Speaker's Office (2) Mark McKenzie, Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee Jay Dickenson, Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee Leisa Maestretti, Director, Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, California Department of Education Nicole Serrano, Staff Services Manager, Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, California Department of Education

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA SECTION 28.00 APPLICATION DF-90

Please report dollars in thousands.

DEPARTMENT	<b>ITEM NO./ FISCAL</b>	NOTIFICATION LETTER TO LEGISLATURE:
Education	<b>YEAR</b> 2020–21	☐ 30-DAY NOTICE  ☐ REQUEST WAIVER OF 30-DAY NOTICE

## PROGRAM TITLE PER GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

5200135-Title 1--Elementary and Secondary Education Act

FUNDING (SPECIFY FUND)	CURRENTLY	REQUESTED	TOTAL
	BUDGETED	CHANGE	
		(+) OR (-)	
6100-163-0890	\$1,482,576,000	\$6,038,671,000	\$7,521,247,000

#### (Check appropriate boxes)

- The funds will be expended for a purpose that is consistent with state law (explain use of funds in Part A below).
- The funds are made available to the state under conditions permitting their use only for a specified purpose, and the additional expenditure proposed under this section would apply to that specified funding purpose (as supported by explanation for the purpose of the funds).
- Acceptance of additional funding does not impose on the state any requirement to commit or expend new state funds for any program or purpose.
- The need exists to expend the additional funding during the current fiscal year (explain in Part B below).
- This application is provided to Finance within 45-days of official notice of receipt of funds.
- Explanation of delayed notification to Finance is attached (required if 45-day notification period is exceeded).
- $\boxtimes$  A copy of the official notice of fund availability is attached to this application.
- One-time expenditure.
- Ongoing commitment from this source (if checked, explain under Program Proposal).
- Matching funds required (if checked, explain under Program Proposal).
- Expenditure either supplements or supplants an existing state-funded program (if checked, explain under Program Proposal).

#### PART A: For what purpose will the funds be expended?

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) funds authorized through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) provides California \$6.709 billion, of which 90%, or \$6.039 billion is required to be allocated to local educational agencies based on their proportion of Title I, Part A allocations. Similar to ESSER I funding authorized through the CARES Act, funds are intended to help schools prepare for reopening, measuring and addressing learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on K-12 schools.

PART B: Explain the need to expend the funds in the current fiscal year, including the consequence of waiting until budget year to expend the funds:

The California Department of Education (CDE) was awarded funds beginning January 5, 2021. This additional authority is needed to allocate funds to local educational agencies as soon as possible to support schools impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Without this authority, there will be a delay in providing much needed support to schools to safely reopen and mitigate learning loss.

PROGRAM PROPOSAL (Attach additional information as necessary)			
TITLE: ESSER II Funding	<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</b> (state, federal, as appropriate) Federal		
DESCRIPTION:			

On January 5, 2021, the CDE received notification of new funding in the amount of \$6.709 billion, with \$6.039 billion intended to be allocated to local educational agencies based on Title I allocation and used for purposes as described in Part A.

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The intent of the ESSER II funds provided by the U.S. Department of Education is for funding to flow as quickly as possible in order to distribute funding to impacted local educational agencies and assist schools in safely re-opening and mitigate learning loss. Funds may be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020 and increasing authority is necessary to facilitate the funds to local educational agencies in the current fiscal year.

SUBMITTED BY:			APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:	
BUDGET OFFICER:		DATE:	DATE SUBMITTED TO LEGISLATURE:	
Nicole Serrano		by Nicole Serrano 13 12:29:50 -08'00'	1/19/2021	
DIRECTOR: Leisa Maestretti		DATE: d by Leisa Maestretti .13 12:34:20 -08'00'	РРВА:	DATE:



# **GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

1	RECIPIENT NAME   2	AWARD INFORMATION
•	-	
	California Department of Education 1430 N Street	PR/AWARD NUMBER S425D210016 ACTION NUMBER 1
	Room 5111	ACTION TYPE New
	Sacramento, CA 95814	AWARD TYPE Formula
3	3 PROJECT STAFF 4	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
	RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR	84.425D
	Joseph Saenz (916) 319-6391	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
	jsaenz@cde.ca.gov	Elementary and Secondary Senoor Emergency Renor Fand
	EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT	
	Jonathan Stafford- (202) 453-7836	
	Jackson	
	jonathan.jackson@ed.gov	
	EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE	
	G5 PAYEE HELPDESK 888-336-8930	
	edcaps.user@ed.gov KEY PERSONNEL	
5	5 KEY PERSONNEL	
	N/A	
6	AWARD PERIODS	
	BUDGET PERIOD 01/05/2021 - 09/30	/2022
	FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD 01/05/2021 - 09/30	
		- 2022
	FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS	
	N/A	
7	AUTHORIZED FUNDING	
	CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT \$6,709,62	2 866 00
	CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT \$6,709,63 PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT	\$0.00
	CUMULATIVE AMOUNT \$6,709,63	
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8	ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION	
	DUNS/SSN 807480843	
	REGULATIONS EDGAR AS APPLICABLE	
	2 CFR AS APPLICABLE	
	ATTACHMENTS 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, E-	3, E4, E5, ESSER2-T
9	9 LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA	
	AUTHORITY: PL PUBLIC LAW 11	5-136 THE CARES ACT THE CORONAVIRUS AID,
	RELIEF, AND ECON	OMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), PUBLIC LAW
	116-136	
	PROGRAM TITLE: EDUCATION STABI	LIZATION FUND
	CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO: 84.425D	
	FUND FUNDING AWARD ORG. CODE CATEGORY L	IMITATION ACTIVITY CFDA OBJECT AMOUNT
	CODE YEAR YEAR	CLASS
	0251M 2021 2021 ES000000 B	DV6 000 425 4101A \$6,709,633,866.00



# **GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

10	PR/AWARD NUMBER:	S425D210016
	RECIPIENT NAME:	California Department of Education
	TERMS AND CONDITIO	NS
		anagement and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying Number of their financial assistance awards. The PR/AWARD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your FAIN.
	AWARD NUM	e permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/ 3ER (FAIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this subaward means:
		ment to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for ved this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
	(The payments	s not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.501(f) iform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for ').
	3. A subaward r considers a cont	nay be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient ract.
	acquisition three by recent statute assistance aware higher threshold 2.1 (Definitions exception allow of Management	red, in carrying out this grant, to utilize the higher threshold set for micro-purchase and simplified sholds for federal assistance under this grant or under a contract you award under this grant established bry changes. These statutory changes raise the threshold for micro-purchases under Federal financial ds to \$10,000 and raise the threshold for simplified acquisitions to \$250,000 for recipients. These as are not effective until implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) at 48 CFR Subpart b), which has not yet occurred. See 2 CFR 200.67 and 200.88. For FY 2018, OMB is granting an ing recipients to use the higher thresholds in advance of changes to the FAR. Please refer to Office and Budget s Memorandum 18-18 regarding the statutory changes. If you have any questions about s, please contact the program officer identified in Block 3 of this GAN.
		ndirect cost rate or the indirect cost allocation plan approved for the entity identified in Block 1 of this this grant award.
	ACT, 20 U.S.C. FUNDING PER	FYDINGS AMENDMENT," SECTION 421(b) OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS 1225(B), ANY FUNDS THAT ARE NOT OBLIGATED AT THE END OF THE FEDERAL IOD SPECIFIED IN BLOCK 6 SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION FOR AN PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.
	(5) ESSER II Claus	es 1 - 5
		f Management and Budget requires all Federal agencies to assign a Federal Award Identifying to each of their financial assistance awards. The PR/AWARD NUMBER identified in Block 2 is your
	AWARD NUM grant. The term	e permitted under this grant, and you choose to make subawards, you must document the assigned PR/ BER (FAIN) identified in Block 2 of this Grant Award Notification on each subaward made under this subaward means:
	which you recei 2. The term doe	ment to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for ved this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient. s not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards, see 2 CFR 200.S0l(f)



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of the 0MB Uniform Guidance: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").

3. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.

(2) You are authorized, in carrying out this grant, to utilize the higher threshold set for micro-purchase and simplified acquisition thresholds for federal assistance under this grant or under a contract you award under this grant established by recent statutory changes. These statutory changes raise the threshold for micro-purchases under Federal financial assistance awards to \$10,000 and raise the threshold for simplified acquisitions to \$250,000 for recipients. These higher thresholds are not effective until implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) at 48 CFR Subpart 2.1 (Definitions), which has not yet occurred. See 2 CFR 200.67 and 200.88. For FY 2018, 0MB is granting an exception allowing recipients to use the higher thresholds in advance of changes to the FAR. Please refer to Office of Management and Budget s Memorandum 18-18 regarding the statutory changes. If you have any questions about these regulations, please contact the program officer identified in Block 3 of this GAN.

(3) The negotiated indirect cost rate or the indirect cost allocation plan approved for the entity identified in Block 1 of this GAN applies to this grant award.

(4) Under the Tydings Amendment, Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act 20 U.S.C 1225(B), any funds that are not obligated at the end of the federal funding period specified in Block 6 shall remain available for obligation for an additional period of 12 months.

(5) By drawing down funds made available under this GAN, the recipient agrees to the assurances attached as Attachment T which include the reporting requirements in section 15011 of Division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and in section 313(f) of Division M of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, and the requirement to demonstrate that the State has maintained effort as required in section 317 of the CRRSA.

#### (6) ESSER II Clauses 6 - 10

(6) A local educational agency (LEA) may use funds it receives under section 313(d) of the CRRSA Act for any activity listed in section 313(d) (applicable sections of the CRRSA Act are attached to Attachment T). Any activity that is an allowable use of Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds by an LEA under section 18003(d) of the CARES Act is also an allowable use of ESSER II funds by an LEA under section 313(d) of the CRRSA Act and any allowable use of ESSER II funds by an LEA is also an allowable use of ESSER funds by an LEA under section 18003(d) of the CARES Act.

(7) An LEA that receives ESSER II funds under this grant is not required to provide equitable services to non-public school students and teachers with the ESSER II funding.

(8) Records pertaining to this award under 2 C.F.R. 200.334 and 34 C.F.R. 76.730, including financial records related to use of grant funds, must be retained separately from a State educational agency s (SEA s) or LEA s ESSER funds.

(9) Any ESSER II funds the SEA receives that it does not award within one year of the date these funds are awarded to the SEA must be returned to the Secretary. Funds are considered to be awarded when they are subgranted to an LEA or, in the case of the funds the SEA reserves for administrative costs or emergency needs as determined by the SEA pursuant to section 313(e) of the CRRSA, when the SEA awards a contract or subgrants the funds or retains the funds to provide direct services itself.

(10) Consistent with the ESSER Grant Award Notification Enclosure 4 (E4) MEMORANDUM TO REMIND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (THE DEPARTMENT) GRANTEES OF EXISTING CASH MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS REGARGING PAYMENTS, the SEA will follow applicable cash management requirements in the Cash Management Improvement Act and 2 C.F.R 200.305. If SEA provides advance payments to LEAs, the payments must be limited to the minimum amounts needed and be timed to be in accordance with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the non-Federal entity in carrying out the purpose of the approved program or project



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(i.e., to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19). The timing and amount of advance payments must be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by the non-Federal entity for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.

Frank Brogan Assistant Secretary

01/06/2021

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

DATE

## EXPLANATION OF BLOCKS ON THE GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

(See Block 2 of the Notification) For Discretionary, Formula and Block Grants 1. RECIPIENT NAME - The legal name of the recipient or name of the primary organizational unit that was identified in the application, state plan or other documents required to be submitted for funding by the grant program. 2. AWARD INFORMATION - Unique items of information that identify this notification. PR/AWARD NUMBER - A unique, identifying number assigned by the Department to each application. On funded applications, this is commonly known as the "grant number" or "document number." The PR/Award Number is also known as the Federal Award Identifying Number, or FAIN. ACTION NUMBER - A numeral that represents the cumulative number of steps taken by the Department to date to establish or modify the award through fiscal or administrative means. Action number "01" will always be "NEW AWARD" ACTION TYPE - The nature of this notification (e.g., NEW AWARD, CONTINUATION, REVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE) AWARD TYPE - The particular assistance category in which funding for this award is provided, i.e., DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA, or BLOCK. If this award was made under a Research and Development grant program, the terms RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT will appear under DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA OR BLOCK. 3. PROJECT STAFF - This block contains the names and telephone numbers of the U.S. Department of Education and recipient staff who are responsible for project direction and oversight. \*RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR - The recipient staff person responsible for administering the project. This person represents the recipient to the U.S. Department of Education. EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for the programmatic, administrative and businessmanagement concerns of the Department. EDUCATION PAYMENT CONTACT - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for payments or questions concerning electronic drawdown and financial expenditure reporting. 4. PROJECT TITLE AND CFDA NUMBER - Identifies the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) subprogram title and the associated subprogram number. 5.\* KEY PERSONNEL - Name, title and percentage (%) of effort the key personnel identified devotes to the project. 6. AWARD PERIODS - Project activities and funding are approved with respect to three different time periods, described below: BUDGET PERIOD - A specific interval of time for which Federal funds are being provided from a particular fiscal year to fund a recipient's approved activities and budget. The start and end dates of the budget period are shown. PERFORMANCE PERIOD - The complete length of time the recipient is proposed to be funded to complete approved activities. A performance period may contain one or more budget periods. \*FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS - The estimated remaining budget periods for multi-year projects and estimated funds the Department proposes it will award the recipient provided substantial progress is made by the recipient in completing approved activities, the Department determines that continuing the project would be in the best interest of the Government, Congress appropriates sufficient funds under the program, and the recipient has submitted a performance report that provides the most current performance information and the status of budget expenditures. 7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING - The dollar figures in this block refer to the Federal funds provided to a recipient during the award periods. \*THIS ACTION - The amount of funds obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this notification. \*BUDGET PERIOD - The total amount of funds available for use by the grantee during the stated budget period to this date. \*PERFORMANCE PERIOD - The amount of funds obligated from the start date of the first budget period to this date. RECIPIENT COST SHARE - The funds, expressed as a percentage, that the recipient is required to contribute to the project, as defined by the program legislation or regulations and/or terms and conditions of the award. RECIPIENT NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT - The amount of non-federal funds the recipient must contribute to the project as identified in the recipient's application. When non-federal funds are identified by the recipient where a cost share is not a legislation requirement, the recipient will be required to provide the nonfederal funds.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION - This information is provided to assist the recipient in completing the approved activities and managing the project in accordance with U.S. Department of Education procedures and regulations.

DUNS/SSN - A unique, identifying number assigned to each recipient for payment purposes. The number is based on either the recipient's assigned number from Dun and Bradstreet or the individual's social security number.

\*REGULATIONS - Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations(CFR), Part 200 as adopted at 2 CFR 3474; the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), specific program regulations (if any), and other titles of the CFR that govern the award and administration of this grant.

\*ATTACHMENTS - Additional sections of the Grant Award Notification that discuss payment and reporting requirements, explain Department procedures, and add special terms and conditions in addition to those established, and shown as clauses, in Block 10 of the award. Any attachments provided with a notification continue in effect through the project period until modified or rescinded by the Authorizing Official.

9. LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA - The name of the authorizing legislation for this grant, the CFDA title of the program through which funding is provided, and U.S. Department of Education fiscal information.

#### FUND CODE, FUNDING YEAR, AWARD YEAR, ORG.CODE, PROJECT CODE, OBJECT CLASS -

The fiscal information recorded by the U.S. Department of Education's Grants Management System (G5) to track obligations by award. **AMOUNT** - The amount of funds provided from a particular appropriation and project code. Some notifications authorize more than one amount from separate appropriations and/or project codes. The total of all amounts in this block equals the amount shown on the line, "THIS ACTION" (See "AUTHORIZED FUNDING" above (Block 7)).

10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Requirements of the award that are binding on the recipient.

\*PARTICIPANT NUMBER - The number of eligible participants the grantee is required to serve during the budget year.

\*GRANTEE NAME - The entity name and address registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). This name and address is tied to the DUNS number registered in SAM under the name and address appearing in this field. This name, address and the associated DUNS is what is displayed in the SAM Public Search.

\***PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE** - The type of indirect cost permitted under the program (i.e. Restricted, Unrestricted, or Training).

\*PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE - The indirect cost rate applicable to this grant.

\*AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL - The U.S. Department of Education official authorized to award Federal funds to the recipient, establish or change the terms and conditions of the award, and authorize modifications to the award

#### FOR FORMULA AND BLOCK GRANTS ONLY:

(See also Blocks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above)

3. PROJECT STAFF - The U.S. Department of Education staff persons to be contacted for programmatic and payment questions.

#### 7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING

CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT - The amount of funds that are obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this action. PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant before this action.

CUMULATIVE AMOUNT - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant, this action included.

\* This item differs or does not appear on formula and block grants.

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Joseph Saenz California Department of Education 1430 N Street Room 5111

Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Payee Identification for Grant Award S425D210016

This is to inform you that the United States Department of Education does not have a payee and bank account of record designated for the above listed grant award. You will not be able to request funds for this grant award until a payee and bank account of record are established.

- 1) All SF-1199A, Direct Deposit and Fedwire Sign-Up forms must be mailed to the Department of Education. The SF-1199A must contain original signatures for both the recipient and bank officials.
- 2) First time recipients establishing a bank account for a new award must include a copy of the grant award document with the cover letter and SF-1199A, Direct Deposit or Fedwire Sign-Up forms.
- 3) The Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS) has been enhanced to produce an automated notification when bank account data has been changed or deleted. This automated notification is transmitted via e-mail to Payees having e-mail capacity or mailed to recipients without an e-mail address.
- 4) All banking information requests, including establishing a new bank account, modifying an existing bank account or deleting a bank account must be accompanied with a cover letter requesting the specific action. The cover letter must be on the letterhead of the requesting payee. The cover letter must contain the following information:
  - DUNS Number
  - e-mail address (if available) for the person to receive automated notification
  - signature and phone number of the person requesting the bank information change

Mail Cover Letters and accompanying forms to:

U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Ave, SW, Rm. 4C146 Washington, DC 20202-4110

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Attn: Financial Management Operations

If you have any questions or require assistance concerning establishing a payee record for a bank account please contact the G5 Hotline at 1-888-336-8930.

Dear G5 Payee:

To obtain your G5 Login ID, you will need to complete the G5 External User Access Request Form and return it notarized to the U.S. Department of Education. Attached are the instructions for accessing and completing the form. Upon receiving the notarized form, the Department will send you an email with your new G5 Login ID.

Please mail the form to:

U.S. Department of Education Office of the Chief Information Officer Mail Stop - 4110 400 Maryland Avenue S.W. Washington, DC 20202 Attn: Functional Applications Team

Thank you for your continued support of the U.S. Department of Education's G5 Grant Management System. Please contact the G5 Hotline (888-336-8930) if you have any

Sincerely,

G5 Administration

## Instructions for Completing the G5 External User Access Request Form

To establish direct access to your U.S. Department of Education G5 Grant Management System account, please complete the G5 External User Access Request Form attached, have it notarized, and mail the completed form to the address below.

Steps for Completing the G5 External User Access Request Form -

- 1. Go to <u>http://www.g5.gov</u> and click on the link, "Not Registered? Sign up".
- 2. Compete each data element of the form including the following elements:
  - a. User Type (Select Payee unless you are specifically a Servicer)
  - **b.** Dun and Bradstreet Number (DUNS)
  - **b.** Desired Role (Select Full Access to enable you to continue to draw funds, or View Only if you will only need to review account activity).
- 3. Print the form and then Submit your online registration.
- 4. You will immediately receive an email asking you to activate your account.
- 5. Click on the link in the email and select your password and Secret Question and Answer.
- 6. Congratulations! You now have an active account. Only one more step!!
- 7. Sign the printed (from step 3) G5 External User Access Request Form as the Authorized Payee in the presence of a Notary Public.
- **8.** Assure the G5 External User Access Request Form is notarized with appropriate seal and signature and expiration date.
- 9. Mail the completed, notarized G5 External User Access Request Form to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education Office of the Chief Information Officer Mail Stop - 4110 400 Maryland Avenue S.W. Washington DC 20202 Attn: Functional Applications Team

- 10. Allow two weeks for delivery and account updates.
- **11.** You will receive Email notification that your G5 External User Access Request Form has been processed and your roles have been assigned.
- 12. Congratulations, You're now able to access G5 directly.

As always, please contact the G5 Hotline (888-336-8930) with any questions.

## INSTRUCTIONS ACH DIRECT DEPOSIT SIGN-UP FORM SF-1199A

Recipients can obtain an SF-1199A (Figure D-1) from their financial insitution. The preprinted instructions on the reverse side of the SF-1199A should be disregarded and the following instructions should be followed in completing the SF-1199A.

The recipient is to complete Sections 1 and 2 of the SF-1199A. The recipient's financial institution is to complete Section 3 and mail the completed form to the Department of Education. The financial institution will mail a copy of the completed SF-1199A to the recipient.

## **INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 1**

ITEM A	Name of Payee	Enter the name and address of payee's organization.
	Address	Enter telephone number of person authorized to certify the
	Telephone Number	payment request.
ITEM B	Name of Person(s) Entitled to Payment	Leave Blank.
ITEM C	Claim or Payroll ID	Enter the following information
	Number	Prefix: 9 digit D-U-N-S Number,
		Suffix: 11 character Grant Award nUmber.
ITEM D	Type of Depositor	Place an "X" in the Appropriate Box.
ITEM E	Depositor Account	Enter the payee's account number at the financial institution in
		which funds are to be deposited. Include blanks or dashes when
		entering the account number.
ITEM F	Type of Payement	Enter "X" in the "Other" box.
ITEM G	Box for Allotment of	Leave Blank.
	Payment Only	
Payee/Joint		Authorized Certifying Official for the payee is to sign the form.
Certification		

## **INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 2**

Government Agency Name	Enter:	U.S. Department of Education
Government Agency Address	Enter:	400 Maryland Avenue, SW
		Room 4C138
		Washington, DC 20202

## **INSTRUCTIONS - SECTION 3**

To be completed by financial institution.

Director, Financial Payment Group U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202 - 4331

Ref: PR/Award No. S425D210016

Dear Sir:

Please transfer FEDWIRE payments for California Department of Education to the following financial institution and depositor account beginning on this date: Month\_\_\_\_\_, Day\_\_\_\_, Year\_\_\_\_.

Information regarding the financial institution to which payments for D-U-N-S\_\_\_\_\_ are to be transferred is provided below.

Financial Institution	Corresponding Bank (if applicable):	
Name:	Name:	
Street:		
City:	City:	
State:		
Zip:		
ABA Number:	ABA Number:	
Account Number:	Telegraphic Abbrev.:	
Contact Name:		
Telephone No:		

Please update my account with the information as indicated above. If you have any questions, I may be reached at (\_\_\_\_)

Sincerely,

**Chief Financial Officer** 

#### SPECIFIC GRANT CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENTS

#### THE G5 PAYMENTS MODULE

Payments under this award will be made through the Payments module of the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) electronic grants system, G5. G5 is administered by the Office of Finance and Operations, Office of Business Support Services.

The internet address for G5 is <u>https://www.g5.gov</u>. To access the G5 Payments module, grantee representatives must have individual G5 accounts under their personal name and unique email address, with the Payee role assigned and associated to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)\* of the grantee organization. The UEI number is identified in **Block 8** of the **Grant Award Notification**.

To establish a G5 Payee account, go to the "*Not Registered? Sign Up*" link on the G5 Home Page and follow the prompts to create an account. When prompted to select a role, choose "Payee (Full Access)," enter the reqested information, including UEI of the grantee organization, and click "Submit." This will generate an External User Access Request Form, which must be printed out, signed by an authorizing official of the grantee organization, notarized (universities may use a university stamp), and mailed to the following address:

U.S. Department of Education Office of Finance and Operations Mail Stop 7062 Attn: G5 Functional Application Team 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202

In addition to establishing individual Payee account(s) in G5, new grantees are required to provide depositor account information via a completed SF1199A form. Multiple Payee users can be associated to a particular grantee institution in the G5 system, allowing for back-up Payee users to draw funds when a primary Payee user is away.

Payee users may begin requesting funds for the grantee once the award authorization is entered into G5, the award start date is reached, and a completed SF1199A is received and processed by the Department (if one does not already exist for a previous award).

The Department of Education's On Demand Training can be found by clicking on the "Help" menu at <u>https://www.g5.gov</u>. The guide provides detailed instructions on all G5 processes. For additional assistance, grantees may contact the G5 Hotline at (888) 336-8930. The Hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time, except on Federal holidays.

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#### **REQUESTING FUNDS USING THE G5 PAYMENTS MODULE**

To access the G5 Payments module, payees need a web browser (such as Microsoft Internet Explorer) and Internet connectivity. Payees will request funds by award using **the PR/Award Number** found in **Block 5** of the **Grant Award Notification**. Instructions for navigating through the G5 Payments screens to make a payment request are provided in the G5 On Demand training located under the "Help" link.

G5 users with the Payee role who are unable to access G5 may request funds by calling the G5 Hotline at (888)336-8930.

#### AWARD INFORMATION

G5 users with the Payee role can view the following information in G5 on grant awards associated to the UEI on their account:

- Net authorization and authorization history;
- Net draws;
- Available balance;
- History of pending and completed payments;
- Award status; and
- Award history including detailed transactions on drawdowns, returns, refunds, and adjustments.

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#### An Overview of Single Audit Requirements of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations

To meet audit requirements of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), grantees must submit all documents required by Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.512, including Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form, to:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse 1201 East 10th Street Jeffersonville, Indiana 47132 (301) 763-1551 (voice) (800) 253-0696 (toll free) (301) 457-1540 (fax)

Below is a summary of the single audit requirements:

1) Single Audit. A non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single audit conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200.514, "Scope of Audit," except when it elects to have a program specific audit conducted.

2) Program-specific audit election. When an auditee expends Federal awards under only one Federal program (excluding R&D), and the Federal program's statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Federal award do not require a financial statement audit of the auditee, the auditee may elect to have a program–specific audit conducted . A program–specific audit may not be elected for R&D unless all of the Federal awards expended were received from the same Federal agency, or the same Federal agency and the same pass-through entity, and that Federal agency, or passthrough entity in the case of a subrecipient, approves in advance a program-specific audit.

3) Exemption when Federal awards expended are less than \$750,000. A non-Federal entity that expends less than \$750,000 during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards is exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in 2 CFR 200.503, but records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO).

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4) Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC). Management of an auditee that owns or operates a FFRDC may elect to treat the FFRDC as a separate entity.

5) Report Submission. The audit must be completed, and the data collection form and reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or nine months after the end of the audit period. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the reporting package is due the next business day. Unless restricted by Federal statutes or regulations, the auditee must make copies available for public inspection. Auditees and auditors must ensure that their respective parts of the reporting package do not include protected personally identifiable information. (2 CFR 200.512)

Grantees are strongly urged to obtain the "OMB Compliance Supplement" and to contact their cognizant agency for single audit technical assistance.

The designated cognizant agency for single audit purposes is "the Federal awarding agency that provides the predominant amount of direct funding to the recipient." Grantees should obtain a copy of the OMB Compliance supplement. This supplement will be instructive to both grantees and their auditors. Appendix III of the supplement provides a list of Federal Agency Contacts for Single Audits, including addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for technical assistance.

If the U.S. Department of Education is the cognizant agency, grantees should contact the Non-Federal Audit Team in the Department's Office of Inspector General, at the address, phone, or fax number provided on page 3 of this attachment.

Grantees can obtain information on single audits from:

The OMB web site. The Internet address is <u>www.omb.gov</u>. Look under OMB "In this section", Management, then in OFFM (Office of Federal Financial Management). (To obtain OMB Compliance Supplement, and Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form)

The Federal Audit Clearinghouse, 1-800-253-0696 (to obtain Form SF-SAC: Data Collection Form), or

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). AICPA has illustrative OMB Single Audit report examples that might be of interest to accountants, auditors, or financial staff. The examples can be obtained by their fax hotline: (202) 938-3797, request document number 311; or from their Internet page. The Internet address is www.aicpa.org.

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If the U.S. Department of Education is the cognizant agency for the grantee organization, the following shows, according to the location of the grantee entity, which location of the Office of Inspector General to contact for single audit-related questions. For programmatic questions, grantees should contact the Education Program Contact shown on the Department's Grant Award Notification.

#### U.S. Department of Education Non-Federal Audit Teams

Director, Non-Federal Audits Office of Inspector General U.S. Department of Education Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East, Suite 502 Philadelphia, PA 19107 Phone: Voice (215) 656-6900 FAX (215) 656-6397

NATIONAL OFFICE CONTACT and audits in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Non-Federal Audit Team Office of Inspector General U.S. Department of Education 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 2630 Dallas, TX 75201-6817 Phone: Voice (214) 880-3031 FAX (214) 880-2492

For audits in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Non-Federal Audit Team Office of Inspector General U.S. Department of Education 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2401 Kansas City, MO 64114-3302 Phone: Voice (816) 268-0502 FAX (816) 823-1398

For audits in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the Pacific Islands.

#### Trafficking in Persons

The Department of Education adopts the requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations at 2 CFR 175 and incorporates those requirements into this grant through this condition. The grant condition specified in 2 CFR 175.15(b) is incorporated into this grant with the following changes. Paragraphs a.2.ii.B and b.2. ii. are revised to read as follows:

"a.2.ii.B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 34 CFR part 85."

"b.2. ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 34 CFR part 85."

Under this condition, the Secretary may terminate this grant without penalty for any violation of these provisions by the grantee, its employees, or its subrecipients.

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#### Reporting Prime Awardee Executive Compensation Data as Required under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) is designed to increase transparency and improve the public's access to Federal government information. To this end, FFATA requires that executive compensation data be reported for all new Federal grants funded at \$25,000 or more that meet the reporting conditions as set forth in this grant award term, and that are awarded on or after October 1, 2010. For FFATA reporting purposes, the prime awardee (i.e. the grantee) is the entity listed in box 1 of the Grant Award Notification.

#### a. <u>Reporting Total Compensation of the Prime Awardee's Executives:</u>

- 1. *Applicability and what to report.* The prime awardee must report total compensation for each of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if all of the following conditions are applicable: —
- i. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more; and
- ii. in the preceding fiscal year, the prime awardee received--
  - (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
  - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
- iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm).
- 2. Where, what and when to report. The prime awardee must report executive compensation described in paragraph a.1. of this grant award term as part of its registration profile in the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov).
- i. The types of compensation that must be reported for each subrecipient are listed in the definition of "total compensation" appearing in item b of this grant award term. If this is the first award the prime awardee has received that is subject to the reporting requirements in paragraph a.1., the prime awardee must report by the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and on each anniversary of this award.

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#### b. Definitions. For purposes of this grant award term:

- 1. *Entity* means all the following, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25:
- i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
- **ii.** A foreign public entity;
- iii.A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
- iv.A domestic or foreign for-profit organization;
- v. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
- 2. *Executive* means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
- **3.** Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the prime awardee's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):
- i. Salary and bonus.
- Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
- **iii.** Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
- **iv.** Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
- v. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.

Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

### SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR DISCLOSING FEDERAL FUNDING IN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, U.S. Department of Education grantees shall clearly state:

- 1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;
- 2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; and
- 3) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by non-governmental sources.

Recipients must comply with these conditions under Division B, Title V, Section 505 of Public Law 115-245, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019.

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### PROHIBITION OF TEXT MESSAGING AND EMAILING WHILE DRIVING DURING OFFICIAL FEDERAL GRANT BUSINESS

Federal grant recipients, sub recipients and their grant personnel are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government owned vehicle, or while driving their own privatelyowned vehicle during official grant business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or email when driving.

Recipients must comply with these conditions under Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009.

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### Registration of Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number and Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) in the System for Award Management (SAM)

The U.S. Department of Education (Education) Grants Management System (G5) disburses payments via the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury). The U.S. Treasury requires that we include your Tax Payer Identification Number (TIN) with each payment. Therefore, in order to do business with Education you must have a registered Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)\* and TIN number with the SAM, the U.S. Federal Government's primary registrant database. If the payee UEI number is different than your grantee UEI number, both numbers must be registered in the SAM. Failure to do so will delay the receipt of payments from Education.

A TIN is an identification number used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the administration of tax laws. It is issued either by the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by the IRS. A Social Security number (SSN) is issued by the SSA whereas all other TINs are issued by the IRS.

The following are all considered TINs according to the IRS.

- Social Security Number "SSN"
- Employer Identification Number "EIN"
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number "ITIN"
- Taxpayer Identification Number for Pending U.S. Adoptions "ATIN"
- Preparer Taxpayer Identification Number "PTIN"

If your UEI number is not currently registered with the SAM, you can easily register by going to <u>www.sam.gov</u>. Please allow 3-5 business days to complete the registration process. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2-5 weeks for your TIN to become active. If you need assistance during the registration process, you may contact the SAM Federal Service Desk at 866-606-8220.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not have to make any changes. However, please take the time to validate that the TIN associated with your UEI is correct.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the G5 Hotline at 888-336-8930.

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#### SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT AND UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM)

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the SAM until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.

#### 2. Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)\* Numbers

If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

- 1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its UEI number to you.
- 2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI number to you.

#### 3. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

- 1. System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at http://www.sam.gov).
- 2. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) means the identifier required for SAM registration to uniquely identify business entities. Currently the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B), is used to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (currently 866–705–5711) or the Internet (currently at <a href="http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform">http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform</a>).
- 3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C:
  - a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe;
  - b. A foreign public entity;
  - c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
  - d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
  - e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
- 4. Subaward:
  - a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
  - b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (see 2 CFR 200.501 of the OMB "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards").

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- c. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you consider a contract.
- 5. Subrecipient means an entity that:
  - a. Receives a subaward from you under this award; and
  - b. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

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#### THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

You are receiving this memorandum to remind you that grantees must take into account the following factors when considering the use of grant funds for conferences and meetings:

- Before deciding to use grant funds to attend or host a meeting or conference, a grantee should:
  - Ensure that attending or hosting a conference or meeting is consistent with its approved application and is reasonable and necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the grant;
  - Ensure that the primary purpose of the meeting or conference is to disseminate technical information, (e.g., provide information on specific programmatic requirements, best practices in a particular field, or theoretical, empirical, or methodological advances made in a particular field; conduct training or professional development; plan/coordinate the work being done under the grant); and
  - Consider whether there are more effective or efficient alternatives that can accomplish the desired results at a lower cost, for example, using webinars or video conferencing.
- Grantees must follow all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements in determining whether costs are reasonable and necessary, especially the Cost Principles for Federal grants set out at 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E of the, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards." In particular, remember that:
  - Federal grant funds cannot be used to pay for alcoholic beverages; and
  - Federal grant funds cannot be used to pay for entertainment, which includes costs for amusement, diversion, and social activities.
- Grant funds may be used to pay for the costs of attending a conference. Specifically, Federal grant funds may be used to pay for conference fees and travel expenses (transportation, per diem, and lodging) of grantee employees, consultants, or experts to attend a conference or meeting if those expenses are reasonable and necessary to achieve the purposes of the grant.
  - When planning to use grant funds for attending a meeting or conference, grantees should consider how many people should attend the meeting or conference on their behalf. The number of attendees should be reasonable and necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the grant.
- A grantee hosting a meeting or conference may not use grant funds to pay for food for conference attendees unless doing so is necessary to accomplish legitimate meeting or conference business.
  - A working lunch is an example of a cost for food that might be allowable under a Federal grant if attendance at the lunch is needed to ensure the full participation by conference attendees in essential discussions and speeches concerning the purpose of the conference and to achieve the goals and objectives of the project.
- A meeting or conference hosted by a grantee and charged to a Department grant must not be promoted as a U.S. Department of Education conference. This means that the seal of the U.S. Department of Education must not be used on conference materials or signage without Department approval.
  - All meeting or conference materials paid for with grant funds must include appropriate disclaimers, such as the following: