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Florida Teacher Quality Grants Program  
Frequently Asked Questions - deadline April 20, 2009

Frequently Asked Questions relative to the Florida Teacher Quality Grants Program Request for Proposal (RFP)

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANT(S)

What data source is used in determining a LEA?

*Federal guidelines were followed for this determination. Please refer to census site for this information:*

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/district.html>

May districts and consortia be included in several different proposals?

*The RFP is silent on the issue of district/consortia participation in more than one proposal. Page two of the RFP describes the required partnership along with other optional partners. As long as the required partnership attributes are met for each submission, the proposals will be accepted for competition.*

#### ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP

Is our college eligible to apply for the Florida Teacher Quality Grants Program? Our college is a State College with a state-approved teacher education program, but does not have a College of Arts and Sciences.

*The eligible partnership is described on page two (2) of the RFP. The Institution of Higher Education (IHE) must involve its College of Arts and Sciences in order to qualify. If the IHE does not have a College of Arts and Sciences, it cannot be a main partner but can join another partnership. See page two (2) of the RFP for details.*

#### BUDGET

If we propose a coordinator, can we fund that position from the school district's 50 percent and the partner's 50 percent?

*The partnership must develop a budget where members agree how the money is to be spent. The reviewers will score the budget using the criteria on page nine (9) of the RFP.*

## FUNDING

An important part of high quality teacher professional development is in applying what you've learned with students. The guidelines do not allow curriculum materials to be developed for student use. Does this mean that the summer institutes cannot include a component that involves students?

*According to federal guidelines, funding cannot be used to purchase materials and courses for students or to develop curriculum materials for student use. The guidelines do not describe any components that would involve students in summer institutes.*

## NARRATIVE COMPONENT/SCORING GUIDE

Regarding the RFP, is the expectation that districts will submit applications with plans that cover all the new standards in a given content area or select grade levels or select standards within grade levels?

*The partnership is responsible for developing an application based on the needs of the targeted population. Please refer to the Narrative Component/Scoring Guide, pages four through nine (pgs. 4 – 9) of the RFP for detailed information.*

## TIMELINE

Why is the first funding cycle so short?

*This is a competitive application. The Florida Department of Education approval process for the RFP was lengthy. This is to ensure that we are in compliance with federal regulations.*

Are the subsequent cycles similar in length?

*Please refer to Attachment C for the timeline for the cycles.*

The timeline change moves the start date to July 6. Is the assumption that projects will receive money on that date and can begin service delivery? It will be a challenge to reach teachers over the summer months to inform them of these opportunities. Additionally, with a new administrative year beginning July 1, it will also be difficult to coordinate budgets and services immediately.

*Our goal is to release the funds according to the timeline. It is the responsibility of the partnership to develop an application following the guidelines of the RFP.*

**TIMELINE** *continued*

The proposal says that the expectation is that Cycle II will include summer service delivery. Does this mean that there is no expectation or requirement for delivery of summer programming in Cycle I?

*It is the responsibility of the partnership to develop an application following the guidelines of the RFP. Please refer to page two (2) of the RFP for Budget/Program Performance Period of July 6, 2009-September 30, 2009.*

Do you know when award letters will be sent to grantees?

*The award notifications should go out on or before July 6, 2009.*

Post award, will you immediately grant a no cost extension for the first cycle to extend it to June 30, 2010 to allow us to hire a coordinator?

*The cycle one funding cannot be extended because of federal guidelines.*