

Project Lead the Way I3 Grant Timeline & Information Bullets

Timeline of Important Dates:

Action	Date
RFP Released	Active with the submission of the I3 grant
Applicant Informational Conference Call #1	June 18, 2010
LEA Intent to Apply Due	July 1, 2010
State Capacity Applications Due	July 10, 2010
Round 1 LEA	July 15, 2010
Applicant Informational Conference Call #2	August 3, 2010
I3 Grant notifications made	August, 2010
Round 1 Grants Announced	September 6, 2010
Round 2 RFP released	One week after I3 grant announcement - TBD
Round 2 Intent to Apply due	Three weeks after I3 grant announcement - TBD
Round 2 LEA and State Capacity Applications Due	Eight weeks after I3 grant announcement - TBD
Round 2 Grants Announced	December 1, 2010

Information Bullets

- Below are links to the applications that will be used for the first round of proposals. These applications have been modified to reflect new dates.

http://www.pltw.org/downloads/PLTW_Final_Template_for_LOI.docx

http://www.pltw.org/downloads/PLTW_FINAL_LEA_Application.pdf

http://www.pltw.org/downloads/PLTW_FINAL_State_Capacity_Document.pdf

- PLTW has set up an email account at I3@pltw.org and is in the process of setting up a web portal for uploading electronic submissions.
- **Interested LEAs must email their Letter of Intent by July 1, 2010.**
- The first round of competitive LEA/Consortium applications is due on July 15, as listed in the original application. Note:
 - The first round application is due prior to PLTW being notified if it has been awarded the grant.
 - The second round will occur after we receive notification that the award has been granted.
 - Applications will roll over for round two but can be resubmitted without penalty.
 - All applicants that submit in the first round will receive comments on their applications.
- In order to ensure sustainability of the programs, a state must submit a State Capacity Document to PLTW prior to the review of any application in that state.
- The State Capacity deadline is July 10. A few points on the State Capacity Document:
 - This document shows the support of the state for sustainability of the PLTW program and is required for LEA consideration.

- LEA's without a State Capacity document in the first round will automatically be placed in the second round pool of applicants.
- LEA's that already offer PLTW are welcome and encouraged to apply. A few points on this topic:
 - This application is for LEA's with new and established programs.
 - New and existing LEA's will be scored based on individual applications.
 - The funds are geared toward LEA's or groups of LEA's with a high percentage of rural and high-need students.
- Matching funds are required for planning, sustainability, and community ownership of the program.
 - The funds do not have to be corporate. Local, State and Federal funds count.
 - The goal of showing matching funds is to ensure sustainability.
 - There is no prescribed level of matching funds.
- Funds for this grant are not limited to traditional PLTW courses. For example, funds can be used for boosting math scores for students in PLTW classes. This is a time for you and your LEA's to be creative when it comes to supporting the success of your PLTW program.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for 13 grant funds from PLTW, an LEA or group of LEAs must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Each applicant must be an LEA (School District) or a consortium of LEAs, not an individual school.
- An *Eligible School's* minority student population must be 60% or higher or qualify for 'free and reduced lunch' and/or be defined by the U.S. Department of Education as a rural LEA. Rural LEA's must be eligible under the Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program or the Rural and Low-Income School (RLIS) program.
 To check your eligibility, go to SRSA: www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligible09/index.html or RLIS: www.ed.gov/programs/reaprlisp/eligibility.html.
- If a consortium of schools or an entire state is applying, the total number of schools included in the application, by each LEA, must include no less than two-thirds of the eligible schools.
- School districts/LEAs do not have to include all schools within their district, but must adhere to the above when determining which schools to include in the application. For example, a district with ten high schools, four of which meet the eligibility criteria, is not limited to only including the four eligible schools. Including six schools in the application, with four being eligible, would satisfy the application criteria of having two-thirds of the included schools being eligible.