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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: December 2, 2013

SUBJECT: **2013-14 Title I School Improvement Initiative 1003(a) Request for Applications**

We are pleased to announce the release of the Request for Applications (RFAs) for Title I School Improvement Initiative under section 1003(a) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The amount of School Improvement Initiative funds available to local educational agencies (LEAs) in 2013-2014 is \$8,425,850. The attached RFA outlines the authorized activities, requirements, application process and allocation amounts for each eligible LEA. As with other federal programs, the funds must be used to supplement, not supplant, state, local or other federal funds.

LEAs shall utilize these funds to implement systemic reforms in Title I schools classified as Focus or Priority consistent with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Waiver, Differentiated Recognition, Accountability and Support system. Activities should be designed to create lasting changes that improve student achievement and teacher quality in Title I schools that have not met overall subgroup performance measures.

Please submit the application and budget narrative form (DOE 101) via the Online Grant System at <https://app1.fldoe.org/grants/reporting/>. The project application form (DOE100A) must be delivered to the Office of Grants Management. The project effective date will be the date substantially approvable documents are received or December 31, 2013, whichever is later.

For assistance in completing this application, contact your assigned Title I, Part A program specialist.

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Attachments

cc: School District Title I Coordinators