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Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Investing in Innovation Fund, Scale-Up Grants

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.411A (Scale-up grants).

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; extension of deadline date and correction.

SUMMARY: On March 27, 2012, the Office of Innovation and Improvement in the U.S. Department of Education published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 18216) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 2012 for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Scale-up grant competition (March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA). This notice extends the deadline date and date for intergovernmental review announced in, and corrects an error in, the March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA.

DATES:

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 30, 2012.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 26, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deadline Date Extension

In the March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA the Department announced the 2012 i3 Scale-up grant competition and indicated that the Deadline for Transmittal of Applications was May 29, 2012. Applicants under this competition are required to use Grants.gov. Since publishing the March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA, it has come to the Department's attention that the Grants.gov help desk will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 28—the day before the original Deadline for the Transmittal of Applications that was announced in the March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA. The Department extends the deadline date for this competition to May 30, 2012 so that applicants will have sufficient access to the Grants.gov help desk to address any technical issues related to the application submission that may arise the day before the deadline date. As a result of the change in the deadline date, we are also extending the Date for Intergovernmental Review by one day—to July 26, 2012.

Correction

An error appears in the *Electronic Submission of Applications* section of the March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA. In seven places within that section, the notice indicates that applications must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. These references to “4:30 p.m.” should be references to “4:30:00 p.m.” For this reason, we correct the March 27 i3 Scale-up NIA as follows:

On page 18225, second column, second bulleted paragraph, correct the three references to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

On page 18225, third column, last paragraph, correct the reference to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

On page 18226, first column, first full paragraph, correct the two references to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

On page 18226, second column, last paragraph, correct the reference to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

Program Authority: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Division A, Section 14007, Public Law 111-5.

VIII. Agency Contact

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Lyons, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 4W203, Washington, DC 20202-5930. FAX: (202) 205-5631. Telephone: (202) 453-7122 or by email: i3@ed.gov.

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Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Investing in Innovation Fund, Validation

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.411B (Validation grants).

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; extension of deadline date and correction.

SUMMARY: On March 27, 2012, the Office of Innovation and Improvement in the U.S. Department of Education published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 18229) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 2012 for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Validation grant competition (March 27 i3 Validation NIA). This notice extends the deadline date and date for intergovernmental review announced in, and corrects an error in the March 27 i3 Validation NIA.

DATES:

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 30, 2012.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 26, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deadline Date Extension

In the March 27 i3 Validation NIA the Department announced the 2012 i3 Validation grant competition and indicated that the Deadline for Transmittal of Applications was May 29, 2012. Applicants under this competition are required to use Grants.gov. Since publishing the March 27 i3 Validation NIA, it has come to the Department's attention that the Grants.gov help desk will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 28—the day before the original Deadline for the Transmittal of Applications that was announced in the March 27 i3 Validation NIA. The Department extends the deadline date for this competition to May 30, 2012 so that applicants will have sufficient

access to the Grants.gov help desk to address any technical issues related to application submission that may arise the day before the deadline date. As a result of the change in the deadline date, we are also extending the Date for Intergovernmental Review by one day—to July 26, 2012.

Correction

An error appears in the *Electronic Submission of Applications* section of the March 27 13 Validation NIA. In seven places within that section, the notice indicates that applications must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. These references to “4:30 p.m.” should be references to “4:30:00 p.m.” For this reason, we correct the March 27 13 Validation NIA as follows:

On page 18238, second column, second bulleted paragraph, correct the three references to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

On page 18238, third column, sixth paragraph, correct the reference to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

On page 18238, third column, seventh paragraph, correct the two references to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

On page 18239, second column, fifth full paragraph, correct the reference to “4:30 p.m.” to read “4:30:00 p.m.”.

Program Authority: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Division A, Section 14007, Public Law 111-5.

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Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Final Revision to Selection Criteria—Enhanced Assessment Instruments; CFDA Number: 84.368

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education amends the selection criteria under the Enhanced Assessment Instruments Grant program, also called the Enhanced Assessment Grant (EAG) program, as established in the notice of final priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2011 (2011 NFP). The 2011 NFP established specific priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria that may be used for the EAG program. The revisions in this notice provide the Secretary with additional flexibility with respect to selection criteria for EAG competitions in 2012 that use fiscal year (FY) 2011 funds and for subsequent competitions. We believe that these revisions will enable the Department to administer this program more effectively, simplify the application and review processes, and better ensure that the strongest applications receive EAG funds.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The revisions are effective May 30, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Collette Roney, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 3W210, Washington, DC 20202.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the EAG program is to enhance the quality of assessment instruments and systems used by States for measuring the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7301a.

We published a notice of proposed revisions for this program in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2012 (77 FR 4553). That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the revisions relating to the use of selection criteria for this program.

Public Comment: In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed revisions, we did not receive any comments. However, as a result of our further review of the proposed revisions since publication of the notice of proposed revisions, we have made one change as follows:

Analysis of Comments and Changes

Comment: None.

Discussion: In reviewing the statement of the proposed revisions to selection criteria further, the Department has decided that it may be helpful to address the assignment of maximum possible points—not only with respect to criteria used for competitions, but also with respect to factors under those criteria. The Department has the authority under 34 CFR 75.201 to assign maximum points at the factor level. This change, therefore, does not substantively change the Department's authority or practice; it merely describes the manner in which the Department may indicate whether factors under a selection criterion have been assigned maximum points.

Changes: We have added language to the statement of revisions to clarify that the Department may assign, in the notice inviting applications, the application package, or both, the maximum possible points an applicant may earn under each factor under a selection criterion.

Final Revisions to Selection Criteria

The Secretary may use one or more of the selection criteria listed in paragraphs (a) through (d) for evaluating an application under this program. This flexibility includes the authority to reduce the number of selection criteria. In order to assist peer reviewers in