

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Extension of the Application Deadline Date for the Fiscal Year 2019 Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program**

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Education Sciences extends, for certain prospective eligible applicants described elsewhere in this notice, the deadline date for transmittal of applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2019 under the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.372A. The Institute takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by prospective eligible applicants affected by Hurricane Dorian.

The extension of the application deadline date for this competition is intended to help eligible applicants that are located in an area for which the President has issued an emergency declaration related to Hurricane Dorian in Florida, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, South Carolina, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to compete fairly with other eligible applicants under this competition.

DATES: Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: September 26, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Sharkey at Nancy.Sharkey@ed.gov or (202) 245-7689.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 19, 2019, we published in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 24695) a notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for FY 2019 for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program. The application deadline in the NIA was September 17, 2019. We are extending the application deadline for this competition for applicants in affected areas in Florida, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, South Carolina, and the U.S. Virgin Islands in order to allow applicants more time to prepare and submit their applications.

Eligibility: The extension of the application deadline date in this notice applies to eligible applicants under the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program, CFDA number 84.372A, that are located in an area for which the President has issued an emergency declaration (see <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/>), in Florida (FEMA Disaster

designation 3419), Puerto Rico (FEMA Disaster designation 3417), North Carolina (FEMA Disaster designation 3423), South Carolina (FEMA Disaster designation 3421), and the U.S. Virgin Islands (FEMA Disaster designation 3418). Georgia is ineligible for this extension because, even though some portions of the State have been granted an ongoing FEMA emergency designation, the SEA is not located in one of the 12 “designated areas” covered in Georgia under FEMA Disaster designation 3422.

In accordance with the NIA, eligible applicants for this competition are limited to State educational agencies (SEAs). An SEA is the agency primarily responsible for the State supervision of elementary schools and secondary schools. See 20 U.S.C. 9601 (which incorporates by reference the definition of SEA in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. 7801). The SEAs of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible.

Note: All information in the NIA remains the same, except for the deadline date for these five SEAs.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9607.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc) on request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of a Letter Regarding the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies**

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department publishes a letter, dated August 29, 2019, notifying the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (“UNC”) of the Department’s review of the Annual Project Reports (“APR”) submitted by the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies (CMES) during the most recent and prior award periods, and the 2018 National Resource Center proposal.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department publishes this letter, dated August 29, 2019, notifying the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill of the Department’s review of the APR submitted by the Duke-UNC CMES during the most recent and prior award periods, and the 2018 National Resource Center proposal. The letter is in Appendix A of this notice.

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