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Date: 9/30/2013 2:38:57 PM
Subject: FW: 2013 Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Application Released (sent to you on behalf of Susan Hibbard)

WE talked about this a bit ago, but I want to get in front of NH with you on it. Thoughts?

From: Bolick, Leigh [mailto:Leigh.Bolick@dss.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Baker, Josh
Subject: FW: 2013 Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Application Released (sent to you on behalf of Susan Hibbard)

Just FYI.

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From: Bolick, Leigh
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 2:33 PM
To: 'DeVenny, Susan'
Subject: RE: 2013 Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Application Released (sent to you on behalf of Susan Hibbard)

My last communication with Josh indicated that SC would not be applying for RtT; I will double check with him.

And I am so glad the postcards worked out, Susan – I hope it helps with CDEPP recruitment.

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From: DeVenny, Susan [<mailto:SDevenny@scfirststeps.org>]
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 1:29 PM
To: DeVenny, Susan; Bolick, Leigh
Cc: Lillian Koller; Martin, Linda S.
Subject: RE: 2013 Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Application Released (sent to you on behalf of Susan Hibbard)

Hi Leigh-

I was just checking back to see if you have heard from the Governor's Office about working together on an Early Learning Challenge proposal? Any word on whether she would be amenable to a SC plan? Thank you SO much for the great postcard work last month! We really appreciate the partnership.

All the best,
Susan

From: DeVenny, Susan
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Leigh Bolick
Cc: Lillian Koller; Martin, Linda S.
Subject: Re: 2013 Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Application Released (sent to you on behalf of Susan Hibbard)

Great, thanks Leigh.

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From: "Bolick, Leigh" <Leigh.Bolick@dss.sc.gov>
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I am in discussions with the Governors Office and will let you know what they say. L

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 29, 2013, at 8:24 AM, "DeVenny, Susan" <SDevenny@scfirststeps.org> wrote:

Good morning, Leigh!

Hope all is well. See below- would you like to circle up to see if we can build a draft application for SC? Seems to be great timing with all that is happening in both of our organizations, so I'm thinking this is an opportunity not to miss.

We would love to work together -what do you think?

Susan

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Obama Administration Releases Final Application for 2013 Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge

Approximately \$280 million available to support States that best prepare their young children for success in kindergarten

Today, August 28, 2013, the Obama Administration released the final application for the second Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) competition, which will provide approximately \$280 million in State-level competitive grants to improve early learning and development programs.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) conducted the first competition under the RTT-ELC program in FY 2011 and awarded grants to nine States. In FY 2012, the five next highest-rated applicants on the slate of high-scoring applications from the FY 2011 competition were funded at up to 50 percent of the funds each requested in their FY 2011 applications. In FY2012, supplemental funding was made available to 6 states bringing them up to 75 percent of the funds requested.

For this second competition we propose to maintain the overall purpose and structure of the FY 2011 RTT-ELC competition. The priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria in this notice are in large part identical to those in the FY 2011 notice inviting applications.

This RTT-ELC competition will continue to focus on *five key areas of reform* -

- Establishing *Successful State Systems* by building on the State's existing strengths, ambitiously moving forward the State's early learning and development agenda, and carefully coordinating programs across agencies to ensure consistency and sustainability beyond the grant;
- Defining *High-Quality, Accountable Programs* by creating a common tiered quality rating and improvement system that is used across the State to evaluate and improve program performance and to inform families about program quality;
- *Promoting Early Learning and Development Outcomes for Children* to develop common standards within the State and assessments that measure child outcomes, address behavioral and health needs, as well as inform, engage and support families;
- Supporting *A Great Early Childhood Education Workforce* by providing professional development, career advancement opportunities, appropriate compensation, and a common set of standards for workforce knowledge and competencies; and
- *Measuring Outcomes and Progress* so that data can be used to inform early learning instruction and services and to assess whether children are entering kindergarten ready to succeed in elementary school.

In addition to some language changes, some amended lists, and a request for data on participation of children to be disaggregated by race and ethnicity, we have added a new Priority to allow States to describe strategies for addressing the unique needs of rural populations in

their States.

Grant awards will range from \$37.5 million up to \$75 million, depending on State population and proposed plans. Applications are due on October 16 and the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services will announce winners in December.

To view the application and learn more about the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/programs/race-to-the-top> or <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge>.

For more information on early childhood development, please visit [Early Childhood Development](#) for information and resources.

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