

From: Soura, Christian  
To: Swati Patel <sspatel16@hotmail.com>  
Date: 8/1/2012 11:00:44 AM  
Subject: RE: 2012 Innovations in American Government Award Competition

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I have some K School contacts and am familiar with the program. I'll take a look and get back to you...thanks.

CLS

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From: Swati Patel [mailto:sspatel16@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 10:38 AM  
To: Soura, Christian  
Subject: FW: 2012 Innovations in American Government Award Competition  
Importance: High

The Centers for Excellence want to know if the Gov would sign this award application. I'm not sure what type of grant it is, but they wanted to run it by us before they applied for it because the Gov is required to sign it.

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Swati: here is the information we discussed today. KEITH

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From: Arik Bjorn [mailto:abjorn@che.sc.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 9:50 AM  
To: Munson, Keith; J. Lyles Glenn (jglenn@kdallc.com)  
Cc: Michael Raley  
Subject: FW: 2012 Innovations in American Government Award Competition  
Importance: High

Keith and Lyles,

The SmartState Program has been advanced to the second of three stages for the 2012 Innovations in American Government Award competition at Harvard University Kennedy School Ash Center. The award is rather prestigious and ultimately could result in a \$100K grant. (Apparently we were nominated by a third party; we responded initially that we were willing to be considered a nominee; an evaluation cycle summary is available at: [http://www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu/Awards\\_Cycle.cfm](http://www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu/Awards_Cycle.cfm) .)

As you will note, the deadline for the application is rather tight. The application will ultimately require the signature of Governor Haley.

Please feel free to review the materials; unfortunately, I do not know much more about the process than what the attached documents contain and what one can glean from the award website.

Thank you,

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From: O'Sullivan, Kara [mailto:Kara\_O'Sullivan@harvard.edu] On Behalf Of Innovations  
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 3:38 PM  
To: Arik Bjorn  
Subject: FW: 2012 Innovations in American Government Award Competition  
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Bjorn:

Would you kindly confirm your receipt of the email below?

Thank you,

Kara

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Kara O'Sullivan  
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From: O'Sullivan, Kara On Behalf Of Innovations  
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 4:08 PM  
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Subject: 2012 Innovations in American Government Award Competition

**\*\* Kindly confirm receipt of this email\*\***

Dear Mr. Bjorn:

Congratulations! SmartState Program has been selected to advance in the 2012 Innovations in American Government Award competition!

In order to continue in the competition, you must now submit a supplementary application via our web site, and obtain the endorsements of both your agency director and the chief elected official of your jurisdiction. Please find below an outline of the steps needed to complete the second round of the Innovations Award competition:

1. Review all five attached documents before accessing the application web site. These documents provide the information needed to proceed in this second round of the competition. The attached Round II Information document provides an overview of the second round of the Innovations Award competition.
2. The Innovations Award second round application must be completed by advancing programs via our application website: <http://www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu/> . The attached 2012 Supplemental Application Tutorial is a guide to the online application.
3. Please submit your completed Supplementary Application via our online application website by 3:00 PM EST on

Tuesday, August 14th, 2012.

4. Using the "Agency Director Signature Page" (attached), obtain the signature, which symbolizes the endorsement of the application, from the director of your agency. This is the most senior person responsible for the day-to-day management of the program, such as the director of a state agency, the principal of a school, the undersecretary of a federal department.

Please print a copy of your completed Supplementary Application for your agency director so they can read the completed application before signing the Agency Director Signature Page. Send the completed Agency Director Signature Page, so that it arrives in our office by 3:00 PM EST on Thursday, August 16th, 2012.

5. Read the "CEO Endorsement Explanation" sheet (attached) and make contact with the office of your CEO in order to expedite the process of obtaining the CEO's signature. Please complete the CEO Signature Page (attached) and mail the original signed document so that it is received in our office by 3:00 PM EST on Thursday, September 6, 2012.

6. The second round of the Innovations Awards competition will conclude in late fall 2012, when Innovations Awards evaluators will identify the "Top 25" programs in this year's competition, and each of those programs will receive extensive press coverage. Please refrain from making any public announcement regarding your program's status until that date.

The Innovations Award Program is eager to learn more about your valuable initiative. If for some reason you decline to continue participating in the 2012 Innovations competition, please inform us of your decision as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this stage of the competition, please contact us at [innovations@harvard.edu](mailto:innovations@harvard.edu).

Thank you,

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