MEMORANDUM

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: December 19, 2008
Subject: JFO #2352, #2353, #2354, #2355, #2356, #2357, #2360, #2361, #2362, #2363, #2364, #2365, #2366

At the December 19, 2008 meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee, the following grant requests were approved:

JFO #2352 — $807,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Agency of Human Services - Department of Health.

JFO #2353 — $9,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Agency of Natural Resource – Environmental Conservation.

JFO #2354 — $161,407 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Department of Corrections.

JFO #2355 — $20,000 grant from the State Justice Institute to the Judiciary – Vermont Supreme Court.

JFO #2356 — $333,002 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Judiciary – Court Administrator’s Office.

JFO #2357 — $212,408 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Judiciary – Court Administrator’s Office.

JFO #2360 — $2,000,000 grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to the Agency of Human Services – Department of Mental Health.

JFO #2361 — $21,000 grant from the State Justice Institute to the Judiciary.

JFO #2362 — $32,125 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the Vermont Department of Education.

JFO #2363 — $166,160 grant from the Center for Applied and Special Technology to the Vermont Department of Education.
JFO #2364 — $12,000 grant from the National Governor’s Association to the Agency of Human Services – Department of Children and Families. *This grant was approved with the understanding that expenditure of the $9,885 in state funds, as originally proposed, was no longer considered necessary and would not occur.*

JFO #2365 — $19,140 donation from the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

JFO #2366 — $500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the Agency of Transportation – Department of Motor Vehicles.

In accordance with 32 V.S.A. §5, these grants were placed on the Joint Fiscal Committee agenda and subsequently approved by vote of the Committee. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of this action.

cc: Robert Hofmann, Secretary
    Wendy Davis, Commissioner
    Michael Hartman, Commissioner
    Stephen Dale, Commissioner
    Andrew Pallito, Acting Commissioner
    Armando Vilaseca, Commissioner
    Lee Suskin, Court Administrator
    Roger Allbee, Secretary
    David Dill, Secretary
    Bonnie Rutledge, Commissioner
    George Crombie, Secretary
    Laura Pelosi, Commissioner
MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: December 17, 2008
Subject: Grant Requests

Attached please find seven (7) requests which the Joint Fiscal Office recently received from the Administration:

**JFO #2360** — $2,000,000 grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the Agency of Human Services — Department of Mental Health. These grant funds will be used to improve access to mental health services for transition-aged (16-21 years) youth. The goal of this project is for these youth to have adequate preparation and the necessary supports to be productively engaged in the community and free from incarceration.

[JFO received 12/15/08]

**JFO #2361** — $21,000 grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI) to the Judiciary. These grant funds will be used to contract for consultant services to develop an action plan for strengthening the state court system’s foreign-language interpreter program, including meeting due process requirements and improving access to court-ordered programs and services.

[JFO received 12/15/08]

**JFO #2362** — $32,125 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the Vermont Department of Education. These grant funds will be used to assist local operation agencies in implementing the interstate electronic exchange of migrant children’s records through the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX). Implementation of MSIX is federally required.

[JFO received 12/15/08]

**JFO #2363** — $166,160 grant from the Center for Applied and Special Technology to the Vermont Department of Education. These grant funds will be used to provide training and technical assistance for assistance technology services to students with disabilities.

[JFO received 12/15/08]
JFO #2364 — $12,000 grant from the National Governor’s Association to the Agency of Human Services – Department of Children and Families. These grant funds will be used to host the Governor’s Summit on Poverty and Economic Opportunity. This grant provides support for technical assistance, planning, holding, and follow-up activities associated with the April 20, 2009 meeting.

[JFO received 12/15/08]

JFO #2365 — $19,140 donation from the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. VVMA is donating a Companion Animal Medical Emergency Trailer (CAMET) and associated supplies to house 50 dogs and cats in case their owners are relocated during an emergency. The value of this item represents the cumulative value of the vehicle and supplies, as well as the cost of transporting the CAMET to Vermont.

[JFO received 12/15/08]

JFO #2366 — $500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the Agency of Transportation – Department of Motor Vehicles. These grant funds will be used to fund enhancements to offset costs associated with implementation of the Enhanced Driver’s License / Identification Card, including meeting Real ID requirements.

[JFO received 12/15/08]

The Joint Fiscal Office has reviewed these submissions and determined that all appropriate forms bearing the necessary approvals are in order.

Because the current Joint Fiscal Committee may not meet again prior to the onset of the legislative session, the Committee may wish to consider action on these items prior to the exhaustion of the 30 day review period.
DEPARTMENT: Education  

DATE: November 25, 2008

GRANT/DONATION (brief description and purpose):

Money is to be used in setting up an electronic exchange of school records for children of migrant workers.

GRANTOR/DONOR: US Department of Education

GRANT PERIOD: 07/10/2007 – 09/30/2008

AMOUNT/VALUE: $32,125

POSITIONS REQUESTED (LIMITED SERVICE): NONE

ANY ON-GOING, LONG-TERM COSTS TO THE STATE: NONE

COMMENTS:

This is completely federally funded. Funds are available for an additional 12 months past the federal funding period.
**STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE**  
(Form AA-1)

### BASIC GRANT INFORMATION

1. **Agency:**
   
2. **Department:** Education
   
3. **Program:** Migrant Education Program
   
4. **Legal Title of Grant:** Migrant Student Information Exchange State Quality Grant
   
5. **Federal Catalog #:** 84.144G
   
6. **Grant/Donor Name and Address:**  
   US Department of Education, Washington DC 20202
   
7. **Grant Period:**  
   - **From:** 7/10/2007  
   - **To:** 9/30/2008
   
8. **Purpose of Grant:**  
   To assist states and their local operation agencies in implementing the interstate electronic exchange of migrant children's records through the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX).

9. **Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:**  
   Implementation of the MSIX is required and would not have funds to do so if grant was not accepted.

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PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts?  □ Yes  □ No  
If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding

Appointing Authority Name:  Agreed by:  (initial)

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12a. Equipment and space for these positions:

□ Is presently available.  □ Can be obtained with available funds.

13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I certify that no funds have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee Approval of this grant:

Signature:  [Signature]
Title:  Acting Commissioner
Date:  11/19/08

14. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

Check One Box:

☑ Accepted  
☐ Rejected  

(Governor’s signature)  
Date:  12/13/08

15. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Check One Box:

☐ Request to JFO  
☐ Information to JFO  

(Secretary’s signature or designee)  
Date:  12/11/08

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

☐ Request Memo  
☐ Dept. project approval (if applicable)  
☐ Notice of Award  
☐ Grant Agreement  
☐ Grant Budget  

☐ Request Memo  
☐ Dept. project approval (if applicable)  
☐ Notice of Donation (if any)  
☐ Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable)  
☐ Request for Extension (if applicable)

End Form AA-1
Mr. Bill Talbott  
Acting Commissioner of Education  
Vermont Department of Education  
120 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

SEP 23 2008

Dear Commissioner Talbott:

It is my pleasure to inform you that your State has been awarded a FY 2008 Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) State Data Quality Grant. The FY 2008 grant award, as authorized under Section 1308(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, is enclosed.

I trust that this grant will be of use to your State Migrant Education Program (MEP) in implementing the interstate electronic exchange of migrant children’s records through the MSIX.

Please note the special condition regarding the use of these grant funds, the requirements established in the Notice of final requirements published on July 23, 2008, in the Federal Register (73 FR 42792), and the applicability of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). In particular, note that the funds cannot be drawn down until the Office of Migrant Education (OME) has received your State’s signed Interconnection Agreement and Interconnection Security Agreement.

If you or your State MEP staff have any questions regarding this grant award document, please do not hesitate to contact Alejandra Vélez-Paschke at (202) 260-2834.

Sincerely,

Kerri L. Briggs, Ph.D.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Elementary and Secondary Education

cc: State MEP Director

Enclosures

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Washington, D.C. 20202

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

1. RECIPIENT NAME:  
   VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
   120 STATE STREET  
   MONTPELIER, VT 05620 - 2501

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
   84.144G  
   MSIX STATE DATA QUALITY GRANTS

3. EDUCATION STAFF  
   RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR  
   Mary Mulloy  
   (802) 828 - 3067  
   EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT  
   Alejandra S. Velez-Paschke  
   (202) 260 - 2834  
   EDUCATION PAYMENT CONTACT  
   GAPS PAYEE HOTLINE  
   (888) 336 - 8930

4. KEY PERSONNEL  
   N/A

5. AWARD INFORMATION  
   PR/AWARD NUMBER  S144G070046  
   ACTION NUMBER  01  
   ACTION TYPE  New  
   AWARD TYPE  Formula

6. AWARD PERIODS  
   BUDGET PERIOD  07/01/2007 - 09/30/2008  
   FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD  07/01/2007 - 09/30/2008

7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING  
   CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT  $32,125.00  
   PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT  $0.00  
   CUMULATIVE AMOUNT  $32,125.00

8. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
   DUNS/SSN  884902701  
   REGULATIONS  CFR PART 200  
   EDGAR AS APPLICABLE  
   ATTACHMENTS  F, S

9. LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA  
   AUTHORITY: PL 107-110 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND  
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*This grant amount was limited to 20 percent of the amount of the FY 2008 MEP Basic State formula allocation as per the Notice of final requirements published in the Federal Register on 7/23/08*
From: "Flanagan, Kathy" <Kathy.Flanagan@state.vt.us>
To: "nlavery@leg.state.vt.us" <nlavery@leg.state.vt.us>
CC: "Mulloy, Mary" <Mary.Mulloy@state.vt.us>, "Talbott, Bill" <Bill.Talbott@...
Date: 12/17/2008 11:36 AM
Subject: Migrant Data Grant

Nate,

The grant acceptance requested is for the migrant student information exchange project. Because VT accepts Migrant Ed monies, Title I Part C, we are required (by the federal government) to participate in the exchange program. Basically, the program is a database of all migrant students nationally, containing 101 critical elements per student. This grant is to help VT implement this new requirement.

We expect to spend a minimum of $16,000 in staff salaries/benefits. We currently have a Program Technician who, among other duties, works to support the current Migrant Education program, including maintaining the VT-specific migrant database. With these additional funds, we will expand her duties to include this new federal requirement. $10,310 was the original estimate of operating expenses, to include things like an upgraded computer to handle the additional database program, training, etc. When the AA-1 document was submitted, we were early in our conversations with USDOE regarding the use of these funds. As we have gained more knowledge about our requirements, we are finding that it is likely that the real need for these funds is in staff time, as opposed to operating expenses. As we begin to actually implement this new requirement, we will have a better sense on the split between PS and OE. The remaining operating expenses ($5,815) are the earned indirects, which are budgeted and expended in our Finance and Administration appropriation.

Please let me know if you require additional detail.

Kathy

Kathy Flanagan
Financial Director
Department of Education
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2510
(802) 828-0482
(802) 279-5947 cell
kathy.flanagan@state.vt.us <mailto:kathy.flanagan@state.vt.us>
DEPARTMENT: Education

DATE: November 25, 2008

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STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If “Yes”, appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding

| Appointing Authority Name: | Agreed by: ___________________________ (initial) |

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13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I certify that no funds have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee Approval of this grant:

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14. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

☐ Check One Box: Accepted

☐ Rejected (Governor’s signature) 12/3/08

15. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

☐ Check One Box: Request to JFO

☐ Information to JFO (Secretary’s signature or designee) 12/11/08

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

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End Form AA-1
Mr. Bill Talbott  
Acting Commissioner of Education  
Vermont Department of Education  
120 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

SEP 23 2008

Dear Commissioner Talbott:

It is my pleasure to inform you that your State has been awarded a FY 2008 Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) State Data Quality Grant. The FY 2008 grant award, as authorized under Section 1308(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, is enclosed.

I trust that this grant will be of use to your State Migrant Education Program (MEP) in implementing the interstate electronic exchange of migrant children’s records through the MSIX.

Please note the special condition regarding the use of these grant funds, the requirements established in the Notice of final requirements published on July 23, 2008, in the Federal Register (73 FR 42792), and the applicability of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). In particular, note that the funds cannot be drawn down until the Office of Migrant Education (OME) has received your State’s signed Interconnection Agreement and Interconnection Security Agreement.

If you or your State MEP staff have any questions regarding this grant award document, please do not hesitate to contact Alejandra Vélez-Paschke at (202) 260-2834.

Sincerely,

Kerri L. Briggs, Ph.D.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Elementary and Secondary Education

cc: State MEP Director

Enclosures
# Grant Award Notification

## Recipient Information

**Recipient Name:** Vermont Department of Education  
120 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620 - 2501

## Award Information

**Award Number:** S144G070046  
**Action Number:** 01  
**Action Type:** New  
**Award Type:** Formula

## Award Periods

**Budget Period:** 07/01/2007 - 09/30/2008  
**Federal Funding Period:** 07/01/2007 - 09/30/2008

## Authorized Funding

**Current Award Amount:** $32,125.00  
**Previous Cumulative Amount:** $0.00  
**Cumulative Amount:** $32,125.00

## Key Personnel

**Recipient State Director:** Mary Mulloy  
(802) 828 - 3067  
**Education Program Contact:** Alejandra S. Velez-Paschke  
(202) 260 - 2834  
**Education Payment Contact:** Gaps Payee Hotline  
(888) 336 - 8930

## Legislative and Fiscal Data

**Authority:** PL 107-110 No Child Left Behind  
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From: "Flanagan, Kathy" <Kathy.Flanagan@state.vt.us>
To: "nlavery@leg.state.vt.us" <nlavery@leg.state.vt.us>
CC: "Mulloy, Mary" <Mary.Mulloy@state.vt.us>, "Talbott, Bill" <Bill.Talbott@...
Date: 12/17/2008 11:36 AM
Subject: Migrant Data Grant

Nate,

The grant acceptance requested is for the migrant student information exchange project. Because VT accepts Migrant Ed monies, Title I Part C, we are required (by the federal government) to participate in the exchange program. Basically, the program is a database of all migrant students nationally, containing 101 critical elements per student. This grant is to help VT implement this new requirement.

We expect to spend a minimum of $16,000 in staff salaries/benefits. We currently have a Program Technician who, among other duties, works to support the current Migrant Education program, including maintaining the VT-specific migrant database. With these additional funds, we will expand her duties to include this new federal requirement. $10,310 was the original estimate of operating expenses, to include things like an upgraded computer to handle the additional database program, training, etc. When the AA-1 document was submitted, we were early in our conversations with USDOE regarding the use of these funds. As we have gained more knowledge about our requirements, we are finding that it is likely that the real need for these funds is in staff time, as opposed to operating expenses. As we begin to actually implement this new requirement, we will have a better sense on the split between PS and OE. The remaining operating expenses ($5,815) are the earned indirects, which are budgeted and expended in our Finance and Administration appropriation.

Please let me know if you require additional detail.

Kathy

Kathy Flanagan
Financial Director
Department of Education
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2510
(802) 828-0482
(802) 279-5947 cell
kathy.flanagan@state.vt.us
V. Application Review Information

Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for evaluating the applications for this program are from 34 CFR 75.310 of EDGAR and are listed in the application package.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we will notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notice (GAN). We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section in this notice.

We reference the regulatory requirements contained in the Applicable Regulations section in this notice and include these specific conditions in the GAN. GAN also incorporates your application as part of your commitment under the grant.

3. Reporting: At the end of the project period, you must submit a final performance report, including expenditure information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a grant award, you must submit a quarterly performance report that reflects your most current performance and expenditure information.

4. Performance Measures: Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the Department will use the following measures to assess the performance of the program:

(a) The percentage of FIPSE grantee reporting project dissemination to others.

(b) The percentage of FIPSE projects reporting institutionalization on their home campuses.

If funded, you will be asked to collect and report data on these measures in your project’s annual performance report (EDGAR, 34 CFR 75.390).

Applicants are also advised to consider these two measures in conceptualizing the design, implementation, and evaluation of the proposed project because of their importance in the application review process. Collection of data on these measures should be part of the project evaluation plan. Along with any measures of progress on goals and objectives that are specific to your project.

VII. Agency Contacts

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Krish Mathur. FIPSE—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. 1990 K Street NW, Room 6153, Washington, DC 20006-8544.
Telephone: (202) 502-7512 or by e-mail: krish.mathur@ed.gov.

If you use a TDD. call the FRS. toll free at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Alternative Format: Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT in Section VII in this notice.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiocassette, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Migrant Education Program (MEP), authorized in Title I, Part C, of the ESEA, is a state-operated formula grant program under which SEAs receive funds to help improve the academic achievement of migratory children who reside in their States. Under section 1304(b)(3) of the ESEA, SEAs receiving MEP funds have a responsibility to carry out activities that promote the interstate and intrastate coordination of services for migratory children. This responsibility includes carrying out activities that provide for educational continuity through the timely transfer of pertinent school records, including health information, for migratory children whether or not they move during the regular school year.

Section 1308(b) of the ESEA requires, among other things, that the Department (1) assist States in developing methods for the electronic transfer of migrant student records, (2) ensure the linkage of State electronic records-exchange systems, and (3) establish the minimum...
data elements (MDEs) that States must collect and maintain in their migrant student databases for the purpose of electronically exchanging health and educational records on migrant children. To meet these statutory responsibilities, on September 28, 2007, the Department established the MSIX. When fully operational, the MSIX will allow all States participating in the MEP (and all LOAs in those States) to share an established set of MDEs on their migrant children with any State and LOA in which a migrant child enrolls by electronically linking the States’ existing migrant student databases. On November 27, 2007, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved an information collection package (1810–0689) that establishes 66 MDEs.

We published a notice of proposed requirements for this program in the Federal Register on April 1, 2008 (73 FR 17341). The notice proposed that the Department establish a grant program under which, subject to the availability of funds in any fiscal year, the Department would make annual grant awards by formula beginning in FY 2008 to SEAs in order to provide additional resources to assist them in implementing the interstate exchange of migrant children’s records electronically through MSIX. The notice of proposed requirements included a discussion of how SEAs could use these supplemental funds and a proposed formula for distributing available money to the SEAs that requested this assistance.

Except for some minor editorial and technical changes, there are two differences between the proposed requirements identified in that notice and the final requirements announced in this notice. These changes are explained in the following Analysis of Comments and Changes.

Analysis of Comments and Changes

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed requirements, one party submitted comments on the proposed requirements. An analysis of the comments follows.

Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes—and suggested changes we are not authorized to make under the applicable statutory authority.

Comment: One commenter recommended that the Department allow States that have already shown authority. The notice proposed that the Department proposed this new program in response to specific concerns expressed by representatives of many SEAs about the costs of connecting their State migrant information systems with MSIX and implementing related records exchange activities, and their strong desire for additional funds to help pay for these costs. Responding to this call for support, the Department proposed the MSIX State Data Quality Grants as a way to supplement SEAs efforts to pay for expenses incurred by States in their efforts to link to and use the MSIX. The Department believes that the needs of States for this additional assistance is such that the entire $2 million that we proposed to set aside for MSIX-related activities should be devoted to that purpose. In this regard, as explained in the notice of proposed requirements (73 FR 17342), SEAs may use these funds for a variety of MSIX-related activities, both for the ongoing costs of maintaining records and for one-time costs incurred. Ongoing costs may include such activities as paying for additional data entry personnel hired to enter migrant student data into the State’s migrant database, further MSIX training of new staff, and refresher training of live data are entered into the system. One-time costs may include the purchase of equipment, such as computers, to be used for entering migrant student data. The funds that are used for these MSIX-related activities will make MEP Basic Formula Grant funds, which otherwise would have been spent on MSIX-related activities, available for purposes of providing educational services to migrant children under Title I, Part C of the ESEA.

Because the statement of Requirement 1 as proposed may not have clarified that funds may be used for any of a variety of activities only if the activities relate to the use of MSIX for transferring MDEs, we have clarified this point.

Change: Requirement 1 is revised to clarify that SEAs may use MSIX State Data Quality grant funds for various activities only to the extent that these activities are related to the transfer of the MDEs to and through MSIX.

Comment: None.

Discussion: In the course of our internal review of the proposed requirements, we determined that the following sentence, included in the notice of proposed requirements under the heading Amount of the Grants, should be included in Requirement 4 because it relates to the formula for determining an SEA’s share of grant funds.

If an SEA does not apply for these funds or does not receive a MEP Basic State formula grant in any given year, its share of grant funds will be distributed to the requesting SEAs on the basis of the formula established in this notice of final requirements.

Change: We have revised Requirement 4 to include the following sentence:

If an SEA does not apply for these funds or does not receive a MEP Basic State formula grant in any given year, its share of grant funds will be distributed to the requesting SEAs on the basis of the formula established in this notice of final requirements.

Note: This notice does not solicit applications. In any year in which we choose to use these requirements, we invite applications through a separate document that will be sent to States directly.

Requirements

Requirement 1—In consultation with the LOAs and the State parent advisory council, each SEA will determine how these funds will be used in the State. SEAs must use these funds only to help pay for additional costs that their agencies and the LOAs in their States may assume for various activities related to the transfer of the MDEs to and through MSIX. Examples of these activities include:

(a) Enhancements to the State’s migrant or State student database to ensure the inclusion of the MDEs in accordance with MSIX data specifications;
(b) Staffing or information technology (IT) services needed for the collection, data entry, and maintenance of the MDEs or the connectivity to MSIX;
(c) Development of manuals, procedures, pamphlets, or other materials that support the implementation of the State’s records exchange program; and
(d) Support for activities directly related to staff training on the use of MSIX, including staff attendance and travel to MSIX meetings and workshops.

Requirement 2—Only an SEA that receives an MEP Basic State Formula grant award is eligible to receive an MSIX State Data Quality grant. To receive an MSIX State Data Quality grant, an SEA must submit a letter, signed by the Chief State School Officer or his or her authorized representative, (a) requesting an MSIX State Data Quality grant award, and (b) providing an assurance that these funds will be used only for activities that comport with the requirements in this notice of final requirements. In each fiscal year for which sufficient section 1308 funds are available, the Department will
announce the estimated amount of each grant award and invite SEAs to submit their letters of application on or before a date that the Department specifies.

Requirement 3—These grant awards are subject to the financial reporting requirements in section 80.41 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 80.41). With regard to performance reporting, the Department does not apply the provisions contained in section 80.40(b) of EDGAR. Instead, the Department will use program monitoring conducted in conjunction with the overall MEP Basic State Formula Grant program as a means of obtaining information, including supporting documentation, on how the SEA and LOAs in the State used MSIX State Data Quality grant funds to support MSIX-related activities. Monitoring activities will examine progress relative to the MSIX efficiency measure, which assesses the percentage of migrant student records that are consolidated when school enrollment has occurred in more than one State.

Requirement 4—Beginning in FY 2008 and in any subsequent fiscal year in which sufficient funds are available under section 1308, the Department will award these MSIX State Data Quality grants using the following formula:

- 75 percent of the total amount available will be awarded in equal amounts to each SEA with a MEP Basic State Formula grant award; and
- The remaining 25 percent of the funds will be awarded proportionally relative to the amount of each State's Basic: MEP State Formula grant award amount made on July 1 of the fiscal year, except that
- No SEA may receive an MSIX State Data Quality grant award that exceeds 20 percent of its MEP Basic State Formula grant award.

If an SEA does not apply for these funds or does not receive a MEP Basic State formula grant award in any given year, its share of grant funds will be distributed to the requesting SEAs on the basis of the formula established in this notice of final requirements.

Amount of the Grants

For FY 2008, the Department expects to award approximately $2 million for the MSIX State Data Quality grant awards. An appendix to this notice contains a table presenting the size of each State's FY 2008 award assuming that all eligible SEAs apply and that $2 million are available for FY 2008 awards. In subsequent fiscal years, the Department will inform the States of the total amount of funds available, if any, under this grant program.

Executive Order 12866

This notice of final requirements has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the notice of final requirements are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this notice of final requirements, we have determined that the benefits of the final requirements justify the costs.

We have also determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

We fully discussed the costs and benefits in the notice of proposed requirements.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)

The application procedure has been approved under OMB control number 18410-0683.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

Applicable Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

This grant program is subject to the requirements established in this notice of final requirements and to the definitions used to determine the eligibility of a "migrant child" found in section 1309(2) of the ESEA and 34 CFR § 200.81. Consistent with the "Tydings Amendment" (section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act and restated in section 76.709 of EDGAR), funds awarded under this program are available for obligation until September 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which they are awarded.

Because it is a formula grant program, receipt of funds also is subject to the requirements of parts 76 and 80 of EDGAR (34 CFR parts 76 and 80).

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 94.144, Migrant Education Coordination Program).


Dated: July 18, 2008.

Kerri L. Briggs,
Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Appendix

Note: The estimated size of awards is based on the amount of FY 2008 MEP Basic State Grant awards issued on July 1, 2008, and assumes that (1) exactly $2 million will be available for FY 2008 MSIX State Data quality grant awards, and (2) each SEA with a Migrant Education Program Basic Formula Grant requests an award.

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| ALABAMA | $33,039.00 |
| ALASKA | $40,025.00 |
| ARIZONA | $39,449.00 |
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| COLORADO | $40,577.00 |
| CONNECTICUT | $31,475.00 |
| DELAWARE | $30,437.00 |
| DIST. COLUMBIA | $0.00 |

Appendix

ESTIMATED PROPOSED AWARD AMOUNTS FOR THE FY 2008 MSIX STATE DATA QUALITY GRANTS

| FLORIDA | $635,232.00 |
| GEORGIA | $41,851.00 |
| HAWAII | $31,069.00 |
| IDAHO | $35,360.00 |
| ILLINOIS | $32,819.00 |
| INDIANA | $37,616.00 |
| IOWA | $32,460.00 |
ESTIMATED PROPOSED AWARD AMOUNTS FOR THE FY 2008 MSIX STATE DATA QUALITY GRANTS—Continued

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MICHIGAN......................... 42,597.00
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MISSISSIPPI..................... 30,875.00
MISSOURI......................... 32,241.00
MONTANA......................... 31,404.00
NEBRASKA......................... 37,541.00
NEVADA......................... 30,331.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.................. 28,094.00
NEW JERSEY....................... 32,988.00
NEW MEXICO...................... 31,275.00
NEW YORK......................... 43,935.00
NORTH CAROLINA................ 38,544.00
NORTH DAKOTA................... 30,326.00
OHIO............................. 32,635.00
OKLAHOMA........................ 31,519.00
OREGON......................... 44,086.00
PENNSYLVANIA................ 43,389.00
RHODE ISLAND.................... 13,374.00
SOUTH CAROLINA................ 30,790.00
SOUTH DAKOTA.................... 31,202.00
TENNESSEE....................... 30,782.00
TEXAS............................ 114,584.00
UTAH............................. 32,558.00
VERMONT......................... 30,866.00
VIRGINIA......................... 31,199.00
WASHINGTON.................... 52,452.00
WEST VIRGINIA................... 16,147.00
WISCONSIN....................... 30,905.00
WYOMING....................... 30,320.00
PUERTO RICO..................... 0.00


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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

July 17, 2008.

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission Company.


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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

PR/AWARD NUMBER: S144G070046
RECIPIENT NAME: VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
120 STATE STREET

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) UNDER THE "TYDINGS AMENDMENT," SECTION 421(b) OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1225(b), ANY FUNDS THAT ARE NOT OBLIGATED AT THE END OF THE FEDERAL FUNDING PERIOD SPECIFIED IN BLOCK 6 SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.

(2) This grant is subject to the provisions of all applicable acts and regulations. This grant is subject to the provisions of Title I, Part C and I, and Title IX, as applicable, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, and the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). This grant is also subject to Title I, Part C regulations in 34 CFR Part 200, the general provisions regulations in 34 CFR Part 299, the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 76 and 80, and the Notice of final requirements published on July 23, 2008, in the Federal Register (73 FR 42792).


THEREFORE, THE SEA MAY NOT BEGIN TO DRAW DOWN MSIX DATA QUALITY GRANT FUNDS UNTIL ED HAS A FULLY EXECUTED IA AND ISA.

SEP 23 2008

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL DATE

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