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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### [CFDA No. 84.363A]

#### School Leadership Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to fund down the fiscal year (FY) 2008 grant slate for the School Leadership Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed in FY 2008 for the School Leadership Program authorized by Title II, part A, subpart 5 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, to make new grant awards in FY 2009. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on last year's grant slate. We expect to use an estimated \$3 million for new awards in FY 2009. The actual level of funding depends on the amount of FY 2009 program funds that are available after the Department makes 22 expected continuation awards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beatriz Ceja, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., 4W210, Washington, DC 20202-5960. Telephone: (202) 205-5009 or via Internet: [beatriz.ceja@ed.gov](mailto:beatriz.ceja@ed.gov).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Department published a notice inviting applications for new School Leadership Program awards for FY 2008 in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2008 (73 FR 11504).

In response to the March 3 notice inviting applications, we received a significant number of high-quality applications and made 22 new grant awards. However, many applications that were awarded high scores by peer reviewers did not receive funding in FY 2008 because of insufficient appropriations.

The Department's FY 2009 appropriation is sufficient to permit the Department to make continuation awards to each of these 22 grantees and make a small number of new School Leadership Program awards. Rather than using program funds for a new peer review process, the Department has decided to use the remaining funds (after continuation awards are made) to select grantees in FY 2009 from the existing slate of applications. This slate was developed during the FY 2008 competition using the selection criteria, application requirements, and definitions referenced in the March 3 notice inviting applications (73 FR 11504).

**Note:** To be eligible to receive a grant under this notice all applicants being considered for funding must meet all statutory eligibility criteria (i.e., be a high-need LEA, a consortium of high-need LEAs, or a partnership that includes one or more high-need LEAs), and be able to demonstrate a commitment to implement the scope and objectives of the project proposed in the application submitted in 2008. Only applications from the 2008 slate will be considered. Our intent is to fund down the slate from the last 2008 funded application until available funds are exhausted.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6651(b).

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Notice of Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Virtual Public Forum for EAC Board of Advisors.

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, May 11, 2009, 9 a.m. EDT through Friday, May 15, 2009, 9 p.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** EAC Board of Advisors Virtual Meeting Room at [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov). Once at the main page of EAC's Web site, viewers should click the link to the Board of Advisors Virtual Meeting Room. The virtual meeting room will open on Monday, May 11, 2009, at 9 a.m. EDT and will close on Friday, May 15, 2009, at 9 P.M. EDT. The site will be available 24 hours per day during that 5-day period.

**PURPOSE:** The EAC Board of Advisors will review and provide comment on Phase I of the draft Election Operations Assessment. Phase I of the project is an information gathering and modeling phase designed to create the framework for the remaining two phases of the project. The scope of the document and the project that created it are geared toward the procedures and equipment that move the ballot through the electoral process. The end goal of the election operations assessment is to create a work product that will allow the EAC to evaluate security risks to various types of voting systems (i.e. hand counted paper ballots, Precinct Based Optical Scan, or Remote Electronic Systems, etc.) and in order to better inform their work with future iterations of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. In addition, the assessment will allow policy makers and election officials to assess the potential risks to systems that they are looking to purchase in the future.