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Frank T. Brogan,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Reopening the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Competition for Certain Eligible Applicants; Education Innovation and Research Program—Expansion Grants

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In order to afford eligible applicants the opportunity to apply, the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education reopens, for certain prospective eligible applicants, the FY 2019 Education Innovation and Research Expansion competition, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.411A. The Assistant Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by prospective eligible applicants affected by the severe storms and flooding in parts of Iowa, Nebraska, and Alabama, as well as areas impacted by the Ironworks Fire in New Mexico, which have been designated for Individual Assistance or Public Assistance under Presidential major disaster or fire management assistance declarations under DR-4421, DR-4420, DR-4419, and FM-5281, respectively.

DATES: *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 23, 2019.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 24, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Montanti, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3E323, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-7122. Email: eir@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 1, 2019, we published in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 1085) a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2019 for the Education Innovation and Research Expansion competition (NIA). We are reopening this competition in order to allow certain eligible applicants more time to prepare and submit their applications.

Eligibility: The reopening of this competition applies to eligible applicants under the Education Innovation and Research Expansion competition that are located in a federally declared disaster area, as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under declarations DR-4421, DR-4420, DR-4419, or FM-5281. These are areas adversely affected by the severe storms and flooding in parts of Iowa, Nebraska, and Alabama, as well as areas impacted by the Ironworks Fire in New Mexico. The federally declared disaster areas under each of these declarations are the jurisdictions identified by FEMA in which assistance to individuals or public assistance has been authorized.

An eligible applicant for the Education Innovation and Research Expansion competition is defined in the NIA.

An eligible applicant submitting an application as part of the reopened competition must provide a certification in its application that it is located in a jurisdiction that is part of one of the applicable federally-declared disaster areas and must provide appropriate supporting documentation, if requested.

We are not reopening the application period for all applicants. Thus, applications from applicants not affected by the natural disasters referenced in this notice may not be submitted as part of this reopened period for submission of applications.

See the Emergency Declarations available at: www.fema.gov/disaster/4421; www.fema.gov/disaster/4420; www.fema.gov/disaster/4419; and www.fema.gov/disaster/5281 to determine if you are eligible to apply as part of this reopened competition.

Note: All information in the NIA remains the same, except for the deadline date for certain eligible entities and the deadline for intergovernmental review.

Program Authority: Section 4611 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 7261.

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, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2019 for the Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.041C. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1810-0657.

DATES:

Applications Available: April 19, 2019.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 11, 2019.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 12, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacqueline Edwards, Impact Aid Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3C121, Washington, DC 20202-6244. Telephone: 202-260-3858. Email: Jacqueline.Edwards@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program provides grants for emergency repairs and modernization of school facilities to certain local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive Impact Aid formula funds.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii) and (iv), this priority is from section 7007(b)(2)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (Act) (20 U.S.C. 7707(b)), and the regulations for this program in 34 CFR 222.177.

Absolute Priority: For FY 2019 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority and otherwise follow the applicable funding provisions in 34 CFR 222.189.

This priority is:

Emergency Repair Grants.

An LEA is eligible to be considered for an emergency grant under this priority if it—

(a) Is eligible to receive formula construction funds for the fiscal year under section 7007(a) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 7707(a));

(b)(1) Has no practical capacity to issue bonds;

(2) Has minimal capacity to issue bonds and has used at least 75 percent of its bond limit; or

(3) Is eligible to receive funds for the fiscal year for heavily impacted districts under section 7003(b)(2) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 7707(b)(2)); and

(c) Has a school facility emergency that the Secretary has determined, consistent with 34 CFR 222.172(a) and 222.173, poses a health or safety hazard to students and school personnel.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7707(b).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75 (except for 34 CFR 75.600 through 75.617), 77, 79, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 222.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$17,400,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in subsequent years from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$60,000–\$6,000,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$2,175,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 8.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months. We will determine each project period based on the nature of the project proposed and the time needed to complete it. We will specify this period in the Grant Award Notification (GAN).

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* An LEA is eligible to apply for an emergency grant under the absolute priority if it—

(a) Is eligible to receive formula construction funds for the fiscal year under section 7007(a) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 7707(a)) because it enrolls a high percentage (at least 50 percent) of federally connected children in average daily attendance (ADA) who either reside on Indian lands or who have a parent on active duty in the U.S. uniformed services;

(b)(1) Has no practical capacity to issue bonds (as defined in 34 CFR 222.176);

(2) Has minimal capacity to issue bonds (as defined in 34 CFR 222.176) and has used at least 75 percent of its bond limit; or

(3) Is eligible to receive funds for the fiscal year for heavily impacted districts

under section 7003(b)(2) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 7703(b)(2)); and

(c) Has a school facility emergency that the Secretary has determined, consistent with 34 CFR 222.172(a) and 222.173, poses a health or safety hazard to students and school personnel.

2. a. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* In reviewing proposed awards, the Secretary considers the funds available to the grantee from other sources, including local, State, and other Federal funds. See 20 U.S.C. 7707(b)(5)(A)(iii) and 34 CFR 222.174 and 222.191 through 222.193. Consistent with 34 CFR 222.192, an applicant will be required to submit its most recently available audited financial reports for three consecutive fiscal years, showing closing balances for all school funds. If significant balances (as detailed in 34 CFR 222.192) are available at the close of the applicant's FY 2018, or its most recently audited year, that are not obligated for other purposes, those funds will be considered available for the proposed emergency repair project. Available balances may reduce the amount of funds that may be awarded or eliminate the applicant's eligibility for an emergency grant award under this competition.

b. *Supplement-Not-Supplant:* This competition involves supplement-not-supplant funding requirements. As outlined in 34 CFR 222.174, grant funds under this competition may not be used to supplant or replace other available non-Federal construction money.

3. *Subgrantees:* A grantee under this competition may not award subgrants to entities to directly carry out project activities described in its application.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address To Request Application Package:* You can obtain an electronic application via the internet at: www.G5.gov. For assistance, please contact Jacqueline Edwards, Impact Aid Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3C121, Washington, DC 20202-6244. Telephone: (202) 260-3858. Email: Jacqueline.Edwards@ed.gov.

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

Individuals with disabilities can obtain a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) by contacting the person listed under

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content and form of an application, together with the forms you must

submit, are in the application package for this competition.

3. *Submission Dates and Times: Applications Available:* April 19, 2019.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 11, 2019.

Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically using G5, the Department's grant management system, accessible through the Department's G5 site. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application electronically, or in paper format by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to *Other Submission Requirements* in section IV of this notice.

We do not consider an application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice. Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 10, 2019.

4. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

5. *Funding Restrictions:* Except for applicants with no practical capacity to issue bonds, as defined in 34 CFR 222.176, an eligible applicant's award amount may not be more than 50 percent of the total cost of an approved project and the total amount of grant funds may not exceed \$4 million during any four-year period. See 34 CFR 222.193. For example, an LEA that is awarded \$4 million in the first year may not receive any additional funds for the following three years. Applicants may submit only one application for one educational facility as provided by 34 CFR 222.183. If an applicant submits more than one application, the Department will consider only the first submission, as determined by the G5 e-application system. Grant recipients must, in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, use emergency grants for permissible construction activities at public elementary and secondary school

facilities. The scope of the project for a selected facility will be identified as part of the final grant award conditions. A grantee must also ensure that its construction expenditures under this program meet the requirements of 34 CFR 222.172 (allowable program activities) and 34 CFR 222.173 (prohibited activities).

We reference additional regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

6. *Data Universal Numbering System Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management:* To do business with the Department of Education, you must—

- a. Have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);
- b. Register both your DUNS number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM), the Government's primary registrant database;
- c. Provide your DUNS number and TIN on your application; and
- d. Maintain an active SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet at the following website: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. A DUNS number can be created within one to two business days.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow two to five weeks for your TIN to become active.

The SAM registration process can take approximately seven business days, but may take upwards of several weeks, depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data you enter into the SAM database. Thus, if you think you might want to apply for Federal financial assistance under a program administered by the Department, please allow sufficient time to obtain and register your DUNS number and TIN. We strongly recommend that you register early.

Note: Once your SAM registration is active, it may be 24 to 48 hours before you can access the information in, and submit an application through, Grants.gov.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your DUNS

number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about SAM is available at www.SAM.gov. To further assist you with obtaining and registering your DUNS number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account, we have prepared a SAM.gov Tip Sheet, which you can find at: <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/sam-faqs.html>.

7. *Other Submission Requirements:* Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.*

Applications for grants under the Impact Aid Discretionary Construction Grant Program, CFDA number 84.041C, must be submitted electronically using the G5 system, accessible through the Department's G5 site at: www.G5.gov. While completing your electronic application, you will be entering data online that will be saved into a database. You may not email an electronic copy of a grant application to us.

We will reject your application if you submit it in paper format unless, as described elsewhere in this section, you qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement and submit, no later than two weeks before the application deadline date, a written statement to the Department that you qualify for one of these exceptions. Further information regarding calculation of the date that is two weeks before the application deadline date is provided later in this section under *Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement*.

Please note the following:

- You must complete the electronic submission of your grant application by midnight, Eastern Time, on the application deadline date. G5 will not accept an application for this competition after 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on the application deadline date. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process.

- The hours of operation of the G5 website are 6:00 a.m. Monday until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday; and 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Eastern Time. Please note that, because of maintenance, the system is unavailable between 3:00 p.m. on Sundays and 6:00 a.m. on Mondays, and

between 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 6:00 a.m. on Thursdays, Eastern Time. Any modifications to these hours are posted on the G5 website.

- You will not receive additional point value because you submit your application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, as described elsewhere in this section, and submit your application in paper format.

- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information you typically provide on the following forms: The Application for Discretionary Construction Program under Section 7007(b) and all necessary signature pages.

- When you submit your application electronically, you must upload any narrative sections and all other attachments to your application as files in either Portable Document Format (PDF) or Microsoft Word. Although applicants have the option of uploading any narrative sections and all other attachments to their application in either PDF or Microsoft Word, we recommend applicants submit all documents as read-only flattened PDFs, meaning any fillable PDF files must be saved and submitted as non-fillable PDF files and not as interactive or fillable PDF files, to better ensure applications are processed in a more timely, accurate, and efficient manner. If you choose to submit your application in Microsoft Word, you may do so using any version of Microsoft Word (*i.e.*, a document ending in a .doc or .docx extension). If you upload a file type other than PDF or Microsoft Word or if you submit a password-protected file, we will be unable to review that material. Please note that this will likely result in your application not being considered for funding. The Department will not convert material from other formats to PDF or Microsoft Word.

- Prior to submitting your electronic application, you may wish to print a copy of it for your records.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment that will include a unique PR/Award number for your application.

- By the application deadline date, you must email to the Impact Aid Program a signed copy of the cover page and the independent emergency certification form for the Application for Discretionary Construction Program under Section 7007(b) after following these steps:

- Print a copy of the application from G5 for your records.

- The applicant's Authorizing Representative must sign and date the cover page. The local certifying official must sign the certification for an emergency application. These forms must be submitted by the application deadline in order to be considered for funding under this program.

- Place the PR/Award number in the upper, right-hand corner of the hard-copy signed cover page of the application.

- Email the signed cover page and independent emergency certification to the Impact Aid Program at Impact.Aid@ed.gov. These forms must be submitted before midnight, Eastern Time, of the application deadline in order to be considered for funding under this program.

- We may request that you provide us original signatures on other forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of G5 System Unavailability: If you are prevented from electronically submitting your application on the application deadline date because the G5 system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension until midnight, Eastern Time, the following business day to enable you to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if—

- You are a registered user of the G5 system and you have initiated an electronic application for this competition; and

- (a) G5 is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the application deadline date; or

- (b) G5 is unavailable for any period of time between 11:00 p.m. and midnight, Eastern Time, on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgment of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or (2) the G5 help desk at 1-888-336-8930. If G5 is unavailable due to technical problems with the system and, therefore, the application deadline is extended, an email will be sent to all registered users who have initiated a G5 application. Extensions referred to in this section apply only to the unavailability of the G5 system.

Exception to Electronic Submission Requirement: You qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, and may submit your application in paper format, if you are

unable to submit an application through the G5 system because—

- You do not have access to the internet; or

- You do not have the capacity to upload large documents to G5;

and

- No later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days or, if the fourteenth calendar day before the application deadline date falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday), you mail a written statement to the Department, explaining which of the two grounds for an exception prevents you from using the internet to submit your application. If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date.

Address and mail your statement to: Jacqueline Edwards, Impact Aid Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3C121, Washington, DC 20202-6244. Telephone: 202-260-3858.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

b. *Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.*

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you may mail (through the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier) your application to the Department. You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Impact Aid Program, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.041C), Room 3C121, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-6244.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

- A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

- A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

- Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- A private metered postmark.

- A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark.

Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

We will not consider applications postmarked after the application deadline date.

If you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application, by hand, on or before the application deadline date, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Impact Aid Program, Attention: (CFDA Number 84.041C), Room 3C121, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-6244.

The Impact Aid Program accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Note for Mail or Paper Applications: If you mail your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope—if not provided by the Department—the CFDA number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Impact Aid Program will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this grant notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Impact Aid Program at (202) 260-3858.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* Consistent with 34 CFR 75.209, the selection criteria for this competition are from the applicable statutory and regulatory provisions as indicated after each criterion. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses. Within each criterion, the Secretary evaluates each factor equally, unless otherwise specified. The maximum score that an application may receive is 100 points.

(a) Severity of the school facility problem to be addressed by the proposed project (34 CFR 222.189(a)(1)) (30 points).

(i) Justification that the proposed emergency project will address a deficiency that poses a health or safety hazard to occupants of the facility, and consistency of the emergency description and the proposed project with the certifying local official's statement (34 CFR 222.185(a) and (c)) (15 points).

(ii) Impact of the emergency condition on the health and safety of the building

occupants and how free public education program delivery in the instructional school facility is adversely affected (34 CFR 222.172, 222.173, 222.176, and 222.185(b)). Applicants should describe: The systems or areas of the facility involved (*e.g.*, HVAC, roof, floor, windows; the type of space affected, such as instructional, resource, food service, recreational, general support, or other areas); the percentage of building occupants affected by the emergency; and the importance of the facility or affected area to the instructional program (15 points).

(b) Project urgency (28 points).

(i) Risk to occupants if the facility condition is not addressed (34 CFR 222.176, definition of "emergency"). Applicants should describe: Projected increased future costs; the anticipated effect of the proposed project on the useful life of the facility or the need for major construction; and the age and condition of the facility and date of last renovation of affected areas.

(ii) The justification for rebuilding, if proposed (34 CFR 222.172(c)).

(c) Effects of Federal presence (section 7007(b)(4)(B) and (C) and 34 CFR 222.184(b)) (30 points).

(i) Amount of non-taxable Federal property in the applicant LEA (percentage of Federal property divided by 10) (10 points).

(ii) The number of federally connected children identified in section 7003(a)(1)(A), (B), (C), and (D) of the Act in the LEA (percentage of identified children in LEA divided by 10) (10 points).

(iii) The number of federally connected children identified in section 7003(a)(1)(A), (B), (C), and (D) of the Act in the school facility (percentage of identified children in school facility divided by 10) (10 points).

(d) Ability to respond or pay (section 7007(b)(4)(A)) (12 points).

(i) The percentage of its bonding capacity used by the LEA. Four points will be distributed based on this percentage such that: Four points will be given to an LEA that has used 75 percent or more of its bonding capacity; three points will be given to an LEA that has used 50 percent to 74 percent of its bonding capacity; two points will be given to an LEA that has used 25 percent to 49 percent of its bonding capacity; and one point will be given to an LEA that has used less than 25 percent of its bond limit. LEAs that do not have limits on bonded indebtedness established by their States will be evaluated by assuming that their bond limit is 10 percent of the assessed value of real property in the LEA. LEAs deemed to have no practical capacity to

issue bonds will receive all four points (4 points).

(ii) Assessed value of real property per student (applicant LEA's total assessed valuation of real property per pupil as a percentile ranking of all LEAs in the State). Points will be distributed by providing all four points to LEAs in the State's poorest quartile and only one point to LEAs in the State's wealthiest quartile (4 points).

(iii) Total tax rate for capital or school purposes (applicant LEA's tax rate for capital or school purposes as a percentile ranking of all LEAs in the State). If the State authorizes a tax rate for capital expenditures, then these data must be used; otherwise, data on the total tax rate for school purposes are used. Points will be distributed by providing all four points to LEAs in the State's highest-taxing quartile and only one point to LEAs in the State's lowest-taxing quartile (4 points).

2. *Review and Selection Process:* (a) We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary requires various assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

(b) Upon receipt, Impact Aid program staff will screen all applications to eliminate any applications that do not meet the eligibility standards, are incomplete, or are late. Applications that do not include a signed cover page and a signed independent emergency certification submitted by email before midnight, Eastern Time, on the application deadline are considered incomplete and will not be considered for funding. Program staff will also calculate the scores for each application under criteria (c) and (d). Panel reviewers will assess the applications under criteria (a) and (b).

(c) Applications are ranked based on the total number of points received during the review process. Those with the highest scores will be at the top of the funding slate.

(d) Applicants may submit only one application for one educational facility. If an applicant submits multiple applications, the Department will only consider the first sequentially submitted application, as provided under 34 CFR 222.183.

3. *Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions:* Consistent with 2 CFR 200.205, before awarding grants under this program the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 3474.10, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

4. *Integrity and Performance System:* If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), under 2 CFR 200.205(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through SAM. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a GAN; or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your 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 of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Open Licensing Requirements:* Unless an exception applies, if you are awarded a grant under this competition, you will be required to openly license to the public grant deliverables created in whole, or in part, with Department grant funds. When the deliverable consists of modifications to pre-existing works, the license extends only to those modifications that can be separately identified and only to the extent that open licensing is permitted under the terms of any licenses or other legal restrictions on the use of pre-existing works. Additionally, a grantee or subgrantee that is awarded competitive grant funds must have a plan to disseminate these public grant deliverables. This dissemination plan can be developed and submitted after your application has been reviewed and selected for funding. For additional information on the open licensing requirements please refer to 2 CFR 3474.20(c).

4. *Reporting:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.

5. *Performance Measures:* The Department has established the following performance measure for this program: An increasing percentage of

LEAs receiving Impact Aid Construction funds will report that the overall condition of their school buildings is adequate. Data for this measure will be reported to the Department on Table 10 of the application for Impact Aid Section 7003 Basic Support Payments.

6. *Feasibility Study:* For applicants that request funding for new construction and that are selected for funding, the Department will require a feasibility of construction study prior to making an award determination. This independent third-party study must demonstrate that the chosen construction site is viable and the infrastructure will be able to sustain the new facility or addition.

VII. Other Information

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, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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