UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

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TO: State Directors of Adult Education

FROM: Dennis Berry
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Vocational and Adult Education

SUBJECT: Estimated Allocations Adjustment for
FYs 2003—2008 Adult Education State Grant Awards

This memorandum provides States with information about an administrative error made in calculating the grant awards for Fiscal Years (FY) 2003—2008 for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) State Grant awards. The President's 2010 Budget proposal includes funds to correct this error. If Congress appropriates these funds, States that were underpaid due to the administrative error will receive a one-time payment in July 2010 to correct the error. States that were overpaid during this period will not be required to pay back those funds under this proposal.

The Department discovered an administrative error that incorrectly calculated the number of *qualifying adults*[1] in computing grant amounts for States from FY 2003—2008. During those years, the formula wrongly included students 16 and over who were still enrolled in secondary school or who were required to be enrolled in secondary school under their States' compulsory school age requirements. This error resulted in some States receiving fewer funds and some States receiving more funds than the correct legislative formula would have generated.

The Department, upon discovering this error, requested a new tabulation of the 2000 decennial data from the U.S. Census Bureau upon which the FYs 2003—2008 Adult Education State Grant allocations were based. The tabulation also applies the compulsory school attendance requirements in each individual State throughout this time period. The new tabulation, therefore, correctly identifies the number of *qualifying adults* in each State during the six-year period.

The attached chart provides information on the cumulative amount of funds each State was overpaid or underpaid from FY 2003—2008. States that were underpaid due to the error are slated to receive a one-time payment in July 2010, provided Congress appropriates those funds in the FY 2010 Budget and enacts statutory language permitting the additional funds to be used to

[1] A qualifying adult, as defined in Section 211(d) of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 is a person at least 16 years of age, beyond the age of compulsory school attendance under the law of the State or outlying area, who does not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and is not enrolled in secondary school.

correct the administrative error. States slated for this one-time payment would be required to meet matching provisions required by law.

For State-specific information about an underpayment or overpayment, please contact Mike Dean in the Division of Adult Education and Literacy at 202/245-7828 or Mike.Dean@ed.gov.

Attachment

Estimated Allocations Adjustment for FYs 2003-2008 Adult Education State Grant Awards

State	Actual Adult Education State Grant Awards FYs 2003—08	Revised (with corrected Census data) Adult Education State Grant Awards FYs 2003—08	Actual vs. Revised Difference*
ALABAMA	$54,486,938	$57,126,922	-$2,639,984
ALASKA	$5,814,677	$5,106,383	$708,294
ARIZONA	$51,753,308	$52,582,522	-$829,214
ARKANSAS	$32,812,691	$34,157,378	-$1,344,687
CALIFORNIA	$379,217,901	$383,916,986	-$4,699,085
COLORADO	$33,882,217	$31,899,953	$1,982,264
CONNECTICUT	$29,807,610	$29,084,429	$723,181
DELAWARE	$8,466,346	$8,546,232	-$79,886
FLORIDA	$165,866,461	$171,939,527	-$6,073,066
GEORGIA	$89,068,134	$91,035,917	-$1,967,783
HAWAII	$10,970,003	$10,591,927	$378,076
IDAHO	$12,198,316	$11,245,201	$953,115
ILLINOIS	$117,962,940	$117,031,490	$931,450
INDIANA	$57,376,245	$56,032,026	$1,344,219
IOWA	$23,811,647	$21,939,982	$1,871,665
KANSAS	$22,299,649	$20,249,517	$2,050,132
KENTUCKY	$51,428,010	$53,812,232	-$2,384,222
LOUISIANA	$54,968,643	$55,901,487	-$932,844
MAINE	$11,750,533	$11,132,619	$617,914
MARYLAND	$45,326,786	$44,650,516	$676,270
MASSACHUSETTS	$51,606,226	$50,412,308	$1,193,918
MICHIGAN	$87,870,238	$84,773,480	$3,096,758
MINNESOTA	$36,018,138	$31,164,258	$4,853,880
MISSISSIPPI	$37,516,304	$38,923,385	-$1,407,081
MISSOURI	$54,778,989	$54,490,771	$288,218
MONTANA	$8,227,092	$7,405,175	$821,917
NEBRASKA	$14,394,328	$12,838,111	$1,556,217
NEVADA	$21,437,577	$22,114,073	-$676,496
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$10,322,234	$9,509,494	$812,740
NEW JERSEY	$77,858,226	$77,563,687	$294,539
NEW MEXICO	$20,690,597	$20,264,466	$426,131
NEW YORK	$196,679,681	$200,690,485	-$4,010,804

Estimated Allocations Adjustment for FYs 2003-2008 Adult Education State Grant Awards, Continued

	Actual Adult Education State Grant Awards FYs 2003—08	Revised (with corrected Census data) Adult Education State Grant Awards FYs 2003—08	Actual vs. Revised Difference*
NORTH CAROLINA	$87,527,638	$92,108,480	-$4,580,842
NORTH DAKOTA	$6,912,295	$6,471,936	$440,359
OHIO	$102,979,996	$99,650,598	$3,329,398
OKLAHOMA	$35,748,672	$34,741,813	$1,006,859
OREGON	$29,761,042	$28,326,597	$1,434,445
PENNSYLVANIA	$116,132,055	$115,096,017	$1,036,038
RHODE ISLAND	$12,594,492	$12,965,049	-$370,557
SOUTH CAROLINA	$47,093,644	$48,960,946	-$1,867,302
SOUTH DAKOTA	$7,836,890	$7,258,974	$577,916
TENNESSEE	$67,035,199	$70,247,311	-$3,212,112
TEXAS	$245,359,177	$247,700,397	-$2,341,220
UTAH	$17,562,685	$14,203,874	$3,358,811
VERMONT	$6,033,347	$5,673,178	$360,169
VIRGINIA	$67,066,074	$66,763,652	$302,422
WASHINGTON	$45,408,788	$41,077,294	$4,331,494
WEST VIRGINIA	$23,611,610	$24,742,216	-$1,130,606
WISCONSIN	$44,938,356	$41,349,301	$3,589,055
WYOMING	$5,069,467	$4,539,332	$530,135
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$7,798,903	$8,098,557	-$299,654
PUERTO RICO	$65,702,032	$70,563,342	-$4,861,310
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$2,432,152	$2,540,347	-$108,195
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,300,060	$1,294,297	$5,763
GUAM	$2,229,694	$2,208,669	$21,025
NO. MARIANA IS.	$1,796,875	$1,886,245	-$89,370
MARSHALL IS.	$199,119	$198,608	$511
MICRONESIA	$199,119	$198,608	$511
PALAU	$599,119	$598,608	$511
UNITED STATES	$2,927,597,185	$2,927,597,185	$0

* Negative figures in this column demonstrate underpayment to States. Positive figures in this column demonstrate overpayment to States.