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OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

TO: State Directors for Adult Education

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SUBJECT: Incentive Grant Awards for FY 2008 Performance

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Ten states have qualified to receive *Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* title V incentive grants based on their PY 2008 performance. To qualify for this incentive grant, a state must exceed its agreed-upon performance levels for *WIA* title I the *Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)*. You may be aware that performance data for Perkins III is no longer being collected due to the enactment of the *Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV)*. The *WIA* statutory reference is specific to Perkins III, and therefore states' vocational education performance levels were not considered in making eligibility determinations for PY2008 incentive grant awards.

A notice identifying the eligible states and the deadline by which these states must submit their applications for funds was published in the *Federal Register* on May 7, 2010. Section 503(a) of *WIA* requires incentive grant funds to be used to carry out innovative activities consistent with the requirements of any one or more of the programs within *WIA* title I, *AEFLA*, or the reauthorized *Perkins IV*. Applications must include assurances that:

- The legislature of the state was consulted with respect to the development of the application.
- The application was approved by the Governor, the eligible agency for adult education (as defined in section 203(4) of *WIA* (20 U.S.C. 9202(4)), and the state agency responsible for vocational and technical education programs (as defined in section 3(14) of *Perkins IV* (20 U.S.C. 2302(14)), as amended).
- The state and the eligible agency, as appropriate, exceeded the agreed-upon levels of performance for *WIA* title I and *AEFLA*.

The application must also include a description of how the state will use the incentive grant funds to ensure that the state's planned activities are innovative and consistent with the requirements of *WIA* title I, *AEFLA*, and/or *Perkins IV*, as required by section 503(a)

of *WIA*. State applications are jointly reviewed by the Departments of Education and Labor.

As you know, incentive grants may be funded from contributions from *WIA* title I, *AEFLA*, and *Perkins III*. *AEFLA* is the sole contributor of incentive grant funds this year. The attached table that shows relative contributions of the three programs to each state's total award amount.

Congratulations to all ten qualifying states. We look forward to learning about how your state will be using the incentive grant award to improve adult education in your state.

PY2008 Total State Incentive Grant Awards and the Relative Contributions of Each Program to Total Awards

State	Total Award	<i>Contribution to Total Award</i>		
		WIA Title I	AEFLA	Perkins III
Colorado	\$870,920	\$0	\$870,920	\$0
Connecticut	\$844,169	\$0	\$844,169	\$0
Illinois	\$1,238,005	\$0	\$1,238,005	\$0
Iowa	\$806,297	\$0	\$806,297	\$0
Kentucky	\$964,785	\$0	\$964,785	\$0
Minnesota	\$881,593	\$0	\$881,593	\$0
Missouri	\$988,456	\$0	\$988,456	\$0
Nebraska	\$784,251	\$0	\$784,251	\$0
New York	\$1,405,909	\$0	\$1,405,909	\$0
Tennessee	\$976,065	\$0	\$976,065	\$0
TOTAL	\$9,760,450	\$0	\$9,760,450	\$0