

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Partner Participation and Oversight  
Federal Student Aid

FROM: Chief Operating Officer  
Federal Student Aid

SUBJECT: Redlegation of Authority to Approve Interagency Agreements with other Federal Agencies, International Organizations, and Foreign Governments, Including Memoranda of Understanding or Statements of Work in Support of Such Interagency Agreements, Within Your Area of Responsibility Pursuant to Administrative Communications System Departmental Directive OPEPD: 1-101 and to Enter into Agreements Within Your Area of Responsibility with Entities Outside of the U.S. Department of Education

### I. DELEGATION

Pursuant to the Secretary's delegation of authority to me under Section IV.A. of Administrative Communications System (ACS) Departmental Directive OPEPD: 1-101, dated July 16, 2010 (as recertified on June 1, 2017) for approval of interagency agreements with other Federal agencies, international organizations, and foreign governments as the Principal Officer of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to whom responsibility for the administration of the affected Federal student financial assistance programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (excluding the development of policy) has been statutorily assigned (20 U.S.C. 1018), I hereby redelegate to you, your successor in function, or anyone acting for you in your position as Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Partner Participation and Oversight (PPO), the authority to approve interagency agreements with other Federal agencies, international organizations, and foreign governments, including memoranda of understanding or statements of work in support of such interagency agreements that describe the activities covered thereunder (but excluding Computer Matching Agreements), within your area of responsibility, as described in ACS Departmental Directive OPEPD: 1-101.

In addition, pursuant to the Secretary's delegation of authority to me in Delegation of Authority EA/EN/59, certified on May 29, 2008, I hereby also redelegate authority to you, your successor in function, or anyone acting for you in your position as Deputy Chief Operating Officer for PPO the authority to enter into agreements (excluding Computer Matching Agreements) within your area of responsibility with entities outside of ED, including State agencies, lenders, guaranty agencies, and educational institutions.

PPO is responsible for activities that support and monitor Federal Student Aid program participants and enforce compliance with laws and regulations governing student financial assistance programs. The activities within PPO cover the entire lifecycle of program participants. PPO interagency agreements and other agreements with entities outside of ED primarily focus on two areas: 1) data exchanges associated with the National Student Loan Data System and 2) support activities for the Health Education Assistance Loan program, but may also include agreements involving the Common Origination and Disbursement System, the Education Data Warehouse, or other systems supporting PPO activities.

I hereby ratify actions within the scope of this redelegation taken by you prior to the date of certification.

## II. RESERVATIONS

This redelegation does not extend to Computer Matching Agreements administered under ACS Departmental Directive OCIO: 4-101 or to Intergovernmental Personnel Act agreements.

Unless otherwise noted in existing or future delegations of authority, the following are not delegated:

- A. the authority to sign Federal Register notices;
- B. the authority to award contracts and discretionary grants;
- C. the authority to appoint, and fix compensation of, members of advisory councils; and
- D. unless otherwise provided by law, the authority to submit reports to Congress or the President.

## III. REDELEGATION

This authority may not be redelegated.

IV. CERTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This redelegation is effective upon certification by the Department's Principal Delegations Control Officer. I hereby ratify actions within the scope of this delegation taken by you prior to certification of this delegation.

\_\_\_\_\_/s\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark A. Brown  
Chief Operating Officer

OGC Clearance and Date: \_\_\_Debbie Friendly; 1/12/2021\_\_\_\_\_

Certified Date: \_\_\_1/12/2021\_\_\_\_\_

Departmental Delegations Control Officer: \_\_\_\_\_Jim Clemmens\_\_\_\_\_

Control Number: \_\_\_ENA/ENA/92\_\_\_\_\_