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Project Title: CARS Net: Charter Authorizers Regional Support Network

1st Year Total Funding: \$799,659.00

Total Recommended Award Amount: \$2,398,504.00

ACOE proposes **CARS Net: Charter Authorizers Regional Support Network** to serve California (CA) charter authorizers with six or fewer schools in their portfolio. ACOE addressed Absolute Priority 2 and proposes to build a sustainable, evolving network of relationships and services that will increase and improve the accountability of charter authorizers with six or fewer charter schools throughout CA. ACOE will serve 92% of all charter authorizers in the state of CA and 30% of all charter authorizers across the nation (NACSA, 2013).

ACOE's project has four goals:

- Goal 1: Develop a sustainable Charter Authorizers Regional Support Network (CARS Net).
- Goal 2: Increase authorizer quality throughout CA for small authorizers.
- Goal 3: Implement the collection and analysis of data to improve small authorizer practice.
- Goal 4: Disseminate structure, methodology and resources to a national audience.

Through a series of intensive training sessions, developed in collaboration with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA), and the implementation of data collection software, ACOE will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of charter authorizing professionals. Over the grant period, our training program will be developed and available online to a national audience. ACOE estimates that our services will touch more than 90% of all CA small charter authorizers. This extensive training program, which will train 60% of charter authorizers, will develop a pipeline of knowledgeable professionals. Annual conferences and social media will enable charter authorizing professionals to interact and find valuable information that supports their work.