ABSTRACT

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Project Title: (SEED) Investing in Teach For America’s Summer Training Institute: Preparing Effective New Teachers for High-Need Students

Absolute Priority 1 – Teacher recruitment, selection, and preparation

Competitive Preference Priority 1 – Supporting practices and strategies for which there is strong evidence of effectiveness

Goals:

- Recruit and train 6,000 teachers for high-need students in 2013-14; 76% of whom are effective and/or highly effective
- Recruit and train 6,500 teachers for high-need students in 2014-15; 77% of whom are effective and/or highly effective
- Pilot two key innovations to summer training institute – regional training institutes and aligning training with Common Core Standards – to increase corps strength and impact

Expected Outcomes:

- Expansion of a national pipeline of 12,500 diverse, rigorously selected new teachers who will reach approximately 1,000,000 students in high-need schools in urban and rural communities during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years
- Implement innovative pilots focused on further improving Teach For America’s research-proven program for preparing new teachers, with a special emphasis on delivery of innovative pedagogical content, tools, and strategies aligned to Common Core Standards

Contributions for Research, Policy, and Practice: Through this project, Teach For America will contribute to innovative research and practice in teacher preparation and development by: (1) sharing insights with other organizations, schools, school districts, and universities to develop strategies, tools, and best practices, especially around Common Core alignment; and (2) developing more teachers who, informed by their Teach For America experience, will become lifelong leaders in educational policy and practice.