



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

December 18, 2013

Mr. George Wilson
Executive Director
Green River Regional Educational Cooperative
230 Technology Way
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Dear Executive Director Wilson,

I would like to thank you and your staff for your hard work and collaboration with us as Green River Regional Education Cooperative (GRREC) begins to implement its Race to the Top - District grant. Between April 8, 2013 and December 17, 2013, we received initial and revised school implementation plans and detailed Scopes of Work that are consistent with the grantee's approved application.

The Department conditionally approves the GRREC's Scope of Work and the format of the school implementation plans; the grantee Scope of Work and school implementation plans include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures, where available. As noted in the conditions specified below, the Scope of Work will be subject to the submission of baseline dateline and completed tables with annual targets for performance measures.

In its approved Race to the Top - District application GRREC did not include baseline data for several performance measures because it needed to collect baseline data from consortium members and anticipate these data will be available in early 2014. GRREC explained that during its review of project measures with their local evaluator, it was determined that collection instruments would need to be developed to collect baseline, as well as annual, data. For these reasons approval of GRREC's Scope of Work is conditioned on submission of the following:

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The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

- In accordance with the FY 2012 Notice Inviting Applications, GRREC must submit baseline and annual targets for (A)(4)(a) and (A)(4)(b) Student Outcome Measures for each consortium member by March 31, 2014.
- In accordance with the FY 2012 Notice Inviting Applications, GRREC must submit baseline information and annual targets for all sub-groups for (A)(4)(c): graduation rates and (A)(4)(d): college enrollment rates for each consortium member by March 31, 2014.
- In accordance with its approved application, GRREC must submit baseline and annual targets for the number of students whose teachers of record and principal are effective and highly effective (as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications) for each consortium member by September 30, 2014.
- In accordance with its approved application, GRREC must submit revisions, as well as baseline and annual targets for participating students by subgroup, as appropriate, for all (E)(3)(c) performance measures by March 31, 2014.

If GRREC fails to meet the requirements for this condition, the Department will take appropriate enforcement action.

On December 27, 2012, GRREC received a grant of \$39,999,999.16 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent (\$3,999,999.92) of the grant prior to approval of the grantee's Scope of Work. In accordance with the condition outlined above, GRREC may access the remaining balance of the award, consistent with its approved Year 1 Scope of Work and budget. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of GRREC Race to the Top - District plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

Sincerely,

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Ann Whalen
Director, Policy and Program Implementation
Implementation and Support Unit

cc: Janet Hurt, GRREC Project Director