

**Frequently Asked Questions regarding the reopening of the
Race to the Top – District competition**
Updated November 1, 2012

1. Due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy, will the Department reopen the Race to the Top -- District competition and extend the deadline for submitting applications?

Yes. The Department has reopened the Race to the Top -- District competition to extend the deadline for submitting applications. Hurricane Sandy prevented many applicants from submitting their applications by the original October 30 deadline. The hurricane also closed Federal Government offices in Washington, D.C., on October 29 and 30, 2012. The Department, therefore, could not receive applications on those days.

The deadline dates vary depending on the applicant's location:

- i. For local educational agencies located in States affected by Hurricane Sandy and for which the President has issued a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration, the new deadline is **4:30:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.**
- ii. For local educational agencies everywhere else, the new deadline is **4:30:00 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, November 2, 2012.**

Please note that applications must be received by the Department on or before the applicable deadline. Applications for grants under this competition must be submitted in electronic format on a CD or DVD, with CD-ROM or DVD-ROM preferred, by mail or hand delivery. For complete information about how to submit an application, please refer to the [Application and Submission Information](#) section in the August 16, 2012, notice, available at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-district/index.html>.

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For a consortium applicant including one or more local educational agencies (LEAs) located in States affected by Hurricane Sandy and for which the President has issued a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration and one or more LEAs in which no such declaration has been issued, which deadline applies?

If a consortium applicant includes one or more LEAs located in States affected by Hurricane Sandy and for which the President has issued a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration, the applicable application deadline is 4:30:00 pm Washington, D.C., time on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. However, we encourage all applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible.

2. How does an applicant determine whether the President has issued a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration based on the effects of Hurricane Sandy for its State?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a list of States for which the President has issued a major disaster declaration or an emergency declaration based on the effects of Hurricane Sandy. See <http://www.fema.gov/disasters/>.

3. Does an applicant that submitted a Race to the Top -- District application by the previously established October 30, 2012, submission deadline need to re-submit its application?

No. An eligible applicant that submitted its application by the October 30, 2012, deadline does not need to re-submit its application.

4. May an applicant that submitted a Race to the Top -- District application by the previously established October 30, 2012, submission deadline re-submit its application?

Yes. If an applicant re-submits its application by the applicable deadline, the Department will consider the most recently submitted complete application.

5. Are there other requirements of the Race to the Top – District competition that the Department changed?

No. All information in the August 16, 2012, *Federal Register* (77 FR 49654) notice for this competition remains the same, except for the change in submission dates. The original *Federal Register* notice is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/pdf/2012-20037.pdf>.

6. Where is the most current information on the Race to the Top – District competition available?

The most current information on the Race to the Top – District competition is available on the program's Web site at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-district/index.html>.