

Accountability and Oversight

RACE TO THE TOP FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT REVIEW

Illinois

Date of Review: August 15, 2013

Race to the Top Phase 3 award: \$42,818,707

Acronyms:

ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

EDGAR – *Education Department* General Administrative Regulations (codified in 34 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 74 to 82)

FFATA – Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of Public Law 110—252)

GEPA – General Education Provisions Act

ISU – Implementation and Support Unit

LEA – Local Educational Agency

ISBE – Illinois State Board of Education

Summary of Monitoring Indicators

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Allocations to LEAs	The State allocated funds to participating LEAs based on their relative share of funding under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.	ARRA Section 14003(a)	Met Requirement	
Fiscal Oversight of Race to the Top Funds	The State and sub-recipients used the funds only for allowable activities.	ARRA Sections 14002(b), 14003, 14004, 1604, 1605, and 1606	Met Requirement	
	The State and sub-recipients complied with the principles of cash management (i.e. funds advanced were actually expended).	EDGAR § 80.21	Met Requirement	
	The State and sub-recipients have systems to track and account for Race to the Top funds in place.	EDGAR § 80.20	Met Requirement	
	The State and sub-recipients used the funds only during the period of availability (which may include pre-award costs).	GEPA 412(b)	Met Requirement	
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006	The State is ensuring compliance with FFATA reporting regulations.	FFATA; Race to the Top Phase 3 award Attachments O and P	Issues Resolved	3
	The State established clear policies and procedures for compliance with applicable reporting requirements.	FFATA; Race to the Top Phase 3 award Attachments O and P	Met Requirement	
	The State has requested clarification or correction from entities with sub-awards greater than or equal to \$25,000, as/when necessary.	FFATA; Race to the Top Phase 3 award Attachments O and P	Met Requirement	

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Sub-recipient Monitoring	The State has developed a monitoring plan with appropriate policies and procedures to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and that grant performance goals are being achieved throughout the grant period.	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	
	The State has developed comprehensive monitoring protocols that include programmatic and fiscal monitoring	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	
	The State has established a reasonable monitoring schedule	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	
	The State has provided monitoring reports and corrective action follow-up (when available)	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	

Issue Resolved

Critical Element: Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 Reporting

Requirement and Citation:

The State submitted its FFATA report after the onsite program review visit in September 2013.

Issue: In April 2013, ISBE asked the ISU for support to help resolve the technical issue related to submitting its FFATA report through the FFATA Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS). The ISU, ISBE and FFATA helpdesk were in ongoing communication on how to resolve the technical issue. At the time of the onsite program review visit in September 2013, ISBE had not yet submitted a FFATA report for the Race to the Top grant. However, ISBE was able to submit its FFATA report after the review. In future program reviews, the Department may request further information and documentation to demonstrate the State’s compliance with the FFATA requirements.