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Colorado Phase 2 Application

Amendment to Selection Criteria (B)(1)

(B) Standards and Assessments
State Reform Conditions Criteria

(B)(1) Participation in standards consortium:

NOTE TO REVIEWERS: The following information is intended to supplement and not replace the information previously submitted in response to selection criteria (B)(1).

Pursuant to Colorado state law and consistent with its authority under the State Constitution, the Colorado State Board of Education has the authority to adopt state content standards. Exhibit VI.B(1)-4 to the State's application contains a description of the legal process for adopting state standards. In preparation for the adoption of Common Core Standards, Colorado contracted with WestEd to perform a formal alignment study of the Colorado P-12 Academic Standards against the drafts of the Common Core Standards released by CCSSO/NGA. The formal alignment study was presented to the State Board of Education at a public meeting on Wednesday, July 21 and made available to the public on the Colorado Department of Education's website. The State Board of Education received several hundred comments from members of the general public, elected officials and other state and local leaders from across the state in response to the alignment study. After full consideration of the alignment study and the public comments received, the Commissioner of Education made a recommendation to adopt the Common Core Standards. At an open meeting held on August 2, 2010 and following a public hearing, the Colorado State Board of Education fully adopted the Common Core Standards as Colorado's academic standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts, to be augmented with existing Colorado academic standards in these subjects, which augmentation will not equate to more than 15% of the total content standards in each subject. Colorado will implement the standards effectively using the process for implementing standards outlined in CAP4K (Exhibit VI.B(1)-3) and the CDE Standards Implementation Project Charter (Exhibit VI.B(3)-6), as well as activities listed in its RttT plan.