



State Tribal Education Partnership Pilot – Conference Call

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July 10, 2012: STEP Pilot grant competition - Q&A Conference Call

The Department of Education (ED), Office of Indian Education will be convening a conference call on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 1:00pm EST regarding the new ED grant competition called the State-Tribal Education Partnership Pilot (STEP Pilot). The conference call will serve as an opportunity for potential applicants to engage in a question and answer session with ED officials. All applications must be submitted by July 13, 2012 4:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time and meet the submission requirements identified in the Notice Inviting Applications in order to be considered for FY 2012 funding.

The Department's fiscal year (FY) 2012 appropriation included approximately \$2 million for a pilot project to increase the role of tribal education departments in Native American education. Tribal education agencies (TEAs) will enter into collaborative agreements with State educational agencies to perform certain State-level functions under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act formula grant programs for schools located on reservations (or former reservations in Oklahoma). The STEP Pilot is a unique opportunity for collaboration between TEAs and States and could be of particular interest to those States who have high concentrations of American Indian students and/or tribes.

Please RSVP for this conference call by emailing your name and affiliation to step@ed.gov.

If you have questions about the conference call or need more information on the STEP Pilot, please see the website, <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/step/index.html> or contact Ms. Tara Ramsey, STEP Pilot Competition Manager, at Tara.Ramsey@ed.gov or 202.260.2063