

is required to maintain this information regarding cost-sharing and matching resources.

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Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Announcing National Professional Development Program Competition

AGENCY: Department of Education, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting applications in support of the administration of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Professional Development (NPD) program, Assistance Listing Number 84.365Z, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, July 14, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Hunter. Telephone: (202) 987–1670. Email: *Cynthia.Hunter@ed.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPD program provides grants to public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education and public and private entities with relevant experience and capacity, in consortia with State educational agencies and/or local educational agencies to implement pre-service and in-service professional development activities intended to improve instruction for English learners (ELs) and assist education personnel working with ELs to meet high professional standards. The FY 2026 competition includes one absolute priority, two competitive preference priorities, an invitational priority, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priority is: Providing Professional Development to Improve Instruction for ELs. The competitive preference priorities are: Promoting Evidence-Based Literacy and Returning Education to the States. The invitational priority is: Development of a Collaborative Framework for Measuring Teacher Pedagogical Practices to Enhance Student Outcomes.

Maximum Award: \$1,000,000 per year.

Eligible Applicants: To be considered for an award under this competition, an applicant must be an institution of higher education, or public or private entities with relevant experience and capacity, in consortia with local educational agencies or State educational agencies.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6861.

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priorities and program requirements, are available on ED’s website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/teacher-preparation-grants/national-professional-development-program>, on DOL’s website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/find-opportunities>, and on *Grants.gov* at <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/362416>. The application notice and instructions on *Grants.gov* is the official document governing the grant competition.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

Note: Henry Maklakiewicz signs this notice in furtherance of DOL’s role in providing support to ED.

Kirsten Baesler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

In concurrence

Henry Maklakiewicz,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990 (Privacy Act), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on the conduct of matching programs, notice is hereby given of the re-establishment of the matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (Department or ED) (recipient agency) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

(source agency). The current 18-month Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) between ED and VA was recertified for an additional 12 months on June 27, 2025, and will automatically expire on June 26, 2026. The matching program allows ED to receive information from VA to assist the Secretary of Education (Secretary) in the Secretary’s obligation to verify the status of applicants for financial assistance under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, who claim to be veterans.

DATES: Submit your comments on the proposed re-establishment of the matching program on or before June 22, 2026.

The matching program will become effective on the later of the following two dates: (1) June 27, 2026, or (2) 30 days after the publication of this notice, on May 20, 2026, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be renewed for up to an additional 12 months if, within 3 months prior to the expiration of the 18 months, the respective Data Integrity Boards of the Department and the VA determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *regulations.gov*. However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via *regulations.gov*, please contact the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email, or comments submitted after the comment period. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “FAQ” tab.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only