

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

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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

information that they wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Corinne Sauri, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Operations and Governance, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-5612.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C. 552a); Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1989 (54 FR 25818); and OMB Circular No. A-108, notice is hereby provided of the re-establishment of the matching program between the Department and VA.

Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The Department's legal authority to enter into the matching program and to disclose information thereunder is sections 480(c)(1) and 480(d)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1) and (d)(4)). VA's legal authority to enter into this matching program is 38 U.S.C. 523.

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this matching program is to assist the Secretary of Education (the Secretary) with verification of a veteran's status during the processing and review of applications for financial assistance under title IV of the HEA.

The Secretary is authorized by the HEA to administer programs under title IV of the HEA and to enforce the terms and conditions of the HEA.

Section 480(c)(1) of the HEA defines the term "veteran" to mean "any individual who—(A) has engaged in the active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard; and (B) was released under a condition other than dishonorable." 20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1). Under section 480(d)(1)(D) of the HEA, an applicant who is a veteran (as defined in section 480(c)(1) of the HEA) is considered an independent student for purposes of title IV, HEA program assistance

eligibility, and, therefore, does not have to provide parental income and asset information to apply for title IV, HEA program assistance. 20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)(1)(D).

Categories of Individuals

This matching program covers Individuals who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and have indicated that they are veterans.

Categories of Records

ED will disclose to the VA the Social Security number (SSN), first and last name, and date of birth (DOB) of each applicant for financial assistance under title IV of the HEA who indicates veteran status in their application.

VA will compare these data elements against the first and last name, SSN, and DOB of veterans. As a result of the match, VA will assign one of four values to the applicant records: (1) veteran status confirmed; (2) record found on database, but not a qualifying veteran; (3) record not found on database; or (4) record found on database, but applicant on active duty. VA then will transmit applicant records back to ED.

System(s) of Records

VA will use the VA system of records entitled "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA" (58VA21/22/28), last published in full in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2025 (90 FR 44464). VA has determined that routine use 34 in the foregoing system of records is compatible with the purpose for which the information is collected and contains appropriate Privacy Act disclosure authority.

ED will disclose data from records in the FPS, which are covered by the system of records notice (SORN) entitled "Aid Awareness and Application Processing" (18-11-21), which was most recently published in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 2026 (91 FR 91245). ED has determined that Routine Use 1(a) in the cited SORN permits the disclosure of information for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of veteran status information maintained in ED records.

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file, braille, large print, audiotape, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Richard Lucas,

Acting Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-61-000]

Trans-Foreland Pipeline Company LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Kenai LNG Cool Down Expansion Project

On January 9, 2026, Trans-Foreland Pipeline Company LLC (Trans-Foreland) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-61-000 requesting an Authorization pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas facilities. The proposed project is known as the Kenai LNG Cool Down Expansion Project (Project) and would expand facilities at the Kenai LNG Terminal to receive up to 0.4 million metric tons per annum of liquified natural gas (LNG) and achieve a send-out capacity of up to 20 billion cubic feet per year.

On January 21, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance