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MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education

From: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

Subject: Approval of Criteria for a Competitive Grant for the *Early On*[®] Michigan Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for FY 2011-2012 under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the infant and toddler early intervention services system, provides assistance to states for the development and implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention services to children from birth to three years of age with disabilities or developmental delays and their families.

It is anticipated that Michigan will receive approximately \$11,880,907 for FY 2011-2012 to support components and requirements for the interagency system of early intervention services. Per federal statute, a statewide comprehensive system for personnel development is essential to an infant and toddler early intervention system. This grant is designed to provide technical assistance and training to improve the delivery of early intervention services.

With the approval of the Michigan FY 2011-2012 federal application, up to \$682,628 will be designated for the *Early On* Comprehensive System of Personnel Development. First year funds must be obligated by September 30, 2013.

Eligible applicants include local and intermediate school districts, human service agencies, private non-profit organizations and agencies, advocacy organizations, institutions of higher learning, and others with appropriate expertise and experience. A Request for Proposals will be released upon approval of criteria for this grant. Following an interagency and stakeholder review of submitted proposals, recommendations for the award of the grant funds will be presented to the Superintendent for approval. Criteria for this grant award are presented in the attachment.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for a Competitive Grant for the *Early On*[®] Michigan Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for FY 2011-2012 under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as presented in the Superintendent's memorandum of January 24, 2011.

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Criteria for a Competitive Grant for the *Early On*[®] Michigan Comprehensive System of Personnel Development for FY 2011-2012 under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The State Board of Education has adopted as its goal "Significant and meaningful improvement in the academic performance of all students/children with major emphasis on the persistently lowest achieving schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The *Early On* Michigan Comprehensive System of Personnel Development grant supports the Board's expectation of achievement for all children by providing the early intervention support to achieve improved outcomes for children and families. All activities of the *Early On* system address the tenets of universal education and promote early childhood literacy and school/community relationships.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

Competitive Formula New Continuation

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the infant and toddler early intervention services system, provides assistance to states for the development and implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention services to children from birth to three years of age with disabilities or developmental delays and their families.

Per IDEA, a statewide comprehensive system for personnel development is essential to an infant and toddler early intervention system. This Personnel Development system grant is designed to provide technical assistance and training to improve the delivery of early intervention services. It is a federally required component under Part C of IDEA.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: March 13, 2007

Defined in Statute Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

An applicant must:

- Coordinate, implement, and manage inservice training for professionals, open as well to parents, as part of the statewide *Early On* comprehensive system of personnel development;

- Provide and coordinate technical assistance to the 57 service areas; and,
- Identify, enhance, and promote methodology for integrating knowledge and understanding of Part C into preservice curricula in institutions of higher education.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants include local and intermediate school districts, human service agencies, private non-profit organizations and agencies, advocacy organizations, institutions of higher learning, and others with appropriate expertise and experience.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Up to \$682,608 is available for the grant (up to \$500,000 for training, up to \$500,000 for technical assistance, and up to \$100,000 for preservice curricula for higher education institutions). This is a five year project with annual renewal contingent upon performance and availability of funds.

STATUTE

Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

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