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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Institutions of Higher Education

FROM: Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D., Director  
Office of Professional Preparation Services

SUBJECT: Deadline Extension for 2009-2010 Title II, Part A(3)  
Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program

For 2009-2010, the Michigan Department of Education is authorized to award approximately \$2.3 million for the Title II, part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program. The deadline for submitting applications for the second round of grants has been extended to April 16, 2010, with an expected award date in May 2010.

The focus of this request for applications is on the provision of research-based professional learning opportunities to teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals, which will result in increased learning for all students. These grants are available to higher education departments of teacher education in partnership with higher education departments of arts and sciences and high-poverty local education agencies. These grants are not available to partnerships currently being funded in the 2009-2010 cycle. Please pay special attention to the priorities and funding criteria in the application package.

The purpose of these grants is to support partnerships in the provision of professional learning opportunities needed to achieve the goal of having highly qualified teachers in all classrooms with deep knowledge of the content they are assigned to teach and instructional delivery skills to meet learning needs of all students.

Guidelines and instructions for this 2009-2010 Title II, Part A(3) funding cycle are located under *Professional Dev Grants/2009-2010 Title II, Part A(3), Improving Teacher Quality* at:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_5683\\_5703---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_5683_5703---,00.html)

Should you have questions regarding this information, the deadline, or other aspects of this grant program, please contact Donna L. Hamilton, Education Consultant, Professional Preparation and Development, at [HamiltonD3@michigan.gov](mailto:HamiltonD3@michigan.gov) or (517)241-4546.

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