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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 611.1 What definitions apply to the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program?

The following definitions apply to this part:

High-need local educational agency (LEA) means an LEA that meets one of the following definitions:

- (1) An LEA with at least one school—
 - (i) In which 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free and reduced lunch subsidies; or
 - (ii) That otherwise is eligible, without receipt of a waiver, to operate as a schoolwide program under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- (2) An LEA that has one school where—
 - (i) More than 34 percent of academic classroom teachers overall (across all academic subjects) do not have a major, minor, or significant course work in their main assignment field; or
 - (ii) More than 34 percent of the main assignment faculty in two of the core-subject departments do not have a major, minor, or significant work in their main assigned field.
- (3) An LEA that serves a school whose attrition rate among classroom teachers was 15 percent or more over the last three school years.

High-need school means an elementary, middle, or secondary school operated by a high-need LEA in which the school's students or teaching staff

meet the elements in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of the definition of a high-need LEA.

Main assignment field means the academic field in which teachers have the largest percentage of their classes.

Significant course work means four or more college- or graduate-level courses in the content area.

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§611.2 What management plan must be included in a Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program application?

(a) In addition to a description of the proposed multiyear project, timeline, and budget information required by 34 CFR 75.112 and 75.117 and other applicable law, an applicant for a grant under this part must submit with its application under paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2)(iii), or (a)(3)(iii) of §611.3, as appropriate, a management plan that includes a proposed multiyear workplan.

(b) At a minimum, this workplan must identify, for each year of the project—

- (1) The project's overall objectives;
- (2) Activities that the applicant proposes to implement to promote each project objective;
- (3) Benchmarks and timelines for conducting project activities and achieving the project's objectives;
- (4) The individual who will conduct and coordinate these activities;
- (5) Measurable outcomes that are tied to each project objective, and the evidence by which success in achieving these objectives will be measured; and
- (6) Any other information that the Secretary may require.

(c)(1) In any application for a grant that is submitted on behalf of a partnership, the workplan also must identify which partner will be responsible for which activities.

(2) In any application for a grant that is submitted on behalf of a State, the workplan must identify which entities in the State will be responsible for which activities.

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§611.3 What procedures does the Secretary use to award a grant?

The Secretary uses the selection procedures in 34 CFR 75.200 through 75.222 except that—

(a) *Application procedures for each program.* (1) For the State Grants Program, the Secretary evaluates applications for new grants on the basis of the selection criteria and competitive preference contained in §§611.11 through 611.13.

(2) For the Partnership Grants Program, the Secretary—

- (i) Uses a two-stage application process to determine which applications to fund;
- (ii) Uses the selection criteria in §§611.21 through 611.22 to evaluate pre-applications submitted for new grants, and to determine those applicants to invite to submit full program applications; and
- (iii) For those applicants invited to submit full applications, uses the selection criteria and competitive preference in §§611.23–611.25 to evaluate the full program applications.

(3) For the Teacher Recruitment Grants Program, the Secretary—

- (i) Uses a two-stage application process to determine which applications to fund;
- (ii) Uses the selection criteria in §611.31 to evaluate pre-applications submitted for new grants, and to determine those applicants to invite to submit full program applications; and
- (iii) For those applicants invited to submit full applications, uses the selection criteria in §611.32 to evaluate the full program applications.

(b) *Required budgets in pre-applications.* An applicant that submits a pre-application for a Partnership Program or Teacher Recruitment Program grant under paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (b)(3)(ii) must also submit any budgetary information that the Secretary may require in the program application package.

(c) *Tie-breaking procedures.* In the event that two or more applicants are ranked equally for the last available award under any program, the Secretary selects the applicant whose activities will focus (or have most impact) on LEAs and schools located in