

Georgia Department of Education
Race to the Top General Assurances
LEA and RESA Grants for SLO Development

As a condition of receiving Race to the Top (RT3) federal funds to reimburse the costs of participating in the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) RT3 Mathematics and English Language Arts Summer Institute, the local education agency (LEA) and Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) must agree to the assurances listed below. The assurances are consistent with the allocation of federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The LEA agrees to the following:

- The grant period for the SLO Development grant is January 16, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Funds will expire on June 30, 2015 and will not be available for carryover. A completion report must be submitted in GAORS not later than July 30, 2015.
- Funds must be used to pay stipends to teachers for developing SLOs and to pay for any other SLO development travel related costs, including lodging and mileage. Remaining funds may be used to pay substitutes, contracts for expert services, and to purchase additional resources to support the Great Teachers and Leaders RT3 reform area.
- The LEA certifies that it will fully engage in the SLO development process, including naming a primary contact person, responding promptly to data requests, and budgeting funds to cover activities for the grant cycle of the project.

The RESA agrees to the following:

- The grant period for the SLO Development grant is January 16, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Funds will expire on June 30, 2015 and will not be available for carryover. A completion report must be submitted in GAORS not later than July 30, 2015.
- Funds must be used to pay costs related to supporting district in developing SLOs and to pay for any other SLO development travel related costs, including lodging and mileage, contracts for expert services, facilitating meetings with local school districts and to purchase additional resources to support the Great Teachers and Leaders RT3 reform area.
- The RESA certifies that it will fully engage in supporting district in developing SLOs, including naming a primary contact person, responding promptly to data requests, and budgeting funds to cover activities for the grant cycle of the project.

The LEA and RESA agree to the following:

- The LEA/RESA will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal and state funds paid to the LEA/RESA.
- The LEA/RESA will make reports to GaDOE as may be necessary to comply with the 1512 reporting requirements in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
- In accordance with Part 85 of 34 CFR, the LEA and RESA assure that neither the LEA/RESA nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended from participation in programs by any federal agency.
- In accordance with Part 82 of 34 CFR, the LEA/RESA certify that funds will not be used for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the federal government in connection with contracts, grants or loans and will report payments made with unappropriated funds for lobbying purposes.

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- The LEA/RESA will comply with requirements of Sections 436 and 441 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA).
- The LEA/RESA will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each program conducted by or for GaDOE, the Secretary or other federal officials.
- The LEA/RESA certify compliance with all required federal Civil Rights Statutes including: a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin. b) Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender. c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. The text of the entire bill is available online at: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/ESEA02/>
- **Drug-Free Workplace and Community Act Amendments**
In accordance with the federal Drug-Free Workplace and Community Act Amendments of 1989, the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the State Board of Education Policy GAM, Staff Rights and Responsibilities: Drug and Alcohol Free Workforce, the LEA/RESA declare that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance, marijuana, or dangerous drug is prohibited at geographic locations at which individuals are directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to this application. In addition, Policy GAM prohibits the unlawful possession, use, manufacture, distribution or sale of alcohol in the workplace.