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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Investing in Innovation Fund,
Validation

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.411B (Validation grants).

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; extension of deadline date and correction.

SUMMARY: On March 27, 2012, the Office of Innovation and Improvement in the U.S. Department of Education published in the Federal Register (77 FR 18229) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 2012 for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Validation grant competition (March 27 i3 Validation NIA). This notice extends the deadline date and date for intergovernmental review announced in, and corrects an error in the March 27 i3 Validation NIA.

DATES:

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 30, 2012.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 26, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Deadline Date Extension:

In the March 27 i3 Validation NIA the Department announced the 2012 i3 Validation grant competition and indicated that the

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications was May 29, 2012.

Applicants under this competition are required to use

Grants.gov. Since publishing the March 27 i3 Validation NIA, it has come to the Department's attention that the Grants.gov help desk will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 28-- the day before the original Deadline for the Transmittal of Applications that was announced in the March 27 i3 Validation NIA. The Department extends the deadline date for this competition to May 30, 2012 so that applicants will have sufficient access to the Grants.gov help desk to address any technical issues related to application submission that may arise the day before the deadline date. As a result of the change in the deadline date, we are also extending the Date for Intergovernmental Review by one day - to July 26, 2012.

Correction:

An error appears in the Electronic Submission of

Applications section of the March 27 i3 Validation NIA. In
seven places within that section, the notice indicates that
applications must be fully uploaded and submitted and must be
date and time stamped by the Grants.gov system no later than
4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline
date. These references to "4:30 p.m." should be references to
"4:30:00 p.m." For this reason, we correct the March 27 i3
Validation NIA as follows:

On page 18238, second column, second bulleted paragraph, correct the three references to "4:30 p.m." to read "4:30:00 p.m.".

On page 18238, third column, sixth paragraph, correct the reference to "4:30 p.m." to read "4:30:00 p.m.".

On page 18238, third column, seventh paragraph, correct the two references to "4:30 p.m." to read "4:30:00 p.m.".

On page 18239, second column, fifth full paragraph, correct the reference to "4:30 p.m." to read "4:30:00 p.m.".

Program Authority: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Division A, Section 14007, Pub. L. 111-5.

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