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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Funding Down the State and Partnership Grant Slates from Fiscal Year (FY) 2014; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

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AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of intent to fund down the State and partnership grant slates from FY 2014.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use grant slates developed in FY 2014 for the GEAR UP Program authorized by Section 404A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to make new grant awards in FY 2016. The Secretary takes this action because a number of high-quality applications remain on the FY 2014 State and partnership grant slates and limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY 2016. We expect to use an estimated \$20,000,000 for new awards in FY 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 4, 2014, the Department of Education published two notices in the Federal Register (79 FR 32241 (State Grants) and 79 FR 32249 (Partnership Grants)) inviting applications for FY 2014 State and partnership new awards under the GEAR UP Program.

In response to the notices, we received a number of high-quality applications. Many applications that received high scores by peer reviewers were not selected for funding.

To conserve funding that would have been required for a peer review of new grant applications submitted under this program and instead use those limited funds to support grant activities, the FY 2015 GEAR UP grantees were selected from the State and partnership slates developed during the FY 2014 competition using the priority,

selection criteria, and application requirements referenced in the June 2014 notice. A number of high-quality applications from the 2014 competition were not funded in 2014 or 2015. We will select new grantees in FY 2016 from the existing State and partnership slates developed in FY 2014 for the same reasons and in the same manner as we did in FY 2015.

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