

Information based upon:

**Presentation at
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Workshop in Washington, DC, Feb 2010**

**FIPSE grant proposal submitted
July, 29th, 2010**

FIPSE – Purpose of the Program

- To support innovative grants and cooperative agreements to improve post-secondary education
- To support reforms, innovations, and improvements of postsecondary education that respond to problems of national significance
- To support projects which will serve as national models

FIPSE – Invitational Priorities

- Invitational priorities are advertised each year
- Comprehensive program is open to any innovative project

FIPSE – Importance of Impact

- Widely felt problem in postsecondary education
- Innovative solution
- Likely impact on the field
- Ability to document outcomes

FIPSE – Importance of Impact

- Partner with other organizations, private sector, or create a consortium
- Tackle bigger units; departments, institutions, or system
- Enlist additional institutions to expand later implementation
- Create portable products and material
- Conduct training workshops
- Use the Internet to create communities
- Make assessment of outcomes an integral part of project modifications

FIPSE – Importance of Evaluation

- Required to hire an outside evaluator with experience in program evaluation for your project
- Emphasize change in knowledge, skills, behaviors, and/or attitudes
- Importance of project goals including the following performance measures
 - Extent to which the projects can be replicated
 - Extent to which the projects are being institutionalized and sustained after funding

FIPSE – Importance of Dissemination

- What will it take for the projects to be transferred to new settings?
- What will be needed for the projects to be implemented or adapted by other institutions?

FIPSE – Amount of Awards

- Estimated funds available for FY 2010: \$27,307,000
- Estimated range of awards: \$500,000 - \$750,000
- Estimated size of awards: \$738,000
- Estimated number of awards: 37
- Project period for new awards: Up to 36 months

FIPSE – Content of Application

- Project abstract – 1 page max
- Application narrative – 20 pages max
 - See selection criteria to be addressed on next slide
- Appendices
 - Project evaluation chart
 - Key personnel
 - Project timeline chart
 - Letters of support from partners
 - References cited
- Budget narrative

FIPSE – Selection Criteria

- Need for the project
 - Make clear the national implications of the stated problem – FIPSE funds national not local projects
- Significance of the project
 - Promising new strategies that build on, or alternative to existing strategies
 - Offer a solution to the problem described above
- Quality of the project design
- Quality of the project evaluation
- Adequacy of resources

FIPSE – Additional Information

- Past and current projects
- Successfully evaluated projects from previous years
- Application information
- Evaluation resources

<http://www.ed.gov/fipse>

Work with: Missouri State University
Office of Sponsored Research and Programs

Our FIPSE project

- Enhance student success, retention, and civic skills by fostering undergraduate research for first-year students in GEP 101
- Focus on enduring questions related to the Seven Revolutions areas of change
 - http://gsi.csis.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=48
 - Workshop with Seven Revolutions scholars in the Fall 2010
- Partner with other institutions experiencing similar issues (OTC)