Information based upon:

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FIPSE grant proposal submitted
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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

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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)