

STATE OF COLORADO



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

John Hickenlooper
Governor

Lt. Gov. Joseph A. Garcia
Executive Director

December 3, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

This administration has made reading by third grade a priority. We know that children who are reading proficiently by third grade are more likely to keep pace academically and graduate from high school ready for college or careers. We also know that children who are English Language Learners often struggle with reading in the early years. We are, therefore, pleased to offer this grant opportunity that will fund professional development in literacy for educators who are working with English Language Learners in grades Pre-K – third.

Please see the attached Request for Proposals for an Improving Teacher Quality grant. This special release of a Title II-A grant is being collaboratively offered by my office and the Department of Higher Education (DHE). The DHE is authorized by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA; formerly known as NCLB), Title II, Part A law to administer the grants.

The special release of this grant will award \$290,000 to be used to provide professional development to address early literacy for English Language Learners for in-service teachers, or highly qualified paraprofessionals working with students in Pre-K – Grade 3.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Garcia, Lt. Governor

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Enclosure(s)