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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Special Focus Competition: Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education

**ACTION:** Extension; Notice extending deadline dates.

**SUMMARY:** On January 27, 2010, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 4356) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2010 for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Special Focus Competition: Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (Application Notice). Through this notice, we extend the *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications* and the *Deadline for Intergovernmental Review* dates announced in the Application Notice.

**DATES:** The *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications* date, as published on pages 4356 and 4357 of the Application Notice, has been extended to April 16, 2010.

The *Deadline for Intergovernmental Review* date, as published on pages 4356 and 4357 of the Application Notice, has been extended to June 15, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Frankfort, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6152, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7513.

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**Delegation of Authority:** The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzelan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

**Daniel T. Madzelan,**

*Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Charter Schools Program (CSP): State Educational Agencies; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.282A.

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* March 23, 2010.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 7, 2010.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 30, 2010.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of the CSP is to increase national understanding of the charter school model and to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools, and to evaluate the effects of charter schools, including their effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents. The Secretary awards grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) to enable them to conduct charter school programs in their States. SEAs use their CSP funds to award subgrants to non-SEA eligible applicants for planning, program design, and initial implementation of a charter school, and

to support the dissemination of information about charter schools, including successful practices in charter schools.

**Priorities:** This competition includes four competitive preference priorities and one invitational priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(1) and 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), competitive preference priorities 1 through 4 are from section 5202(e) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. 7221a(e).

**Competitive Preference Priorities:** For FY 2010 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional forty (40) points to an application, depending on how well the application meets one or more of these priorities.

**Note:** In order to receive preference under these priorities, an applicant must identify the priority or priorities that it believes it meets and provide documentation, including citations and examples from their State's charter school law, supporting its claims. In order to receive points for priority 1 or to receive points for priorities 2 through 4, an application must meet priority 1 and must meet one or more of priorities 2 through 4.

An SEA that meets priority 1 but does not meet one or more of priorities 2 through 4 will not receive any points for priorities 1 through 4.

An SEA that does not meet priority 1 but meets one or more of priorities 2 through 4 will not receive any points for priorities 2 through 4.

These priorities are:

**Priority 1—Periodic Review and Evaluation (10 points).** The State provides for periodic review and evaluation by the authorized public chartering agency of each charter school at least once every five years, unless required more frequently by State law, to determine whether the charter school is meeting the terms of the school's charter, and is meeting or exceeding the student academic achievement requirements and goals for charter schools as set forth under State law or the school's charter.

**Priority 2—Number of High-Quality Charter Schools (10 points).** The State has demonstrated progress in increasing the number of high-quality charter schools that are held accountable in the terms of the schools' charters for meeting clear and measurable objectives for the educational progress of the students attending the schools, in the period prior to the period for which an SEA applies for a grant under this competition.