2013 Electronic Application for Indian Education (EASIE) Grant Changes

Office of Indian Education Formula Grant Program

Application Due Dates

- OIE will no longer fund late applications effective FY 2013.
- EASIE Application Due Dates:

  EASIE Part I
  - Open Date: January 14, 2013
  - Close Date: March 8, 2013

  EASIE Part II
  - Open Date: March 29, 2013
  - Close Date: May 14, 2013
- The official due dates are published in the Federal Register.

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Supporting Documentation Requirements

2013 EASIE Enhancements for Supporting Documentation

- Supporting documentation must be uploaded and attached as PDF files within the EASIE system.
- For example, parent committee approval forms, consortium agreements, and evidence of eligibility.

Consortium Applicants

- Consortium applicants must submit a consortium agreement detailing the activities each member will perform.
- The agreement binds each member's statement and assures alignment by the lead member for their application.

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Supporting Documentation Deadlines

For FY 2013, all supporting documentation must be submitted by the due dates:

- Tribes Applying in Lieu of LEAs – Due March 8, 2013
  - The Evidence of Eligibility for Tribal applicants will now be uploaded within the EASIE system on the Part I certification page.
  - Tribes applying in lieu of multiple LEAs must also upload their Evidence of Eligibility by the due date.
- Parent Committee Approval (PCA) Form – Due May 14, 2013
  - The PCA form must be scanned and uploaded by the due date.
  - The option to fax has been eliminated.
- Consortium Agreement – Due May 14, 2013
  - The 2013 agreements must be scanned and uploaded by the due date.
  - The 2014 agreements will be due by the EASIE Part I due date.

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Budget Revision Requirements

- Budget Revision Requirements
  - OIE has eliminated the requirement for budget revisions provided it is within the designated threshold of $1,000 for FY 2013.
  - Applicants meeting the threshold prior to the grant award will not be required to submit a budget revision.
  - Budget revisions will be required for entities who:
    - Have an increase above $1,000
    - Those that have a reduction exceeding $1,000 you will still be required to submit a budget revision, but the certifying official will not need to re-certify the application.

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Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect Cost Rate Information

- All grantees must have a current indirect cost rate agreement.
- The agreement must be provided to OIE upon request.
- Applicants must use a restricted indirect cost rate in their project budgets because this program has a supplanting prohibition.
- Obtaining an indirect cost rate requires an applicant to submit an indirect cost proposal and negotiate an indirect cost rate agreement to its cognizant agency.
  - For LEAs, the cognizant agency is the state educational agency.
  - For BIE-funded schools and tribes applying in lieu of an LEA, the entity negotiates an agreement with the National Business Center within the U.S. Department of Interior.
  - Indian Education formula grants require a restricted rate, and must be submitted in the application.

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Grant Award Notices

Grant Award Notifications (GANs)

- The new process for issuing Grant Award Notifications will be done via email.
- OIE anticipates the process, however, due to adjustments, grantees may still receive a paper version.
- In order to provide an electronic delivery of a GAN, OIE will require the most current contact information, which includes an email address for your superintendent (or authorized designee) and project director.

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New Applicants

For new applicants, please ensure the following procedures are met:

- Obtain ED506 Forms for all American Indian or Alaska Native students.
- Establish a count period from 1 to 31 days, i.e., October 1st to October 31st.
- Establish an Indian Parent Committee (a parent committee is <u>not</u> required for a BIE school or a tribe applying in lieu of an LEA).
  - The majority of the parents on the committee must be parents of American Indian and Alaska Native children enrolled in the LEA.
- Announce and conduct a public hearing before an EASIE Part II application is certified.

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Resources

EASIE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): http://www2.ed.gov/programs/indianformula/resources.html.

DOI's Indirect Cost Services:
http://www.doi.gov/ibc/index.cfm

Federal Register
www.federalregister.gov

ED 506 Forms:
http://www2.ed.gov/programs/indianformula/resources.html

ED's Indirect Cost Group Technical Assistance
IndirectCostGroup@ed.gov.

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