

# What's this I hear about ARRA, tech plans, and ePeGS?



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## What's this about ARRA, tech plans, and ePeGS?



Missouri districts can apply for **FY10 Title II.D (EETT) Formula grants** (first time in 4 years)

*<and>*

Additional Title II.D Formula grants provided under the President's **America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

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EETT & EETT-ARRA Formula grants will be distributed as separate programs

- requiring separate accounting and reporting

ARRA grant conditions

- funding must be spent in one year
- funding must meet stimulus expectations
  - increased focus on accountability → need for relevant, measurable objectives!
  - focus on retaining jobs, as well as technology access and use → related Census of Technology data elements

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To apply for EETT & EETT-ARRA Formula grants, districts must have state-approved **ed-tech plans**

- three-year approval cycle
  - aligned with E-rate fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)
- peer review using established criteria
  - volunteers welcome
- essentially same criteria since 2006
- approval submission process is different (ePeGS)

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DESE's new *electronic Planning and electronic Grants System (ePeGS)* is designed to assist districts in...

- Developing effective, coordinated long-range plans
  - single site for plans necessary to meet state and federal program requirements
  - improved efficiency (goals, objectives, and strategies may be entered one-time and tied to multiple plans)
- Aligning state and federal grants to appropriate plans
  - single site for all plans and formula grants (competitive grants to be added in later phases)
  - improved accounting, accountability ,and reporting

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## ePeGS Planning and Grant Timelines

- April 15 – date to submit ed-tech plans that must be reviewed for state approval (by June 30)
- June 30 – expected deadline for federal grant applications to be filed *<and>* those plans tied to funding sources
  - entire plans or appropriate objectives and strategies

NOTE: Tech plans do NOT have to be in ePeGS before applying for [paper-based] EETT or EETT-ARRA Competitive grants

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## ePeGS v. Traditional Technology Plans

ePeGS is a planning tool; ePeGS “products” only include core elements

- ePeGS plans focus on goals, objectives, strategies, actions steps if needed, and “additional elements” as needed (EETT-evaluation description; E-rate-plan assurances)
- ePeGS tool does **not** collect information related to ed-tech vision/mission statements, committee membership, and review process (e.g., review of current plan, data sources used to identify strengths and weaknesses)
  - while these are critical for effective planning, they are not collected/addressed via ePeGS; however,
  - districts should keep these information – along with paper copy of their approved ePeGS plans – for program implementation, evaluation, and audit purposes

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## ePeGS and Tech Planning Resources

To learn more on technology planning and ePeGS :

- MOREnet-sponsored ePeGS webinars featuring David Dillard with the Arcadia Valley school district

<http://www.more.net/conferences/seminars/techplan-archive.html#tech081216>

- FAQ, Sample objectives and strategies (aligned to MSIP and state plan), 2008 MITC ePeGS session slides and video

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/instrtech/techplan/>

Contact: DESE Instructional Technology  
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Edtech listserv & *Newsline*

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## ePeGS and Federal Programs Resources

To review presentation slides from the “ePeGS and NCLB Federal Programs” webinar:

<http://dese.mo.gov/epegs/documents/TitleLEAPlanandBudgetwebinar3-12-09.pdf>

Contact: DESE Federal Grants Management  
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Fedprog listserv

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## ePeGS Resources

To request access [and use privileges set by districts] and to learn how to navigate the system:

- [https://k12apps.dese.mo.gov/webapps/securityforms/ePeGS\\_security\\_form.pdf](https://k12apps.dese.mo.gov/webapps/securityforms/ePeGS_security_form.pdf)
- <http://dese.mo.gov/epegs/> (see “ePeGS 101”)

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