

Administrative Memo

Date: May 1, 2015
To: Missouri School Administrators, Federal Program Coordinators, Special Education Directors, Finance Administrators, MOSIS and Core Data Contacts
From: Ron Lankford, Deputy Commissioner
Subject: FAS-15-004 – Uniform Grant Guidance (OMNI) Updates and Clarifications Webinar

The new Omni Circular was implemented by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and will impact the federal grants LEAs receive starting in the 2015-16 school year. This new guidance covers the Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for federal funds. Due to the numerous procedural changes required by the Omni Circular guidance, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Division of Financial and Administrative Services, will host a webinar on May 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. to bring you additional information as a follow-up to our workshops on March 17 and 18, 2015.

The “Uniform Grant Guidance (Omni) Updates and Clarifications” webinar will feature information on the new Omni Circular requirements, including annual risk assessment process, written policies/procedures, standards for financial management, cash management, equipment/supplies, procurement standards, and other fiscal requirements. The webinar will also provide clarification on topics presented at our workshops, such as time and effort reporting and the substantially approved date of applications.

During the webinar, there will be a PowerPoint presentation followed by a live Q&A about topics discussed in the presentation.

To participate in this webinar, go to <http://dese.mo.gov/communications/webinar>. Once on this page, click on the webinar title, "Uniform Grant Guidance (Omni) Updates and Clarifications," select the "log in" link, and type in your name to enter the room as a guest. The webinar will be recorded and posted under the Webinars - Recorded button at <http://dese.mo.gov/communications/webinar/webinar-recorded>. Please allow a week after the webinar for the recording to be posted.

The Division of Financial and Administrative Services has also updated the General Federal Guidance to include changes effective July 1, 2015. This cross-cutting guidance document references the Code of Federal Regulations, Uniform Grant Guidance (Omni), and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) and is available at <http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/general-federal-guidance>.