

FY 2010 SIG 1003(g) Request for Comments

Missouri is requesting a waiver of the requirement in Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FY2010 (S377A100026) School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds for the State Education Agency (SEA) and all of its Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to September 30, 2014. Missouri received and reviewed all submitted applications from eligible LEAs in cohort two. The State fully funded all approvable applications in cadre two using FY 2010 allocations. The State believes that the requested waiver and extension of time will increase its ability to implement the SIG program effectively in Priority Schools as identified in the State's approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver. Missouri's ESEA Flexibility Waiver identifies priority schools as those previously identified in Cadre I and Cadre II and newly identified schools that are:

- "a. Among the lowest 5 percent of Persistently Low Achieving (PLA) Title I schools in the state, based on the achievement of students in the total population group in terms of proficiency on assessments that are part of the SEA's differentiated accountability system and have demonstrated minimal progress in improving the achievement of the school's total population over a period of years;*
- b. Title I participating or eligible high schools with a graduation rate less than 60 percent over a period of years;*
- c. Tier I and Tier II schools receiving funding and support at a component of the 1003(g) School Improvement Grants (SIG). "*

The letter to the U.S. Department of Education requesting this waiver may be found at <http://dese.mo.gov/qs/fedprog/sig/> .

Please send comments to Craig.Rector@dese.mo.gov by February 8, 2013.