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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED

SUBJECT: Change in Distribution of Title I, Part A, Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Secondary Reserve Grant for 2017-18

Perkins Reserve Grant and Career and Technical Education

The Carl D Perkins Secondary Reserve Grant ("Perkins Reserve Grant") is authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, Section 112(a)(1). States may reserve not more than 10 percent (of the 85 percent of the total allotment for formula grants) for distribution to:

1. Local programs in rural areas: defined as a rural and/or sparsely populated Local Education Agency (LEA) is determined based on the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Locale Code eligibility requirements for Title VI of ESEA, Rural Education Initiative (Locale Code 6, 7 or 8);
2. Areas with high numbers of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students: an LEA with 200 or more CTE concentrators (code 2) in grades 9–12 is considered an LEA with high numbers of CTE students; or,
3. Areas with high percentages of CTE students: an LEA with 25 percent or more of the total student population in grades 9–12 are CTE concentrators (code 2) is considered a high percentage LEA.

The purpose of the Perkins Reserve Grant is to assist LEAs in a) the preparation of students who enroll in a coherent sequence of CTE courses for high-skill, high-wage, and/or high-demand occupations, in emerging and nontraditional fields; and b) strengthening linkages between secondary and postsecondary CTE programs of study.

Historically, the Agency has distributed Perkins Reserve Grant funds as an incentive award to applicants who met or exceeded at least four of five state-level performance measures for accountability (1S1, 1S2, 3S1, 4S1, and 5S1) under the federal grant. The amount of Perkins Reserve Grant funds distributed to qualifying school districts has represented a percentage of their total Perkins grant allocation. Applicants who met all prescribed performance measures have received a higher award than those who only met four of the five.

