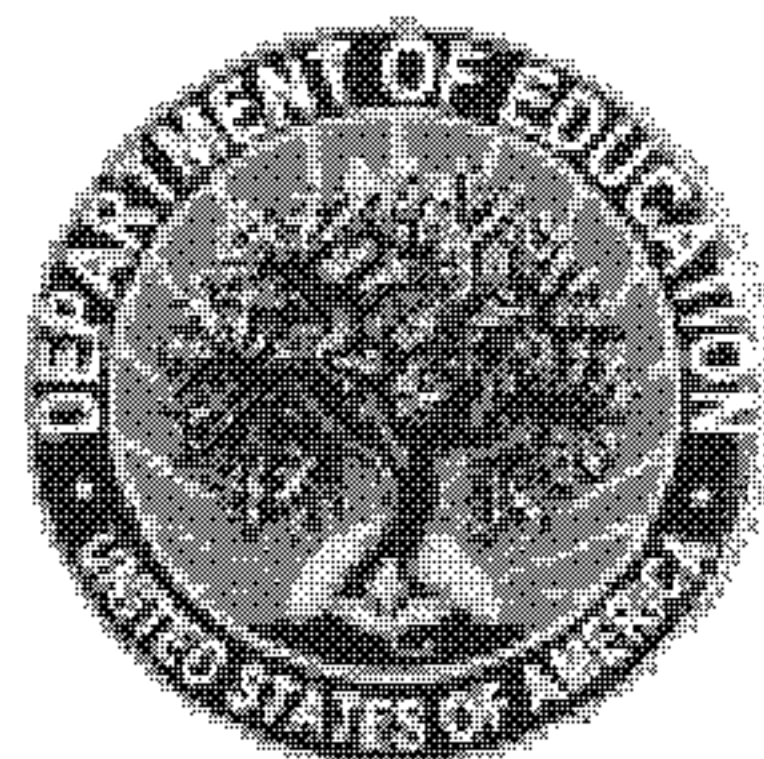


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APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE

**STATEWIDE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM RECOVERY ACT GRANTS
CFDA # 84.384A
PR/Award # R384A100035**

Closing Date: NOV 19, 2009

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|--|---|-------------------|
| * 1. Type of Submission | * 2. Type of Application:* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation | * Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Revision | |

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| * 3. Date Received: | 4. Applicant Identifier: |
| 12/4/2009 | |

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: | * 5b. Federal Award Identifier: |
| | N/A |

State Use Only:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6. Date Received by State: | 7. State Application Identifier: |
| | |

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Nevada Department of Education

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| * b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): | * c. Organizational DUNS: |
| 886000022 | 809887722 |

d. Address:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| * Street1: | 700 E. Fifth St. |
| Street2: | |
| * City: | Carson City |
| County: | Carson City |
| State: | NV |
| Province: | |
| * Country: | USA |
| * Zip / Postal Code: | 89701 |

e. Organizational Unit:

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Department Name: | Division Name: |
| | APAC |

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|---------------|-------|
| Prefix: | Mr. | * First Name: | Shawn |
| Middle Name: | | | |

* Last Name: Franklin

Suffix:

Title: Assistant Director, Information Technology

Organizational Affiliation:

Nevada Department of Education, APAC

* Telephone Number: (775)687-9126 Fax Number: (775)687-9118

* Email: SFRANKLIN@DOE.NV.GOV

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9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Education

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

84.384A

CFDA Title:

Statewide Longitudinal Data System Recovery Act Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

ED-GRANTS-072909-001

Title:

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Recovery Act Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Nevada statewide: 17 LEAs (county school districts), Nevada System of Higher

*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Nevada Statewide Longitudinal Data System

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Attachment:

Title :

File :

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Title :

File :

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Title :

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: NV-02

* b. Program/Project: NV-all

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

Attachment:

Title :

File :

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 5/1/2010

* b. End Date: 4/28/2013

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| a. Federal | \$ 3344847 |
| b. Applicant | \$ |
| c. State | \$ |
| d. Local | \$ |
| e. Other | \$ |
| f. Program | \$ |
| Income | |
| g. TOTAL | \$ 3344847 |

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

Yes No

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Ms. * First Name: Bette

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Hartnett

Suffix:

Title: Grant Writer

* Telephone Number: (775)687-7286 Fax Number: (775)687-8636

* Email: BHARTNETT@DOE.NV.GOV

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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*** Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following field should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent on any Federal Debt. Maximum number of characters that can be entered is 4,000. Try and avoid extra spaces and carriage returns to maximize the availability of space.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

BUDGET INFORMATION

NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Control Number: 1894-0008

Expiration Date: 02/28/2011

Name of Institution/Organization:
Nevada Department of Education

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1." Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS

| Budget Categories | Project Year 1(a) | Project Year 2 (b) | Project Year 3 (c) | Project Year 4 (d) | Project Year 5 (e) | Total (f) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Personnel | \$ 189,742 | \$ 330,271 | \$ 409,355 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 929,368 |
| 2. Fringe Benefits | \$ 53,817 | \$ 94,959 | \$ 118,789 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 267,565 |
| 3. Travel | \$ 14,063 | \$ 37,587 | \$ 122,938 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 174,588 |
| 4. Equipment | \$ 201,479 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 201,479 |
| 5. Supplies | \$ 47,572 | \$ 13,962 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 66,534 |
| 6. Contractual | \$ 786,100 | \$ 1,166,100 | \$ 976,100 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 2,928,300 |
| 7. Construction | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 8. Other | \$ 1,974,600 | \$ 754,098 | \$ 1,432,761 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 4,161,459 |
| 9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8) | \$ 3,267,373 | \$ 2,396,977 | \$ 3,064,943 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 8,729,293 |
| 10. Indirect Costs* | \$ 77,474 | \$ 97,210 | \$ 116,198 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 290,882 |
| 11. Training Stipends | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 12. Total Costs (lines 9-11) | \$ 3,344,847 | \$ 2,494,187 | \$ 3,181,141 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 9,020,175 |

***Indirect Cost Information (To Be Completed by Your Business Office):**

If you are requesting reimbursement for indirect costs on line 10, please answer the following questions:

(1) Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government? Yes No

(2) If yes, please provide the following information:

Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement: From: 7/1/2009 To: 6/30/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Approving Federal agency: ED Other (please specify): _____ The Indirect Cost Rate is 0%

(3) For Restricted Rate Programs (check one) -- Are you using a restricted indirect cost rate that:

Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement? or, Complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2)? The Restricted Indirect Cost Rate is 17.5%



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BUDGET INFORMATION
NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Control Number: 1894-0008

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Name of Institution/Organization:
Nevada Department of Education

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SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY
NON-FEDERAL FUNDS

| Budget Categories | Project Year 1(a) | Project Year 2 (b) | Project Year 3 (c) | Project Year 4 (d) | Project Year 5 (e) | Total (f) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Personnel | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 2. Fringe Benefits | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 3. Travel | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 4. Equipment | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 5. Supplies | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 6. Contractual | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 7. Construction | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 8. Other | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 10. Indirect Costs | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 11. Training Stipends | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| 12. Total Costs (lines 9-11) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Standard Form 424B (Rev.7-97)

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. "4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. "1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. '794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. "276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. '276c and 18 U.S.C. "874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. " 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction sub-agreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. "1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. "7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. "1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance

of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. " 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) " 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. " 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. ' 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. "1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. '470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. "469a-1 et seq.).

14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. "2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. "4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead- based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Representative:

Name of Authorized Certifying Representative: Dr. Keith Rheault

Title: Superintendent of Public Instruction

Date Submitted: 08/10/2009

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Insurance | 2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Bid/Offer/Application <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Award <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Award | 3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Material Change For Material Change only: Year: 0 Quarter: 0 Date of Last Report: |
| 4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier, if known: 0 Name: Nevada Dept. of Education Address: 700 E. Fifth St. City: Carson City State: NV Zip Code + 4: 89701- | 5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Name: Address: City: State: Zip Code + 4: - Congressional District, if known: | |
| 6. Federal Department/Agency: U.S. Department of Education, IES | 7. Federal Program Name/Description: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems CFDA Number, if applicable: 84.384 | |
| 8. Federal Action Number, if known: | 9. Award Amount, if known: \$0 | |
| 10. a. Name of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI): N/A Address: City: State: Zip Code + 4: - | b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI): N/A Address: City: State: Zip Code + 4: - | |
| 11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. | Name: Dr. Keith Rheault Title: Superintendent of Public Instruction Applicant: Nevada Department of Education Date: 08/10/2009 | |
| Federal Use Only: | | Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97) |

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal Loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance.

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION

Nevada Department of Education

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Prefix: First Name: Bette Middle Name:

Last Name: Hartnett Suffix:

Title: Grant Writer

Signature: _____ Date: 08/10/2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
REQUIRED FOR
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTS**

1. Project Director:

Prefix: * First Name: Middle Name: * Last Name: Suffix:
Mr. Shawn Franklin

Address:

* Street1: 700 E. Fifth St.
Street2:
* City: Carson City
County: Carson City
* State: NV* Zip / Postal Code: 89701 * Country: USA

* Phone Number (give area Fax Number (give area
code) code)
(775)687-9126 (775)687-9118

Email Address:

SFRANKLIN@DOE.NV.GOV

2. Applicant Experience

Novice Applicant Yes No Not applicable

3. Human Subjects Research

Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period?

Yes No

Are ALL the research activities proposed designated to be exempt from the regulations?

Yes Provide Exemption(s) #:

No Provide Assurance #, if available:

Please attach an explanation Narrative:

Attachment:

Title :
File :

Project Narrative

Project Narrative - Project Abstract

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ABSTRACT

Nevada Statewide Longitudinal Data System

A collaborative project between three State agencies:

Nevada Department of Education (NDE)

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)

Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR)

Valid, reliable, current, and consistently produced data that can be accessed by a diverse and broad group of end-users should ultimately result in data based decision-making and relevant research that results in statewide economic and legislative policy changes and success rates of PreK-20 students. In order to use data effectively to inform decision-making, people at all levels of data knowledge and understanding must be trained and have access to ongoing technical assistance and support in how to analyze and use data, and have access to relevant, valid data to inform policy and action decisions. This grant project is an ambitious, realistic, and feasible statewide effort to address the needs of State legislators and agency leaders and staff, PreK-20 education administrators and faculty, researchers, business/industry owners and leaders, and parents and students. Education reform at all levels must be based on realistic and student-centered changes in policies and strategies to improve PreK-12 student achievement and post-secondary recruitment, retention, and graduation rates, while decreasing the secondary and post-secondary remedial rates. To accomplish the changes, this grant project proposes to expand and enhance a PreK-20 through workforce pipeline of extensive and valid data to inform and support decision-making regarding school improvement planning and implementation of programs, curricula design and instructional delivery, shared test content and results, and implementation of successful research based programs to address specific and unique needs of student sub-populations. Statewide system changes are anticipated to result from the collaboration of the NDE, NSHE, and DETR in a shared mission to impact statewide policy decisions and student and workforce success rates.

The expansion and enhancement of the Nevada statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS) is a priority in order to meet PreK-20 education and workforce needs. Over the next biennium, Nevada education system priorities may be at risk as programs compete for State funds. It is imperative that Nevada supplement State funds with Federal funds and other resources in order to support PreK-20 education priorities, which include the expansion and enhancement of the Nevada SLDS to comply with Federal education reporting regulations (e.g., Education Data Exchange Network - EDEN), ensure eligibility for State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Education Phase II funding, and to increase capacity to address the requirements of the NDE, NSHE, local education agencies (LEAs), educators and researchers, DETR, and the public. As the lead applicant and fiscal agent of this model project of inter-agency cooperation and common vision, the NDE requests Statewide Longitudinal Data System-ARRA discretionary grant funds of **\$9,020,175** over **three years** to be allocated as supplemental support to continue to improve the collection, analysis, use, and reporting of statewide PreK-20 and workforce data, as well as implement a priority program to train at least 50% and ideally up to 100% of educators and workforce leaders statewide to use an extensive array of data to inform decision-making for school improvement.

Project Narrative

Project Narrative - Project Narrative

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NARRATIVE

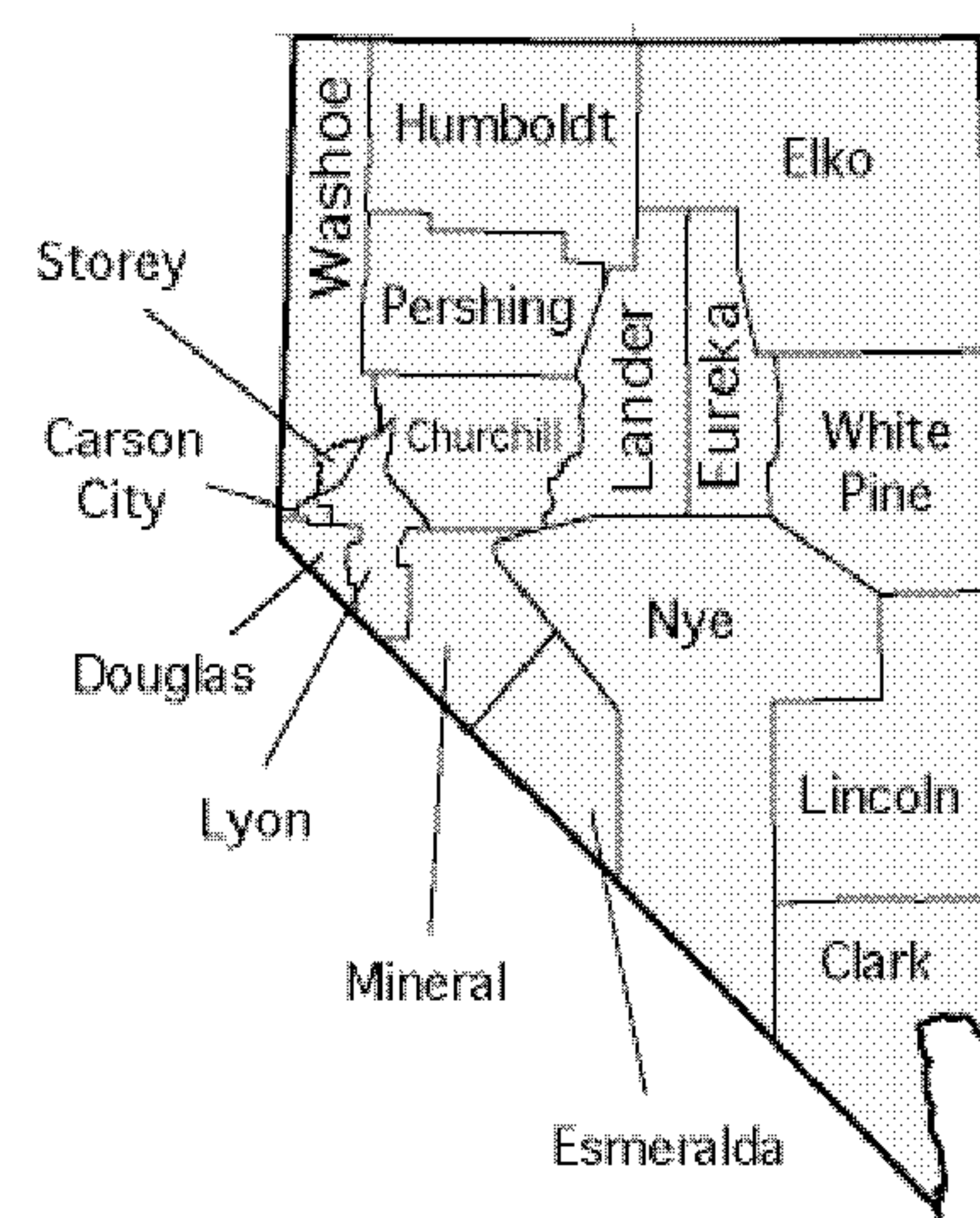
Background - Population / Geography

Of the 17 Nevada counties, three are designated "urban"; Carson City (State Capital), Clark (Las Vegas metropolitan area), and Washoe (Reno-Sparks metropolitan area). Three counties are designated "rural" (Douglas, Lyon, Storey), and the remaining 11 are "frontier"¹. Nevada is composed of 17 school districts whose boundary lines are concordant with the boundary lines of Nevada's 17 counties. From 2005 to 2008, 14 counties have experienced annual population growth from 1% to more than 5.5%; for eight of the last 10 years, frontier Nye County has been per capita the fastest growing in the nation at 5.0% annual population growth.

Nevada faces unique challenges posed by the distribution and influx of population, job availability, and geography. For 10 years until 2006 and again in 2007 -2008, Nevada has been the state with the fastest growing population, and among the four fastest-growing states in each of the last 24 years. In addition to Clark and Washoe counties, rural/frontier counties also experienced unprecedented growth and are coping with geographical and technological barriers, while struggling to expand the collection, analysis, and use of data to improve services for students. For example, Nye County School District (NCS D) is located in south central Nevada, in the third geographically largest county in area in the contiguous United States (18,159 square miles), with a 2007 population estimated to be 46,308. Nye is larger than the combined total area of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Delaware, with 7,000 students in 17 elementary, middle, and high schools. Elko County School District (ECSD) is located in eastern Nevada and as of 2007, the population of Elko County was estimated at 50,434. Geographically, Elko County is the fourth largest in the contiguous United States, right behind Nye. The county has a total area of 17,203 square miles; most of the county lies within the Great Basin. Elko is home to Great Basin College, a community college with a service area that covers 62,000 square miles, two time zones, and six of Nevada's largest rural counties.

Figure 1. The 17 Nevada Counties and PreK-12 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) Organized by Counties

- 0H Carson City
- 1H Churchill
- 2H Clark
- 3H Douglas
- 4H Elko
- 5H Esmeralda
- 6H Eureka
- 7H Humboldt
- 8H Lander
- 9H Lincoln
- 10H Lyon
- 11H Mineral
- 12H Nye
- 13H Pershing
- 14H Storey
- 15H Washoe



¹ The U.S. Census Bureau defines "urban" as counties that have at least one population center exceeding 50,000 people; "frontier" as having less than 6 persons per square mile; "rural" is undefined as the number of persons per square mile that falls between the other two.

Background - Education

Due to the current economic crisis, in 2008 the Nevada population growth rate slowed by 1.8%, yet still Nevada at eighth still ranks in the top ten states in the nation for population increase (U.S. Census Bureau, December 22, 2008). The statewide population statistics are reflected in the growth rate of PreK-20 public school student populations. Nevada experienced a statewide K-12 student growth rate of 4.7% in 2002, averaging ~10,000 new students annually in Clark County School District (CCSD, Las Vegas metropolitan area); that trend continues today. Despite an anomaly of a minor enrollment dip in 2009 of 0.2% correlated to the recent economic trend, in the last four years the K-12 Nevada statewide public school student population experienced an influx of nearly 40,000 students to the current number of 436,614 (*Nevada Report Card, 2008-09*). CCSD with a 2008-09 student population of 311,039 and nearly 72% of the total Nevada K-12 student population is the sixth largest LEA in the nation as documented in *Characteristics of the 100 Largest Public Elementary and Secondary School Districts in the United States: 2006–07* (Institute of Education Sciences, June, 2009). All ethnic/racial sub-populations are growing substantially; the combined minority sub-populations now comprise the ethnic/racial majority of students. Hispanic students are expected to be the majority based on growth projections. Table 1 lists the statewide K-12 student enrollment by demographic sub-populations.

Table 1. Nevada K-12 Student Demographics

| State Enrollment 436,814 students | American Indian / Alaskan Native | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Black | White |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Percent % | 1.5 | 8.1 | 36.9 | 11.3 | 42.2 |
| Number | 6,656 | 35,248 | 161,131 | 49,280 | 184,499 |

In the past, the Nevada economy and geographical barriers contributed to the low number of individuals pursuing higher education. Jobs were plentiful and in 2005 more than one-third of the population was employed in the entertainment and construction industries while the unemployment rate was lower than the national average and the Nevada per capita income was higher; 10th in the nation². However, the Nevada economy is changing at the same time an increasing State deficit over the past three years forced significant and substantial cuts in the budgets of secondary and post-secondary education. 2006-2016 projected changes in the Nevada workforce require a more highly educated population than in the past. The current and future Nevada workforce will need post-secondary degrees, licenses, and/or certifications in emerging high-demand fields, including healthcare, computer engineering and other computer technology, education, science, engineering, and public safety (DETR, *Nevada - Demand Occupations, 2006-2016*). Yet, Nevada is ranked 49th in the number of 18 to 24 year olds enrolled in college and 50th in the percent of adults ages 25 to 34 with an Associate degree or higher³. Nevada ranks 49th in the transition and completion of students from 9th grade to college. For every 100 Nevada 9th graders, 9.8 will graduate from college within 150% time⁴. In 2008, Nevada was 17.4

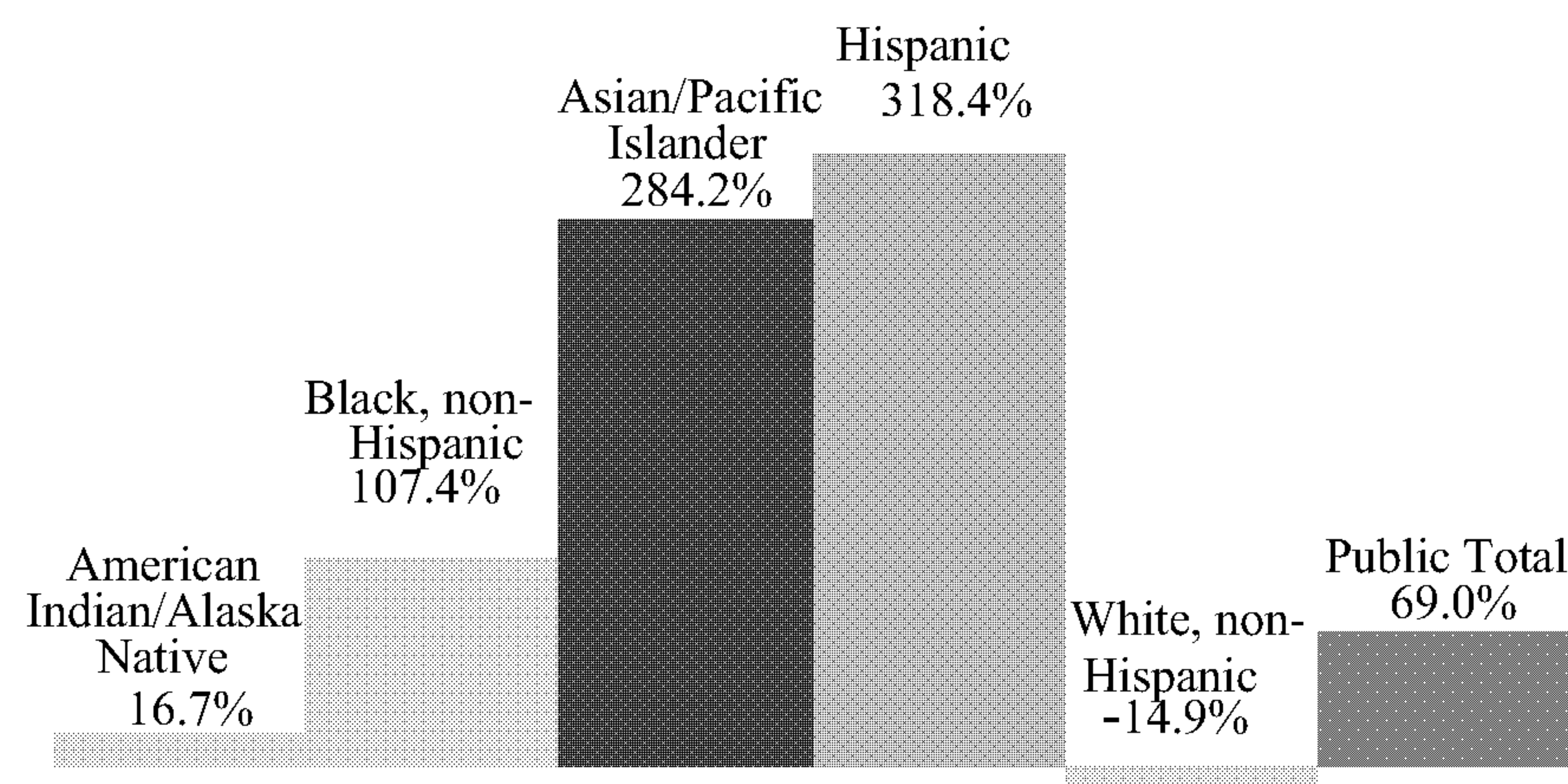
² Retrieved from (http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/cats/income_expenditures_poverty_wealth.html).

³ Retrieved from higherinfo.org/dbrowser/index.php?measure=104 and higherinfo.org/dbrowser/index.php?measure=93

⁴ Retrieved from higherinfo.org/dbrowser/index.php?measer=72

percentage points behind the national college continuation rate⁵. In 2008, Nevada ranked 50th in the college participation rate of students from low-income families⁶. NSHE captures only 45% of Nevada high school graduates. Of those, more than one-third require remediation in English and/or math⁷.

**Figure 2. Percent Change in Public High School Graduation by Race/Ethnicity
 2006-07 Projected to 2021-22**



Background - Workforce

In the past the Nevada economy contributed to the low number of individuals pursuing higher education, because jobs were plentiful and a college education was not necessarily required to earn a suitable income; in 2005, over one-third (~34%) of the population was employed in the entertainment and construction industries. The unemployment rate was lower than the national average at the same time the Nevada per capita income was higher, ranked 18th in the nation. The past trend is no longer the norm as the nationwide economic crisis has severely impacted Nevada and forced substantial, drastic cuts in education budgets at all levels. According to the *State of Nevada Executive Budget in Brief, 2009-2011 Biennium* (p. I), as of January, 2009, Nevada had a \$2.3 billion dollar deficit. The Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) article, *Nevada's Unemployment Rate Continues to Break Records, Hitting 13.2 Percent in August* (2009, September 18), describes the Nevada unemployment rate compared to the nationwide rate of 9.8%. The number of people in the Nevada workforce counted as unemployed is currently 183,000. In September, 2008, the Nevada unemployment rate was 7%, and in 2007, it was 5.2%; an 8% increase in only two years. The official unemployment rate does not reflect the actual number of unemployed, the latter including people who are underemployed, working part-time or seasonal instead of full-time, are not registered with DETR, have ceased to look for work, or have left Nevada to search for or take jobs in other states.

⁵ NSHE calculated college continuation rates for Nevada and Post-secondary Education Opportunity, Number 203, May 2009 for the national figure

⁶ Post-secondary Education Opportunity, Number 206, August 2009

⁷ Office of Academic and Student Affairs (2009, January). *Summer and fall 2008 remedial/developmental report*. Reno, NV: Nevada System of Higher Education, pp. 15, 25.

