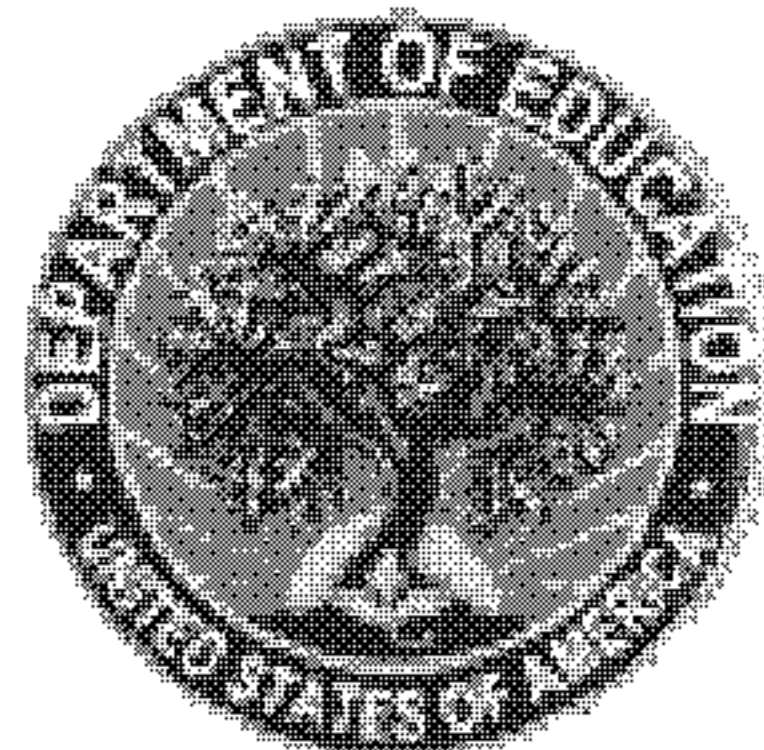


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Washington, D.C. 20202-5335



## **APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE**

**STATEWIDE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM RECOVERY ACT GRANTS  
CFDA # 84.384A  
PR/Award # R384A100052**

Closing Date: DEC 04, 2009

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	* 5b. Federal Award Identifier:	
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* a. Legal Name: Dr. Bari Erlichson		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):		
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	806417911	
<b>d. Address:</b>		
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Street2:	P.O. Box 500	
* City:	Trenton	
County:		
State:	NJ	
Province:		
* Country:	USA	
* Zip / Postal Code:	08625	
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Department Name:		
New Jersey Department of Education	Division Name:	
	Office of Research and Evaluation	
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix:	Dr.	* First Name: Bari
Middle Name:	A	

\* Last Name: Erlichson

Suffix:

Title: Director

Organizational Affiliation:

NJDOE

\* Telephone Number: (609)341-3142 Fax Number:

\* Email: BARI.ERLICHSON@DOE.STATE.NJ.US

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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:**

84.384

Title:

Grants for Statewide, Longitudinal Data Systems Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

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

Statewide

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

New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Data System

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

**Attachment:**

Title :

File :

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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant: NJ ALL

\* b. Program/Project: NJ 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: 5/30/2013

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

a. Federal	\$ 16794152
b. Applicant	\$
c. State	\$
d. Local	\$
e. Other	\$
f. Program	\$
Income	
g. TOTAL	\$ 16794152

**\* 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: Lucille

Middle Name:

\* Last Name: Davy

Suffix:

Title: Commissioner

\* Telephone Number: (609)341-3142 Fax Number:

\* Email: LUCILLE.DAVY@DOE.STATE.NJ.US

\* 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:  
 Dr. Bari Erlichson

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	\$ 152,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 467,000
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 53,200	\$ 54,250	\$ 56,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 163,450
3. Travel	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 28,500
4. Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
5. Supplies	\$ 7,427	\$ 9,970	\$ 10,567	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 27,964
6. Contractual	\$ 8,026,080	\$ 4,815,648	\$ 3,210,432	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,052,160
7. Construction	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
8. Other	\$ 9,498	\$ 9,719	\$ 9,924	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 29,141
9. Total Direct Costs (lines 1-8)	\$ 8,255,705	\$ 5,055,087	\$ 3,457,423	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,768,215
10. Indirect Costs*	\$ 8,912	\$ 8,380	\$ 8,645	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 25,937
11. Training Stipends	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)	\$ 8,264,617	\$ 5,063,467	\$ 3,466,068	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,794,152

**\*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: 7/1/2006 To: 6/30/2011 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Approving Federal agency:  ED  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ The Indirect Cost Rate is 3.5%

(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 0%



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**BUDGET INFORMATION**  
**NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

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Name of Institution/Organization:  
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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

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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.

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**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:** Lucille Davy

**Title:** Commissioner

**Date Submitted:** 12/02/2009

### Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

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

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Insurance	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Bid/Offer/Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Award <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Material Change <b>For Material Change only:</b> Year: 0 Quarter: 0 Date of Last Report:
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier, if known: 0 Name: NJ Department of Education Address: P.O. Box 500 City: Trenton State: NJ Zip Code + 4: 08625-0500  <b>Congressional District, if known: 12</b>	<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>  Name: Address: City: State: Zip Code + 4: -  <b>Congressional District, if known:</b>	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b> Department of Education	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b> Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems  CFDA Number, if applicable: 84.384	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$0	
<b>10. a. Name of Lobbying Registrant</b> (if individual, last name, first name, MI): Address: City: State: Zip Code + 4: -	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI): Address: City: State: Zip Code + 4: -	
<b>11.</b> 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: Lucille Davy Title: Commissioner Applicant: Dr. Bari Erlichson Date: 12/02/2009	
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## 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

Dr. Bari Erlichson

### PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Prefix:                      First Name: Lucille                                      Middle Name:  
Last Name: Davy    Suffix:  
Title: Commissioner

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_                                      Date: 12/02/2009

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

**1. Project Director:**

Prefix:      \* First Name:              Middle Name:              \* Last Name:              Suffix:  
Dr.            Bari                                      A                                      Erlichson

Address:

\* Street1:              NJ Department of Education  
Street2:                P.O. Box 500  
\* City:                    Trenton  
County:  
\* State:                 NJ\* Zip / Postal Code: 08625 \* Country: USA

\* Phone Number (give area      Fax Number (give area  
code)                                      code)  
(609)341-3142

Email Address:

BARI.ERLICHSON@DOE.STATE.NJ.US

**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:**

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# Project Narrative

## Project Narrative - Project Abstract

### Attachment 1:

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## New Jersey Statewide Longitudinal Data System Application for Funding, December 4, 2009

New Jersey's efforts to build a longitudinal data system – New Jersey Standards Measurement and Resource for Teaching (NJ SMART) – began in earnest in 2007 with the assignment of unique student identifiers to every public school student in the state. Despite significant progress since then, our work is only just beginning. Of the twelve America COMPETES data elements and the seven system capabilities articulated in the Request for Applications, we have fully accomplished three of the twelve elements – establishment of a unique student identifier, yearly uploads of student assessment records, and information about non-tested students. An additional six of the elements and five of the capabilities have been partially implemented. For the remaining four elements and two capabilities, our efforts at implementation are underway.

In many instances, we simply need to expand the number of data elements currently in our system. In other instances, we need to partner with providers of other data sets, such as the Mid-Atlantic Consortium of Wage Records. Additionally, we need to significantly deepen the understanding and use of data in decision making by expanding our reports and dashboard functionality as well as building the data use capacity of our multiple stakeholder groups. We also need to develop a teacher module that relies on unique teacher identifiers and connects teachers to their preparation programs and current teaching assignments and students. To fully implement the twelve elements and seven system capabilities, we seek funding to support these five outcomes:

**Outcome 1:** Develop new tools and functionality within NJ SMART to create better visibility of key student performance indicators for school and district administrators, such as student-level growth percentile scores, progress toward graduation measures, early indicators of being at-risk of dropping out, and post-secondary outcomes.

**Outcome 2:** Build a teacher-student-course module to link teacher to student-level data.

**Outcome 3:** Streamline federal reporting through an expansion of NJ SMART to include additional data elements and enhance user processes through more comprehensive management of Meta data.

**Outcome 4:** Expand the capacity of NJDOE, district and school personnel to use data to diagnose impediments to higher levels of student achievement and to choose solutions for school reform.

**Outcome 5:** Expand the use of data among education stakeholders.

To these ends, this application proposes both new and expanded functionality of NJ SMART. If funded, we believe we can accomplish all of this work within the three year grant period given the strong fundamentals in the design of our system, the high level of commitment within our department and in the state, and the robust partnerships that we have established.

# Project Narrative

## Project Narrative - Project Narrative

### Attachment 1:

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# Project Narrative

## A. Need for Project

On August 9, 2007, the America COMPETES Act (America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science Act) became Public Law. This law proscribed twelve elements for statewide longitudinal data systems. They are the following:

### Twelve America COMPETES Data Elements

1. A unique statewide student identifier
2. Student-level enrollment, demographic, and program participant information
3. Student-level information about the points at which students exit, transfer in, transfer out, drop out or complete pre-K through postsecondary education programs
4. The capacity to communicate with higher education data systems
5. An audit system assessing data quality, validity and reliability
6. Yearly state assessment records of individual students
7. Information on students not tested, by grade and subject
8. A teacher identifier system with the ability to match teachers to students
9. Student-level transcript information, including courses completed and grades earned
10. Student-level college readiness scores
11. Information regarding the extent to which students transition successfully from secondary school to postsecondary education, including whether students enroll in remedial coursework
12. Other information determined necessary to address alignment and adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education

The grant and funding opportunities of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) further reinforced the predominance of these twelve elements. First, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan asked governors to sign Letters of Assurance in April 2009 that they had embraced these elements as goals for their data systems. Next, the grant and funding opportunities under ARRA were structured in a nested fashion so that states must demonstrate their progress and plans toward these data elements. For instance, demonstrated or planned progress toward these data elements is a necessary component of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF), Part Two application. And submitting a SFSF Part Two application is a program requirement for the Race to the Top Application. Furthermore, this particular grant opportunity (State Longitudinal Data Systems) now provides states with the opportunity to compete for funding to support the implementation of the twelve elements.

Additionally, this grant opportunity also specifies seven data system capabilities. They are the following:

