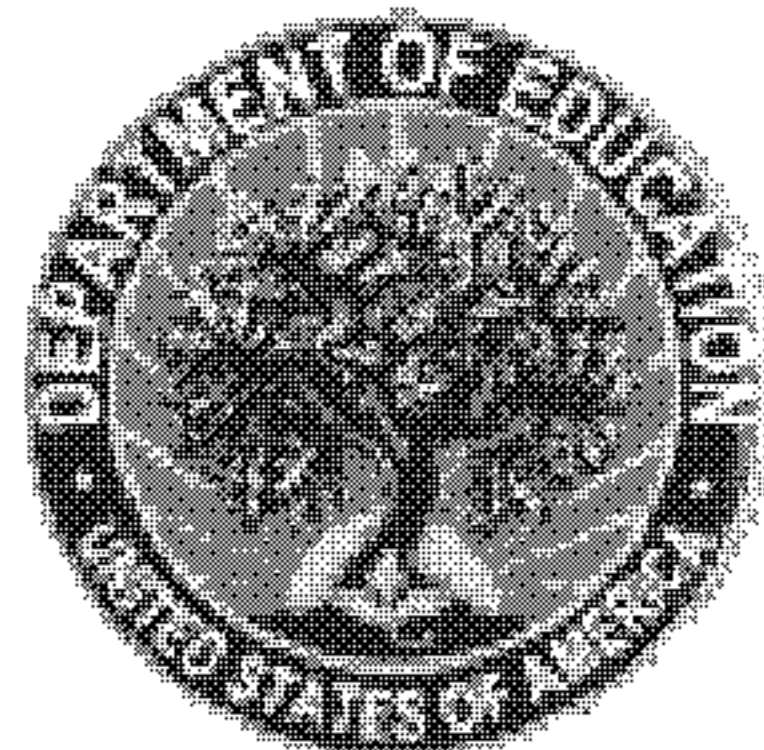


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APPLICATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE

**STATEWIDE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM RECOVERY ACT GRANTS
CFDA # 84.384A
PR/Award # R384A100024**

Closing Date: DEC 04, 2009

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Kansas Department of Education		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):		* c. Organizational DUNS:
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d. Address:		
* Street1:	120 SE 10th Avenue	
Street2:		
* City:	Topeka	
County:		
State:	KS	
Province:		
* Country:	USA	
* Zip / Postal Code:	66612	
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Department Name:		Division Name:
Information Technology		Fiscal and Administrative Services
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
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* Last Name: Gosa

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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 System Recovery Act Grants CFDA 84.384A

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

Schools and School districts

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

Unifying Data Systems to Support Systemic Change in Education

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Attachment:

Title :

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: KS-02

* b. Program/Project: KS-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: 4/30/2013

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

a. Federal	\$ 3283030
b. Applicant	\$ 1122667
c. State	\$ 0
d. Local	\$ 0
e. Other	\$
f. Program Income	\$
g. TOTAL	\$ 4405697

*** 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: Mrs. * First Name: Kathleen
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Gosa
Suffix:

Title: Director of Information Technology

* Telephone Number: (785)296-2317 Fax Number: (785)296-1413

* Email: KGOSA@KSDE.ORG

* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

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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:
Kansas 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

Table with 7 columns: Budget Categories, Project Year 1(a), Project Year 2 (b), Project Year 3 (c), Project Year 4 (d), Project Year 5 (e), Total (f). Rows include Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Construction, Other, Total Direct Costs, Indirect Costs, Training Stipends, and Total Costs.

*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? [X] 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: [X] ED [] Other (please specify): _____ The Indirect Cost Rate is 17.1%

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

[X] Is included in your approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement? or, [] Complies with 34 CFR 76.564(c)(2)? The Restricted Indirect Cost Rate is 17.1%



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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	\$ 724,774	\$ 548,444	\$ 402,241	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,675,459
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 207,576	\$ 156,684	\$ 114,048	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 478,308
3. Travel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
4. Equipment	\$ 32,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 32,250
5. Supplies	\$ 20,195	\$ 18,785	\$ 17,915	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 56,895
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)	\$ 984,795	\$ 723,913	\$ 534,204	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,242,912
10. Indirect Costs	\$ 137,871	\$ 101,348	\$ 74,789	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 314,008
11. Training Stipends	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
12. Total Costs (lines 9-11)	\$ 1,122,666	\$ 825,261	\$ 608,993	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,556,920

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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: Kathy Gosa

Title: Director of Information Technology

Date Submitted: 12/01/2009

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

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6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable:	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$0	
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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

Kansas Department of Education

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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Prefix:	First Name: Kathy	Middle Name:
Last Name: Gosa		Suffix:
Title: Director of Information Technology		

Signature:	Date:
_____	12/01/2009

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

1. Project Director:

Prefix:	* First Name:	Middle Name:	* Last Name:	Suffix:
Mrs.	Kathy		Gosa	

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* City:	Topeka
County:	
* State:	KS* Zip / Postal Code: 66612 * Country: USA

* Phone Number (give area code)	Fax Number (give area code)
(785)296-2317	(785)296-1413

Email Address:

KGOSA@KSDE.ORG

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:

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Project Narrative

Project Narrative - Project Abstract

Attachment 1:

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PROJECT ABSTRACT

UNIFYING DATA SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN EDUCATION

Front page headlines in a recent Sunday paper read: “Changing demographics challenge educators”; and, “Regents propose higher targets: Following the governor’s lead, Board wants to increase retention and graduation rates at state universities.” The stories behind the headlines indicate not only the importance of education to the people of Kansas, but also the importance of data systems that can show trends and evaluate progress toward goals. Kansans want every child to have the opportunity to receive a research-based curriculum, effective instruction, and interventions at the earliest identification of need, but they have many questions about how to make these things happen. The 2010 LDS data grant will allow Kansas to answer questions by fulfilling its vision: create a unified P-20 system with linkages to workforce data and to other data systems that can be accessed by multiple audiences and can help inform policy and practice.

Through this LDS data grant, Kansas will expand the ability of state longitudinal data systems to link across the P-20 education pipeline and across state agencies. Connections between the state’s two education data systems and with the Department of Labor data systems and those of other state agencies will be enhanced; the scope of postsecondary education data collections will be expanded; a statewide educator evaluation system will be implemented and the educator data collection system will be expanded to include additional indicators; a formative assessment system will be implemented and the PK-12 student data collections will be expanded to include those results, behavior data, and early childhood program and assessment data; the eTranscript initiative will be expanded to include college to college transfers; and a partnership of Midwestern states will implement a multi-state student locator framework for finding students that “drop out” of the state system. The grant will help Kansas improve access to education data, since resources will be used to develop a Collaborative Workspace linked to a Unified Standards Management & Reporting System, providing educators with targeted instructional resources for the students in their classes. In addition the Educator Career Pathway Performance & Planning system will provide appropriate portals to educator data for a number of stakeholder groups. The grant will help Kansas promote district focus on school improvement because funds will be used to develop the Unified Accountability and Planning System that leads to a unified school improvement plan. Finally, the grant will enable Kansas to build the capacity of educators to effectively use the integrated data presented by the systems because funds will be used for professional development, formative grant activity evaluations, and sponsored research.

The grant will enable Kansas to enhance elements already implemented and address capabilities not yet completed. This includes enhancing the link between the PK-12 and higher education data systems; providing more complete information regarding the extent to which students transition successfully from secondary school to postsecondary education, including enrollment in remedial coursework; providing additional information to address alignment and adequate preparation for success in postsecondary education; enabling education stakeholders to examine student progress and outcomes over time; facilitating the exchange of data among agencies and institutions within the State, and between States; enriching the availability and use of integrated information about teacher certification and teacher preparation programs; enabling access to reports for parents, teachers, and administrator on the achievement of their students; and enhancing the ability of the state to meet reporting requirements, including those related to progress on the metrics established for the SFSF. All grant activities will integrate and unify information, enabling stakeholders to make better decisions about Kansas education.

Project Narrative

Project Narrative - Project Narrative

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

UNIFYING DATA SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN EDUCATION

There are two boards that oversee Kansas education: the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR). KSBE's primary functions are to accredit approximately 1600 schools in 295 public, 20 private, and 8 state PK-12 school districts (enrolling 465,000 students); license PK-12 educators; fund PK-12 schools; and provide leadership for the improvement of public education. KBOR administers postsecondary education in the state, governing six state universities and supervising 19 community colleges, six technical colleges, and a municipal university. KSBE and KBOR are partners in the development of the state's preschool through college and/or work data system. The P-20 Council, convened by the Governor, functions to identify and recommend policies to KBOR and KSBE that ensure the smooth transition of students from high school to postsecondary education.

The vision of the two state education agencies is to create a unified P-20 system with linkages to workforce data and other data systems that can be accessed by multiple audiences and can inform policy and practice. Although the system will support education accountability and state and federal reporting, meeting accountability requirements will be only one of many functions of the system. Longitudinal data will assist with such things as identifying early childhood programs that are associated with strong school readiness outcomes, assessing student progress and learning needs, identifying factors that correlate with persistence in school, improving instruction, determining priorities for allocating resources, identifying effective teacher preparation programs, identifying factors that best prepare students for entry into postsecondary education and the workforce, and identifying factors related to success in higher education. The existing K-12 data warehouse, student operational data store, P20 data mart, KAN-DIS discipline data collection system, postsecondary data system, teacher resource libraries, and Educator Data System will be enhanced to help accomplish the vision.

a. Need for Project

Current Capacity

As described in Appendix C and summarized below, the Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE's) data system meets all Required Elements specified by the America Competes Act, with the exception of two: *matching teachers to students* and *student level transcript information with courses completed and grades earned*. Work on these two Elements is in progress and is funded by a 2009 IES SLDS grant. In addition, KSDE's data system includes three of the required Capabilities: *enabling the matching of teachers with information about their certification and teacher preparation programs and the institutions at which they received their training*; *ensuring the quality and integrity of data contained in the system*; and *providing the state the ability to meet reporting requirements for metrics established for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) and for EDFacts data collection*.

Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, KSDE implemented Kansas Individual Data on Students (KIDS), a data system for assigning and tracking unique state student identifiers (SSIDs) and for collecting individual student data based upon the SSIDs. KIDS collection includes demographic, enrollment, program participation, exit, performance, and accountability indicators. District funding, state and federal reporting (EDFacts), state assessments, and school accountability and accreditation are all longitudinally linked based upon the individual student data schools submit to KIDS. The assessment management system includes SSIDs of students

