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40 States, D.C., Submit Applications in Phase 1 Race to the Top Competition

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Today the Department of Education announced that 40 states and the District of Columbia submitted applications to be considered for Phase 1 of the Race to the Top competition. Race to the Top is the department's \$4.35 billion fund to dramatically re-shape America's educational system to better engage and prepare our students for success in a competitive 21st century economy and workplace. States' Phase 1 applications were due to the department today, Jan. 19 at 4:30 p.m. EST.

Earlier today, President Obama announced his intention to propose in the FY 2011 budget more than \$1.3 billion to continue Race to the Top. The announcement came during a visit with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan at Graham Road Elementary School in Falls Church, Va.

Designed to incentivize excellence, spur reform, and promote the adoption and use of effective policies and practices, the Race to the Top is a comprehensive vision for school reform backed by a historic, \$4.35 billion investment. Winners of the first Race to the Top awards will be announced in April 2010. A second round of applications from states will be due in June 2010, with winners expected in September. States that apply, but do not win in Phase 1, may reapply for Phase 2.

The following states and D.C. submitted applications for Phase 1:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- D.C.
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
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- Utah
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