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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

2011—2014 Grants

- *Welcome to the CSP Grant Program! Plan to participate in a CSP Boot Camp near you to lay the groundwork for receiving your funds.*

2010—2013 Grants

- *In Planning: Prepare to enter Imp. I by revising your budget to exclude rent and salaries, and complete all Planning objectives on your Attachment J.*
- *In Imp. I: Prepare to enter Imp. II by completing the Itemized Expenditure Report and Inventory Report, and update Attachment J. Draft a Budget Amendment to request remaining Implementation funds (and Planning funds if you bypassed Planning).*

2009—2012 Grants

- *Schools that began Implementation on 7-01-09 cannot extend their grants beyond 6-30-11.*
- *Send your [Itemized Expenditure Report](#) to your grant specialist by June 30, 2011.*

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Federal Non-Regulatory Guidance

The Charter Schools Program Office of the U.S. Department of Education (USED) recently updated its CSP Non-regulatory Guidance. The April 2011 document addresses issues that have arisen since its previous guidance released in 2003, 2004 and 2007. In particular, charter schools should note additional guidance and clarification on:

- Allowable expenses
- Exemptions from lottery requirements
- The relationship between charter school governing boards and for-profit charter management organizations
- Determining if a school is a new school or an expansion of an existing school
- The relationship between public charter schools and private schools.

To view the document, go to <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/charter/nonregulatory-guidance.doc>.

FDOE awaits USED CSP Grant decision

Florida's Charter Schools Office expects to receive a decision from USED shortly on its proposal for the next round of CSP funding. The decision is expected around mid-June.

New CSP schools will be notified of their funding timeline as soon as possible, once the funds are released by USED. In the meantime, recipients are advised **NOT** to purchase items or services marked for CSP dollars, as purchases made outside the project period are not allowable. However, do use this time to work with your sponsor and grant specialist on documentation.

TRAINING / RESOURCES

DOE-Sponsored CSP Trainings

- **Implementation Boot Camp** — Week of June 20-24. DOE staff will be coming to a city near you. [Watch for an email](#) detailing locations, registration and dates.
- **ESP/EMO Webinar** — July 7.
- **Monitoring Visit Webinar** — September 20 & 21.
- **Budget Amendments & Detailed Documents Webinar** — TBA.
- **Florida Charter School Conference** — November 14-16 in Orlando. CSP recipients are required to attend. For more information, go to www.charterschoolconference.com/.

Other Opportunities

- **2011 National Charter Schools Conference** — June 20-23 in Atlanta GA. For more information, go to www.nationalcharterconference.org/.
- **2011 NACSA Leadership Conference** — October 24-27, Amelia Island FL. For more information, go to www.qualitycharters.org/events/2011-annual-leadership-conference.