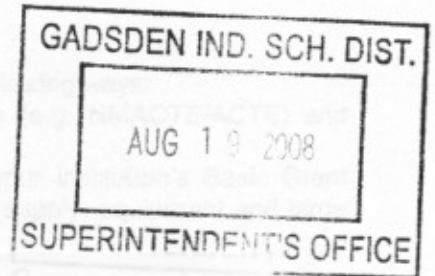


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RE: Second Update to Initial Carl D. Perkins Redistribution Allocation (Perkins III)
Amendment II to Application for Redistribution Funds: **Deadline – August 27, 2008, 4:00 PM**

Dear Ms. Nava:

This communication is a follow up to Secretary García's letter-dated March 7, 2008, regarding the initial Carl D. Perkins Redistribution Allocation (Perkins III); and to my letter dated April 24, 2008 which outlined the procedures to complete **Amendment I** to Application for Redistribution funds.

As you are aware, an application to access the Amendment I to Application for Redistribution Funds was released on April 24, 2008. Since that date, the PED has had an opportunity to evaluate Perkins III grant balances and is prepared to release a second increase to your initial award under Redistribution.

The focus of the funds continues to be twofold:

- 1) to address the performance measures that New Mexico is currently not meeting; and,
- 2) to ensure compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

Please share this information with all staff involved with preparing and processing your redistribution budget, and for the grant funds and grant reimbursements.

This second increase to your allocation for redistribution funds awarded to your institution is: \$59,504.00. This allocation is added to both your initial allocation (March 7, 2008) which was in the amount of: \$73,890.00 and Amendment I increase (April 24, 2008) in the amount of: \$35,475.52, for a total allocation of \$168,869.52.

These additional funds are available to assist your institution in any of the following ways:

- 1) Affiliate CTE faculty with CTE related professional organizations (e.g. NMACTE/ACTE) and support associated professional development.
- 2) Continue program development for the pathways delineated in your institution's Basic Grant Application for school years 2007-2008 or 2008-2009 by finalizing supply, equipment and large item purchases to support the program.

To access these funds, an amended application is necessary. The Application (with accompanying instructions) is attached to this letter. The Application is also located on the New Mexico Public Education Department (NM PED), Career-Technical and Workforce Education Bureau website at (<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/CTWEB>). I realize the time line is very short; however, the expectations from the U.S. Department of Education are that the funds will be obligated and expended to meet this guideline. Therefore the time lines stated in the attached application have been adjusted to meet this report deadline.

If your institution has not yet re-established budget authority in the current fiscal year for unexpended redistribution funds as of June 30, 2008, please do so at this time. We prefer a separate Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) be filed to establish budget authority. That is, process a BAR to establish budget authority for the unexpended funds remaining from your initial and first increase allocation; then process a separate BAR to increase your budget in accordance with the second increase provided through this letter. While processing these BAR's, continue to use: A) Secondary Schools: UCOA 24176; B) Postsecondary Schools: UCOA 24179.

It is the hope of this Bureau that each of you will be successful in your endeavors and that the students of New Mexico - as a direct result of your work - will experience the integration of rigorous and challenging academic and career-technical instruction.

You are encouraged to apply for these additional funds as soon as possible so that you may complete your project objectives within the required time lines.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your currently assigned grant monitor, or call the bureau at 505-827-1800.

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