

## Statement Regarding Title VI, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 6112:

### Enhanced Assessment Instruments Competitive Grant Program

*In its June 2002 Consolidated State Application, a state intending to apply for 6112 funds should mark "Title VI, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 6112: Enhanced Assessment Instruments Competitive Grant Program" in the list of "ESEA Programs Included in the Consolidated State Application" (which is a form that is part of the Consolidated Application package. No other information is required about 6112 in the June 2002 submission. If a state fails to mark 6112 in its June 2002 submission, but later (before Sept 15, 2002) decides to participate, then it may include in its 6112 application an amended "ESEA Programs Included in the Consolidated State Application."*

*USED will be awarding 20 grants to states in 2002 for activities that enhance the quality of their assessment and accountability systems. Only SEAs, or consortia of SEAs, are eligible to apply.*

*States can use the money from the competitive grants to pay for collaborative activities such as membership in the SCASS projects, pay for additional work to be done, and to guide the direction of the activities undertaken to address the various technical issues related to enhanced assessment systems. Applications will be due in September. .*

Illinois has indicated that it intends to apply in September 2002.