New for FY 2017 IDEA Grants

Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) Reporting
The IDEA regulations at 34 CFR 300.226(d) require an LEA to report data to ISBE if the district/cooperative used up to 15% of IDEA Part B Flow-Through funds (voluntarily or required) to develop and implement coordinated early intervening services (CEIS) in the school year covered by the prior application. This was previously required in February, however, it is included as a separate page of the IDEA Flow Through application this year. If a district budgeted for CEIS in the previous year they must report:

1. Total number of children in the LEA receiving CEIS under IDEA in the school year two years prior to the application (2014-2015 school year)
2. Total number of children in the LEA receiving CEIS under IDEA any time in the past three school years (2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016) AND who when on to receive special education and related services in the school year prior to this application (2015-2016)

Preparing for Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)
We encourage all districts and cooperatives and independent charter schools to secure a CAGE code and a DUNS number as soon as possible. These first steps are available now and early completion will help ensure that entities are prepared when the GATA registration is available.

One of the new GATA components requires grantees to be prequalified prior to receiving an award for fiscal year 2017. Information about the process to follow for prequalification will be available soon on a new grant portal website at www.grants.illinois.gov The requirements for prequalification include the possession of a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code available through System for Award Management (SAM) user account, and a Dun & Bradstreet data universal number system (DUNS) number in order to receive federal funding. If you are uncertain if your district has active numbers, please contact your business office to ensure compliance. You may also register for these numbers at the following websites:

• www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1
• http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform

Please direct specific questions regarding GATA to GATA@isbe.net.
**IWAS Servers**

As the new fiscal year is approaching and IWAS activities will increase we are reminding users that IWAS has multiple servers. The servers are listed as Mirrors 1 – 4. Users may select any of the four mirrors to complete IWAS activities, including when the server is running slowly.

**Quick Tips for FY 2017**

These tips were generated from common errors seen in the 2016 application. It is our hope that they will help speed up the approval process for 2017.

End of the year expenditures must be for the current fiscal year.

Proportionate share expenditures are for services to students with Individualized Service Plans (ISPs).
Workers compensation and unemployment insurance can only be paid for with IDEA funds if the salaries are included in the grant i.e. must be attached to staff salaries as any other benefit in the grant. 34 CFR 200.431

Shipping should only be mentioned separately in the budget detail if billed separately, otherwise, it is assumed as part of the cost of the item.

The FY17 application won’t appear until it is created. Districts can create an FY17 application by clicking “yes” at the top of the Application Select screen and naming the application.

Double check the unit cost of equipment and furniture before placing the items in 400, 500 and 700 to ensure the expenditure is in the correct object code. All expenditures in object codes 500 and 700 must be $500 or greater.