

FRIDAY FACTS
FROM JEFF GOVE, ACTING STATE ABLE DIRECTOR
ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION
February 19, 2010

Announcement of ABLE Innovation Grant

As of February 18, 2010, the RFP for the ABLE Innovation Grant was sent out to all ABLE programs and the grant was posted on our web site at:

<http://uso.edu/network/workforce/able/grants/innovation-grant.php>



The request solicits ABLE programs, adult career-technical programs and community colleges to conduct projects that support the integration of services around career exploration and planning, assessment, curriculum, and instruction. The **\$813,255** in federal funds will be made available in up to five (5) grants with a total maximum of **\$162,651** allocated to any one grantee through a competitive review process. The 15-month award period will be from April 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The *ABLE Innovation Grant* RFP requires that all interested parties complete the application and submit an original and three additional hard copies of the application via mail to Jeff Gove, Acting State ABLE Director at 30 E. Broad St., 36th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by **Friday, April 2, 2010 at 5:00 PM EST**. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.

Applications will be evaluated by a review panel selected by the Chancellor using an established point rating system. The review panel will then make recommendations to the Chancellor, who will make the final determination.

The RFP will be discussed during an upcoming **“Bidders Videoconference” on Friday, March 19, 2010 from 2 – 4 p.m.** The videoconference provides an opportunity to review and discuss the intent and purpose of the RFP, the requirements of the RFP, the evaluation process that will be used to help determine grantees, and affords interested parties the chance to ask questions about the RFP process.

Test Alignments

The WorkKeys and TABE alignments to the Ohio ABLE content standards, levels 4 and 6 are now available. They are attached with this Friday Facts. The alignments can be helpful when documenting benchmark completion for the Basic and Advanced Skills Certificates.

The *Guidance for Issuing Stackable Certificates* (Sept 2009) is currently being updated to include these alignments. When it is complete, it will be made available online. If you have any questions, please contact the State ABLE Program Staff.

Spring Administrators' Meeting

The State ABLE Program has tentatively scheduled a **Spring ABLE Administrators' Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2010**. The location has not been confirmed but it will be in the Columbus area. The one-day meeting will focus on key information about our ABLE system, national adult education news/views, and discussions on the progress of integrating ABLE within the University System of Ohio. *Please hold this date.*

Reminders

1. *Eureka!* –Just a reminder of a great resource through the Ohio Literacy Resource Center. Checkout *Eureka!* Online at: <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/index2.html>. This resource gives ABLE instructors access to strategies, lesson plans, lists of recommended trade books, as well as links to other resources.



2. *PD Calendar*- As you plan your PD, do not forget to checkout the Calendar of Events at: http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm. There are some great opportunities planned.



Quote of the Week

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