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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Final Report

Project Title:

ENHANCEMENT OF STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Project Goal:

To increase accountability for use of Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education and Technology Act funds through improved data collection and technical assistance.

Funding Source: Federal Vocational Education Grantback Funds

CFDA No. 84.048

Settlement Agreement Docket No. 89-53-R

Audit Control No. 07-82145

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Background Information

In the audit for FY 87, the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) found Iowa not in compliance with time effort record keeping of the Carl D. Perkins Act. This resulted in the payment by the state of Iowa of \$127, 600 in state funds. Pursuant to Section 459(a)(2) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), the state of Iowa requested a grantback of 75 percent of these funds (\$95,700) for the purpose of purchasing computer equipment, software, and printers to be used to improve the existing administration systems for Perkins for the administration of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1990. Specifically, it was proposed that the equipment be used to 1) review local applications; 2) monitor and evaluate program effectiveness; 3) provide technical assistance to grant recipients; 4) ensure compliance with all applicable federal laws including required services and activities for individuals who are members of special populations; and 5) supporting the activities of technical committees established under 34C.F.R. Section 403.12(b)(1). The equipment would also be used to supplement and enhance Iowa's ability to achieve the goals and objectives of its current plan for the administration of vocation funds for FY 95-96. Iowa received approval of the project from the USDE on September 30, 1994, and implemented the plan as outlined in the original proposal.

Activities Conducted

On September 30, 1994, as outlined in the original grant application, the department purchased the following equipment:

25 - 486DX2-66 Computers with network cards and connections (2 computers are equipped with multi-media kits, 2 computers are equipped with CD-ROM drives, and one equipped with 5.25 floppy drive). All computers were equipped with an 8MB RAM monitor, windows, DOS software, mouse, and 1.44 MB megabyte floppy drive.

5 - 486DX2-66 Color lap top computers with additional memory.

Software including Microsoft Windows; Lotus 1, 2, 3; MS Word/Office Photo Shop, scanner software, FoxPro, Pagemaker, Lotus, and Word Perfect.

6 - Laser printers (3 - HP-4P printers; and 3 HP-4M printers).

Description of Results and Effectiveness of Project

The department is in the process of installing the equipment and arranging staff development on the equipment's software applications for all personnel who administer Perkins II. The equipment purchased with the grantback funds will permit administrative activities under Perkins II to use local area network and all personnel involved in administrating the Perkins programs will have direct access to that network and any information regarding Perkins grant awards, recipients, and applications. The results of the use and availability of this equipment is expected to 1) improve the quality in compliance monitoring count and the evaluation of program effectiveness by facilitating the timely access to needed information and standardizing report formats; 2) improve capacity for staff to provide a more timely manner written responses to requests for technical assistance and to track technical issues; 3) share information among staff responsible for administration of Perkins through the use of electronic mail; 4) reduction of time spent preparing reports; and 5) facilitation of data collection and statistical analysis leading to better evaluation and targeting of technical assistance to programs and populations with greatest needs.

The lap top computers have provided staff with access to computer technology while they are in the field which has enhanced their ability to take notes and make responses to grant recipients while away from the office. Modem links are also being installed which will also enable staff to have remote access to the office local area network and enhance staff ability to provide technical assistance to grant recipients while on-site. This will assist staff better utilization of their time on Perkins administrative activities while away from the office.

Summary of Expenditures

Date Ordered	Item	Purchase Order No.	Vendor	Date Paid	Amount Paid
9/30/94	Software	CVI-RH272008	Computer Supply	10/28/94	358.75
9/30/94	25 - Computers	PV-PO259613	INACOMP/CENTURY	11/17/94	60,472.69
9/30/94	5 -Lap Top Computers	PV-P025914	AmeriData	11/17/94	19,380.91
9/30/94	Software	PV-P025919	Software Spectru	11/17/94	2,774.22
9/30/94	6 - Printers	PV-PO25915	Cedar Computer	12/05/94	10,570.84
9/30/94	Network Connections	CV2-TIMBXX001	GS Service	12/14/94	1,837.18
9/30/94	Software	EC-RH348002	Software Spectru	12/14/94	305.41
TOTAL					\$95,700.00

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2. FEDERAL GRANT OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER:

V995L40002

3. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

1426004525-A1

4. RETIREMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER OR IDENTIFYING NUMBER:

5. FINAL REPORT: YES NO

6. BASIS: CASH ACCRUAL

7. FISCAL YEAR (See Instructions) 94

8. PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: FROM (MM/DD/YY) 09/01/94 TO (MM/DD/YY) 09/30/94

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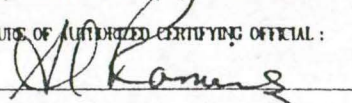
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10. REMARKS (Attach any explanation deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation)

11. CERTIFICATION I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL:



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