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# **Program Background**

# Legislative Background


- The grants are cooperative agreements—more active federal government involvement than in typical grants
- Administered by the Institute of Education Sciences' (IES) National Center of Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)



# Goals of the Program

Enable grantees to design, develop, and implement SLDSs to ***efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, disaggregate, report, and use individual student P-20W (early childhood through postsecondary/workforce) data.***

Long-term goals of the program are to:

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1. identify what works to improve instruction
  2. ensure grads are equipped for long-term success
  3. simplify reporting and increase transparency
  4. inform decisionmaking at all levels of education
  5. permit creation and use of accurate, timely P-20W data

# Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include the **state education agencies** of:



50 States



District of Columbia



Commonwealth of Puerto Rico



U.S. Virgin Islands



American Samoa



Guam



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

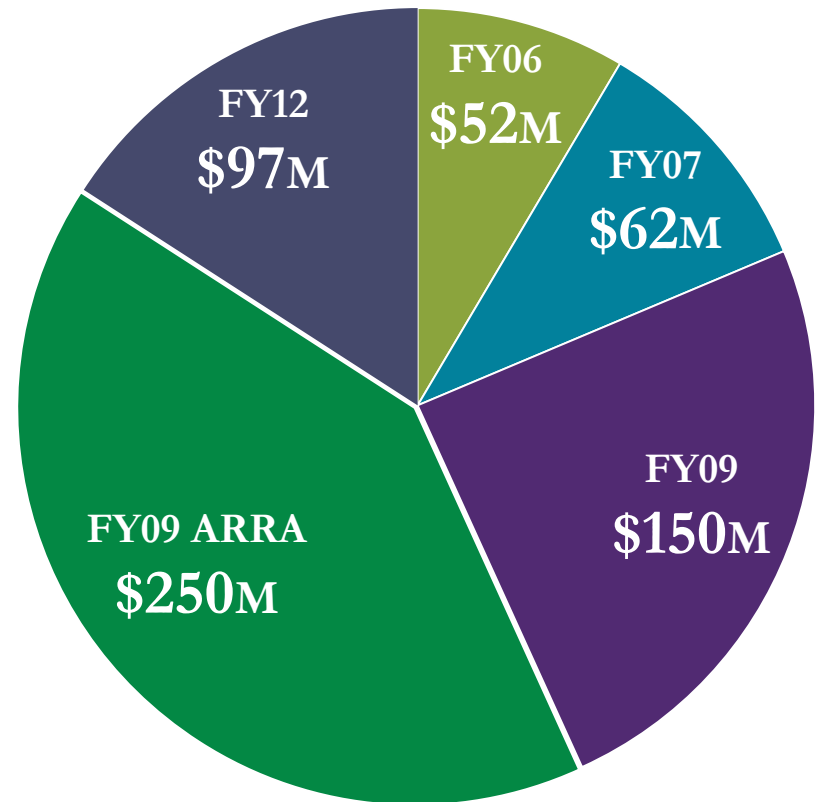


# **Grant Awards: History & Evolution**

# Grant Awards Status

To date, 47 states, DC, PR, and VI have been awarded SLDS grants totaling \$613M:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Round (FY06):** Nov. 2005 – 14 grantees awarded over \$52M
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Round (FY07):** June 2007 – 13 grantees awarded over \$62M
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Round (FY09):** April 2009 – 27 grantees awarded over \$150M
- **4<sup>th</sup> Round (FY09 ARRA):** May 2010 – 20 states awarded \$250M under American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Round (FY12):** May 2012 – 24 grantees awarded over \$97M



# Program Evolution

**2006 & 2007  
Competitions**

**K12**

# of grants:

**14 & 13**

Avg. award:

**\$3.7M & 4.8M**

**2009  
Competition**

**K12 + ONE  
of the  
following:  
PreK, Postsec,  
Workforce,  
**OR** Student-  
Teacher link**

**27**

**\$5.6M**

**2009 ARRA  
Competition**

**K12 + ALL  
of the following:  
PreK, Postsec,  
Workforce,  
**AND**  
Student-Teacher  
link**

**20**

**\$12.5M**

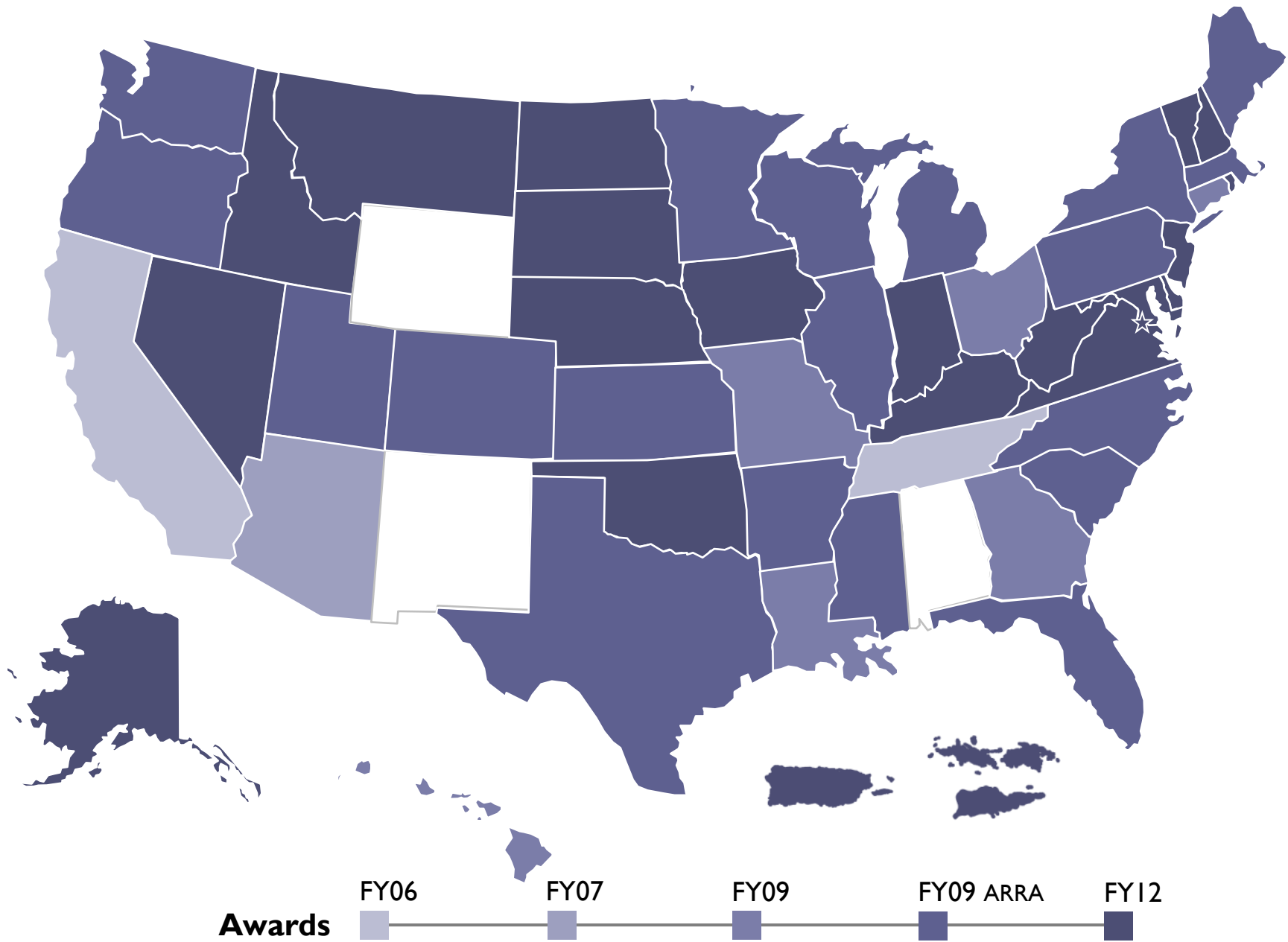
**2012  
Competition**

**ONE  
of the  
following:  
K12, PreK,  
**OR**  
Postsec/  
Workforce**

**24**

**\$4.1M**





# FY12 Grants: Key Information

- Length of grants: 3 years
- 3 Priority Areas

Priority Area	# of grants
1. To design, develop, and implement a statewide, longitudinal <b>kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12)</b> data system	<b>9</b>
2. To develop and <b>link early childhood data</b> with the state's K-12 data system	<b>1</b>
3. To develop and <b>link postsecondary and/or workforce data</b> with the state's K-12 data system	<b>14</b>

# Congratulations, FY12 Grantee States!

Alaska (PS/L)

Arizona (K12)

District of Columbia (PS/L)

Delaware (K12)

Hawaii (PS/L)

Idaho (PS/L)

Indiana (PS/L)

Iowa (PS/L)

Kentucky (PS/L)

Maryland (PS/L)

Montana (PS/L)

Nebraska (K12)

Nevada (PS/L)

New Hampshire (K12)

New Jersey (PS/L)

North Carolina (PS/L)

North Dakota (PS/L)

Oklahoma (K12)

Puerto Rico (K12)

Rhode Island (PS/L)

South Dakota (K12)

Vermont (K12)

Virgin Islands (EC)

West Virginia (K12)

# Grant Monitoring & Support Teams

- **NCES Program Officer**
  - Emily Anthony
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- **NCES Program Analyst**
  - Allison Camara
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  - Baron Rodriguez
  - Jeff Sellers
  - Robin Taylor

# Meeting for all FY12 Grantees

- Mandatory
- July 11 at 9:45 am
- Grand Ballroom of Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC

***Meet your fellow FY12 grantees, NCES staff, and SST.***

# Grant Monitoring

# Teleconference Updates

*Monthly calls* to discuss Project Plan progress. Project Plans must be submitted by states one day in advance of the calls.

Also used to:

- identify areas where a state is struggling to provide resources
- document lessons learned at each stage to share with other grantees

**Project plans are developed with NCES and SST, and are based on your application.**



# Annual Site Visits

The SLDS Grant Program conducts annual site visits to its grantee states to:

- assess progress on grant-funded work
- provide technical assistance
- learn best practices







# Grant Management Portal

GRADS360 is a web-based system to help states with:

- project plan maintenance
- budget tracking
- state contact information
- document management
- robust reporting features
- role-based access



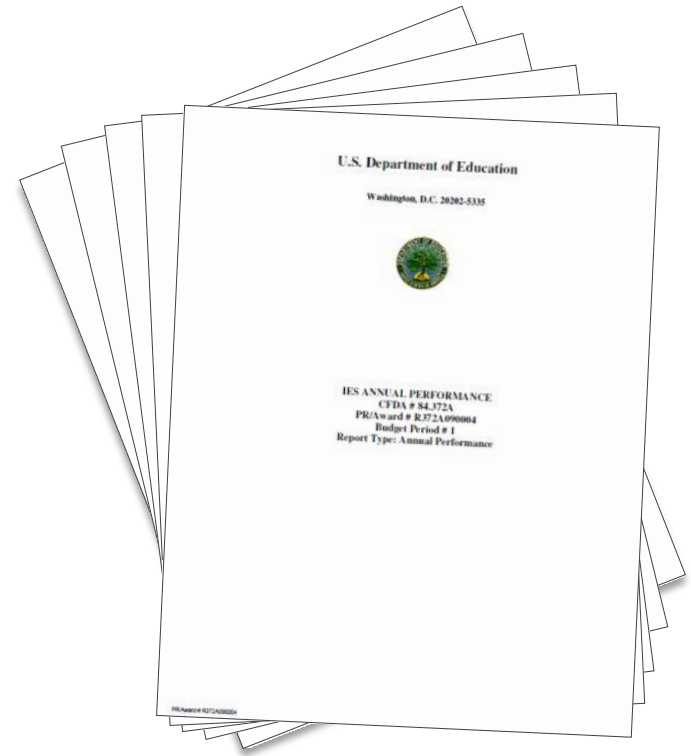
***GRADS training will be held July 16***

# Annual Performance Report

Grantees must submit annual reports consisting of:

- executive summary
- project narrative
- budget narrative
- current project plan & budget information
- information regarding non-SLDS spending

Grantees receive detailed directions  
~2 months before report due date.



***G5 used for reports & drawdowns. See Attach.A for directions.***

# Cooperative Agreement

Grantees are expected to actively participate in the SLDS community, collaborating with peers and contributing to shared success:

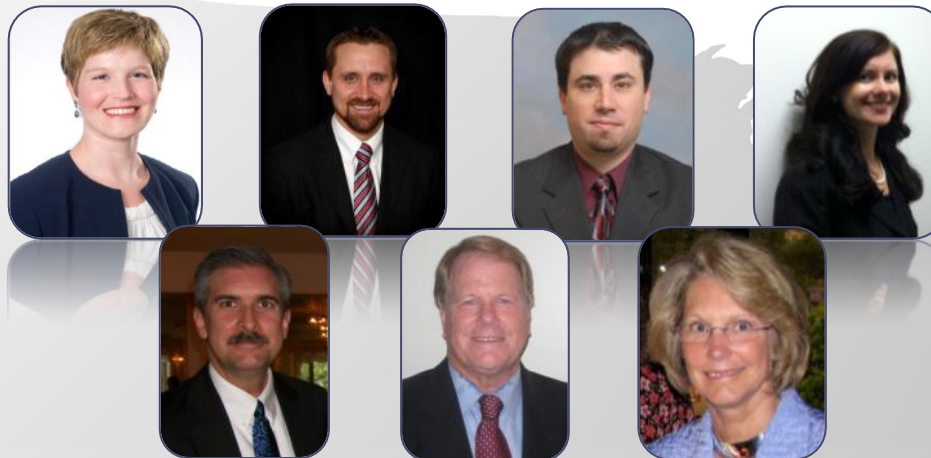
- participate in webinars (as attendees and presenters)
- participate in TA activities, including workgroups
- update plan, attend calls, annual conference
- contribute products to the Public Domain Clearinghouse & LDS Share, host PENs



# **Grantee Resources & Activities**

# State Support Team (SST)

Technical assistance is available to all states from a team of data systems experts.



# State Support Team (SST)

Each state has a primary SST contact.



Each state's "go to" SST:

- helps to identify needed resources
- works with the state to develop & implement an individualized technical assistance plan
- provides ongoing support
- engages other SST members as needed

# State Support Team (SST)

SST support can include areas such as:

- technical design
- P-20W data linkage
- collaboration with districts
- data governance/quality
- privacy/security
- master data management
- indicator development
- project management
- data use



**State Support Team**

# Best Practices Resources

SLDS pubs to meet state needs:

- stakeholder engagement
- alternative sources of support
- vendor engagement
- early warning systems
- regional service centers
- P-20W data modeling
- effective use of early childhood data
- growth models
- ...and more.

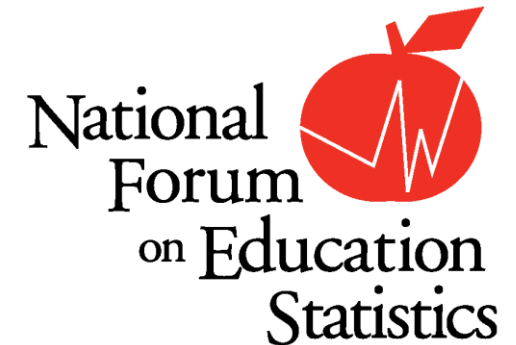


For PDFs, visit: [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/SLDS/best\\_practices.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/SLDS/best_practices.asp).



# Best Practices Resources *(continued)*

## ***Traveling Through Time: The Forum Guide to LDSs (series)***



- 🍎 Book I: What is an LDS?
- 🍎 Book II: Planning and Developing an LDS
- 🍎 Book III: Effectively Managing LDS Data
- 🍎 Book IV: Advanced LDS Usage

For PDFs and **free** copies, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/forum/publications.asp>.

# PDC: Open-Source Best Practices Exchange



- **Public Domain Clearinghouse**  
**GRADS**-based platform allows states to share nonproprietary SLDS-related tools and documents:

- saves resources & time
- promotes innovation
- fosters community

## Now available in the PDC:

- GA Tunnel
- CO Data Dictionary
- AR's OYSTER
- OR EDEN Data Model
- CO Growth Model
- NH's i4see
- KS Course Code Mgmt System
- ...and many more!

# PDC: How It Works



1. Securely log in  
via **GRADS**



2. Upload product (software, documents) to share with other PDC users

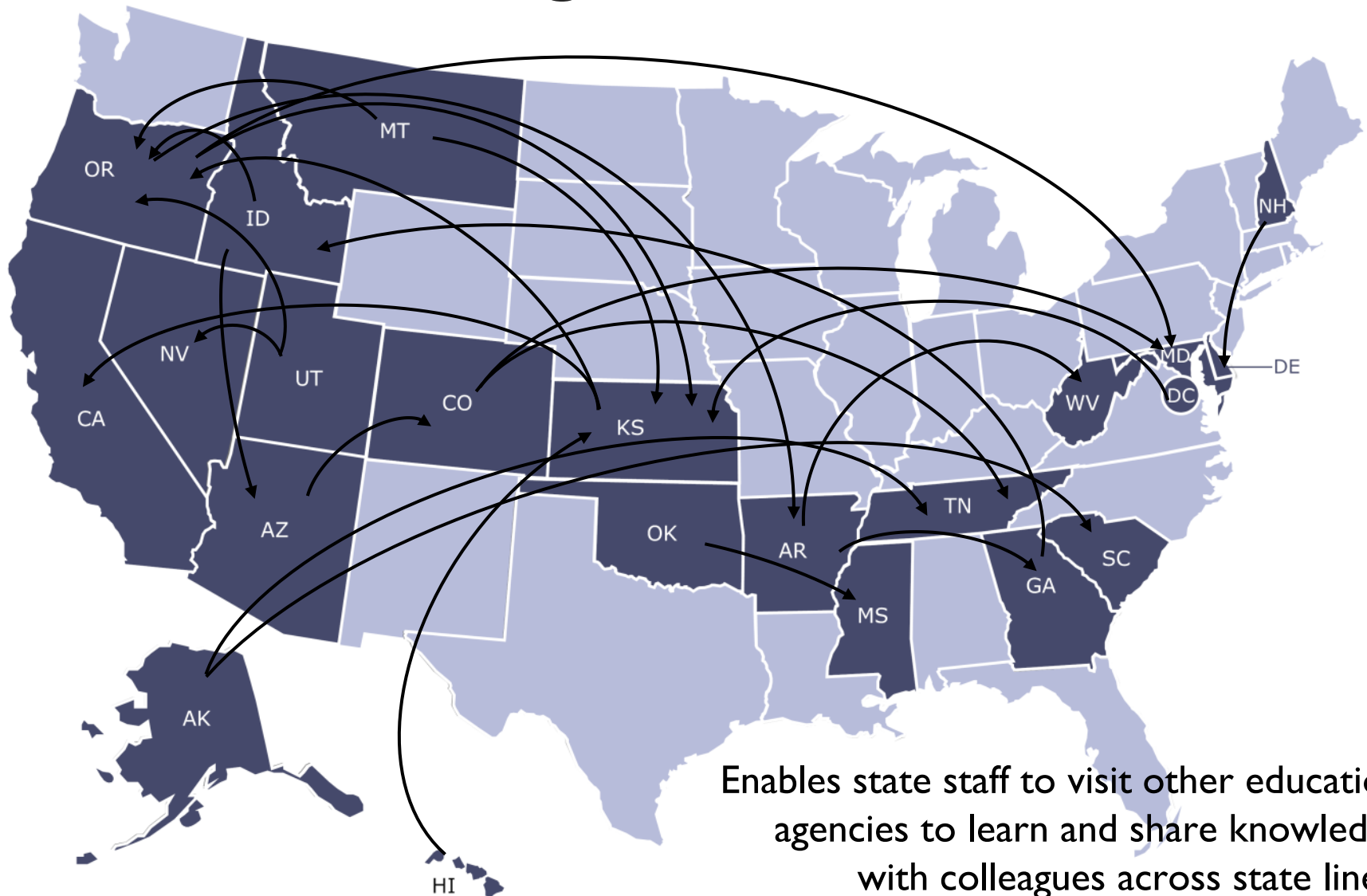


3. Browse & download available products; submit requests



4. Share enhanced products; submit comments

# Personnel Exchange Network



Enables state staff to visit other education agencies to learn and share knowledge with colleagues across state lines.

# Topical Workgroups

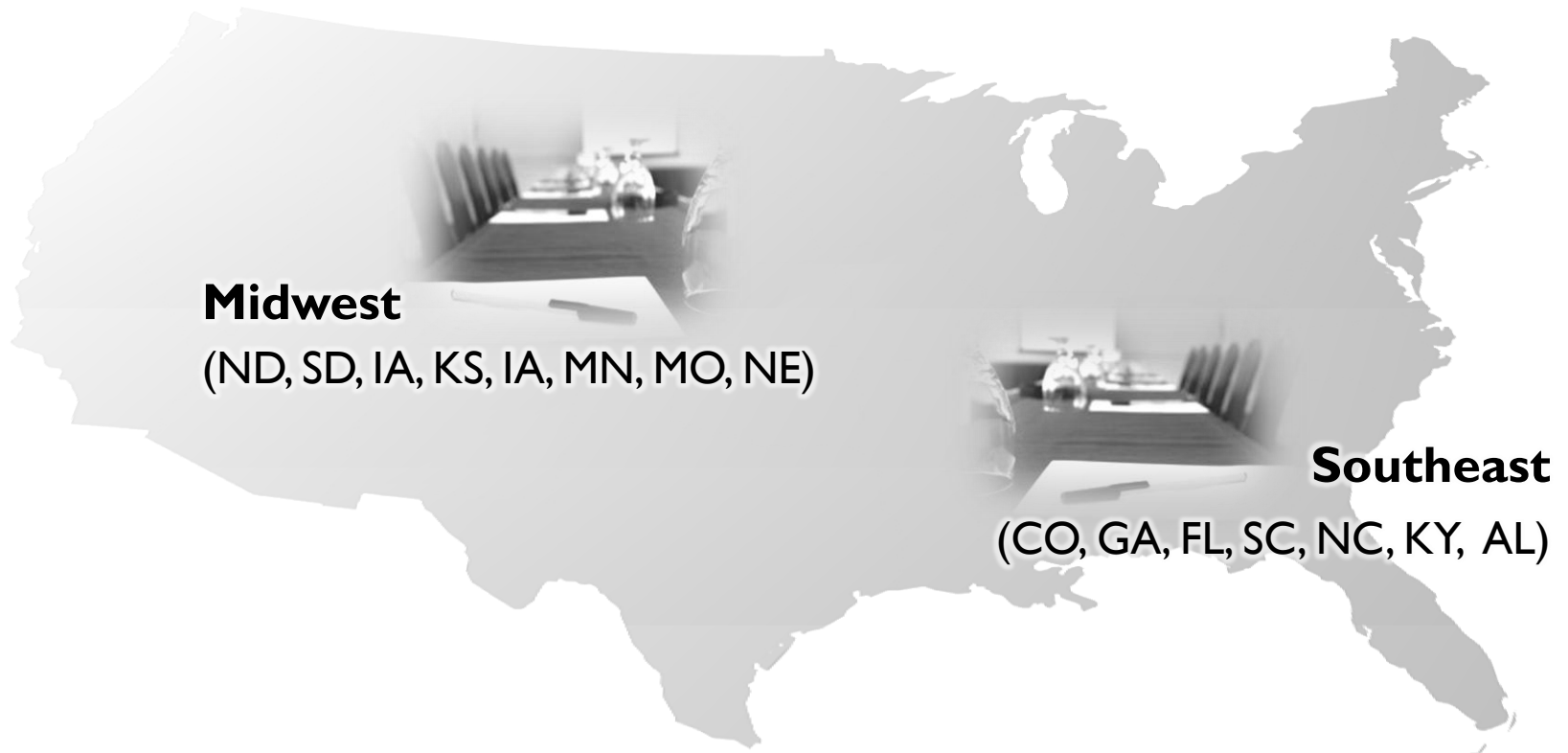
- States collaborate on areas of common interest.
- States convene to identify challenges & solutions, and share best practices.
- Publications for broader SLDS community often result.
- Workgroups have addressed:
  - ✓ early childhood project planning and management
  - ✓ instructional improvement systems
  - ✓ student growth
  - ✓ interoperability
  - ✓ e-transcripts
  - ✓ P-20V



# Regional Meetings

Provide state staff (grantees and non-grantees) a means to collaborate in-person to address shared issues related to SLDS planning, implementation, or use.

Meetings currently in the works to address cross-state data sharing include:



# Other Technical Assistance Resources



SLDS P-20W Best Practice Conference (October 29-31<sup>st</sup>)



Monthly Topical Webinars

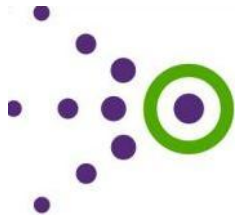


SLDS Grantee Listserv



Fast-response webinars

# Complementary Programs



Common Education Data Standards (CEDS)



Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)



National Forum on Education Statistics (the Forum)

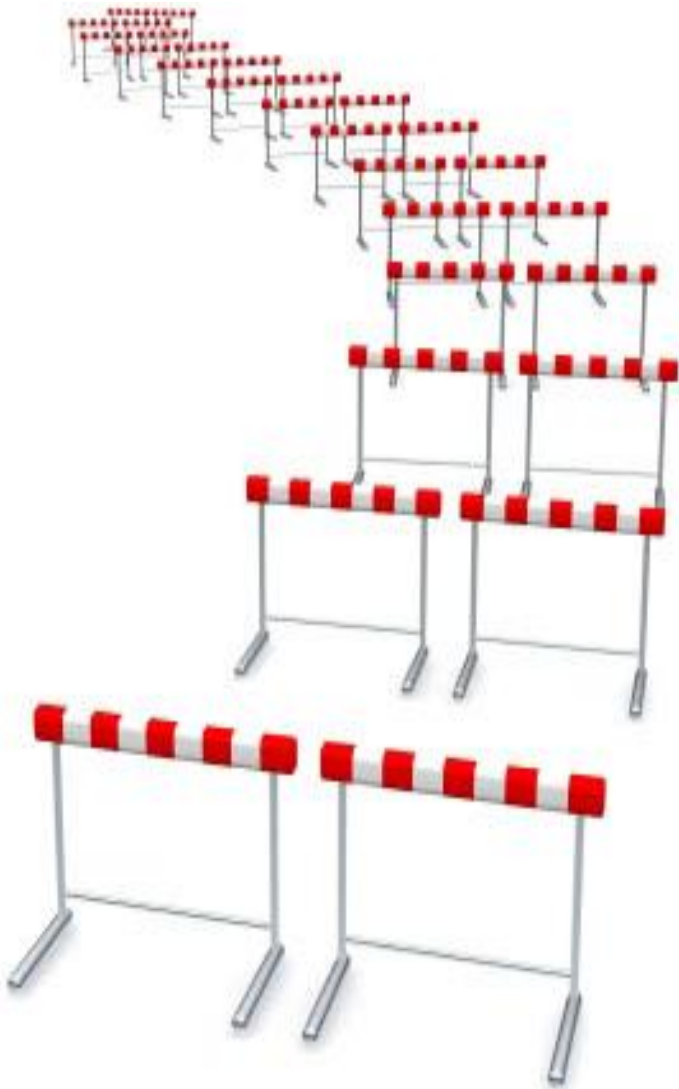


SEISS ED*Facts* Support



# **Challenges, Lessons, & Next Steps**

# Challenges Identified through the Program



- **Data governance (within & across agencies):** defining decisionmaking authority & process for managing data, from collection through reporting
- **P-20W linkages:** identifying, integrating, & reporting data across sectors (issues span SEA, IHEs, DOLs, etc.)
- **Privacy:** safely sharing data while protecting privacy
- **Sustainability:** impact of state economy
- **Data use:** turning data into information and helping stakeholders access and use it to inform decisions

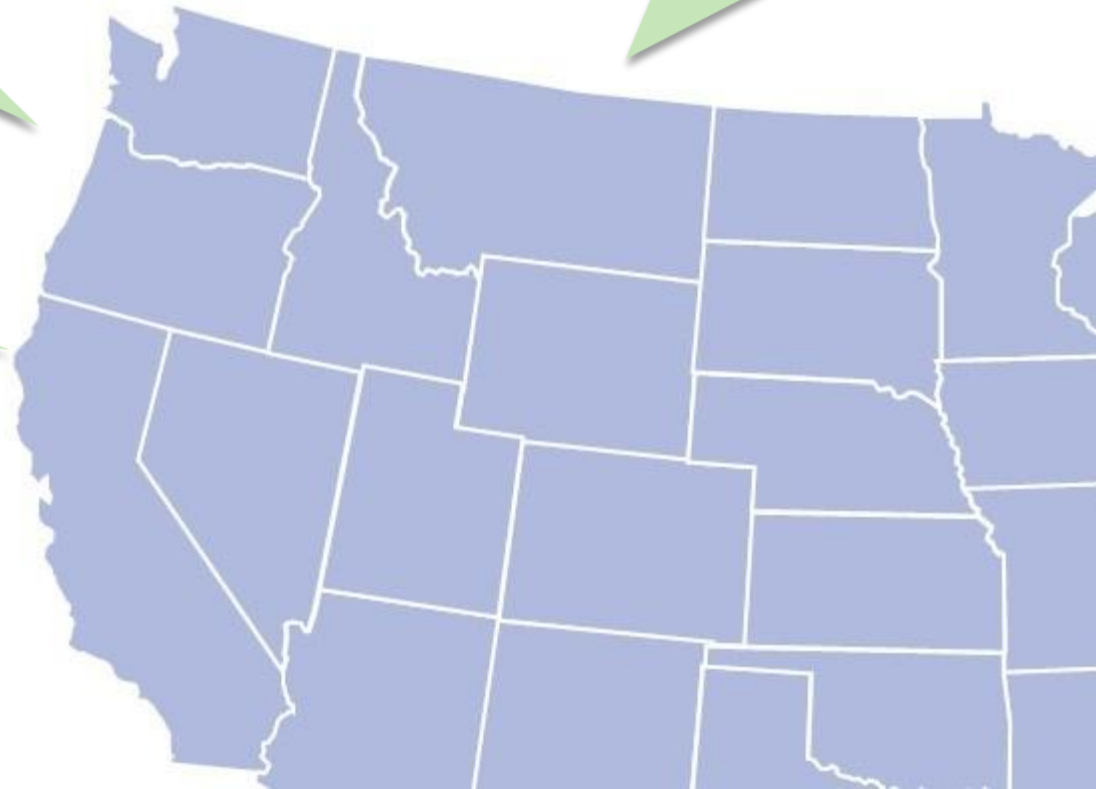
# Lessons Learned: Successful Strategies for SLDS Development

*"It's not just an IT project"*

*"Policy drives IT, not  
the other way around"*

*"Know who your  
customers are"*

*"State-managed, locally-operated"*



# Action Items for New Grantees

- **Confirm Initial Call Date** (included in the email from your PA)
- **Attend webinar on GRADS training** (July 16<sup>th</sup>)
- **Register for G5** (instructions included in Attachment A)



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# Grantee States

2006	2007	2009	2009 ARRA	2012
AK AR CA CT FL KY MD MI MN PA OH SC TN WI	AZ CO DC IN KS ME NE NV NH NC OR UT VA	AR CA CT FL GA HI ID IL IA KS KY LA MD MA MI MS MO MT NY ND	OH OR PA RI TX WA WI	AK AZ DC DE HI ID IN IA KY MD MT NE NV NH NJ NC ND OK PR RI SD VT VI WV