Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc. (AR) - S374A210008
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The Arkansas Public School Resource Center (APSRC) in partnership with Crowley’s Ridge Educational Service Cooperative (CRESC) LEA number 5620000 and high education partner, Arkansas State University (A-State), seek a TSL grant under both Absolute and Competitive Priorities 1 and 2. APSRC is a service-oriented, nonprofit membership organization that offers support, technical assistance, and training to charters and rural school districts across Arkansas. CRESC is a state-funded education cooperative that delivers support services to members schools located in the Delta region in Northeast Arkansas and A-State produces the regional educators.

The Promoting Educator Effectiveness in Rural Arkansas (PEER) model will serve 25,582 students, 2,166 teachers, and 128 school leaders, in 60 charter and rural schools – all demonstrating eligibility of High-Need schools. APSRC will address each of the competitive preference priorities and propose a model to develop and implement a human capital management system (HCMS) with performance-based compensation incentives to increase educator effectiveness in high-poverty, rural Arkansas schools. Through partnerships, LEAs will develop HCMS to promote high-quality educators as Teacher Leaders and provide performance incentives in excess of $6 million to recruit, retain and grow leadership capacity.

The goals of the PEER model are to increase student outcomes, increase teachers effectiveness through improved instructional practice, and implement human capital management systems that grow organizational capacity and are sustainable beyond the life of the grant. APSRC is seeking funding as a first-time TSL applicant to develop organizational infrastructure that will support change in targeted educational systems and leverage powerful results for future generations.