

America: A Story That Must Not Be Forgotten

Abstract

University of South Carolina, an institution of higher education and eligible entity, will partner with Darlington County School District and Sumter School District to deliver *America: A Story That Must Not Be Forgotten*. The partnership will provide professional development for 40 teachers from grades 3, 4, 5, 8, and 11 (the grades in which American history and geography are taught in South Carolina) enabling them to advance their expertise in American history, civics and government, and geography content, promote civic participation, utilize media literacy competencies and implement literacy strategies when teaching American history and geography. The project includes instruction in the 8 NAEP Historical Periods, micro-credentials focusing on media literacy, the production of 120 technologically driven historical curriculum storyboards, creation and implementation of student civic engagement activities and professional development opportunities for non-participants. The applicant, in addition to the Absolute Priority, is addressing Competitive Preference Priority 1, Competitive Preference Priority 2, and the Invitational Priority.

The primary goals of this project are: (1) to improve the quality of teaching and student achievement in American history, civics and government, and geography in elementary and secondary schools, and (2) provide professional development, with a focus on underserved populations, demonstrating innovation, scalability, and accountability.