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Subject: State Invitation and Interest Form: Strategic Planning for Continued Recovery

Greetings, grantees -

In August, the Department shared plans for *Strategic Planning for Continued Recovery (SPCR)*, an initiative to support States in planning for sustaining especially high-leverage strategies that have been funded by American Rescue Plan and other COVID-relief funds.

To prepare for the formal launch of this work, each State may assemble a cross-functional team of 5-7 members and may involve State educational agency staff, including program, fiscal, monitoring, and intermediary unit staff; leadership from one or more local educational agencies; and other key personnel.

Our partners at the National Comprehensive Center (NCC) are organizing this year-long initiative and will offer an array of options for State teams to plan, share, and learn together. State teams will have flexibility to indicate their preferences and needs for supports.

As a next step, please share this <u>online interest form</u> with your State teams, so they may share a few of your State's priorities and indicate members of your State's cross-functional team, including a key point of contact.

Please note: While membership in the SPCR is to be driven by the State Chief, or designee, it would be appreciated if you could bring this opportunity and request back to your State teams. Questions? Please contact Sarah Mehrotra, Sarah.Mehrotra@ed.gov

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