

## SGR Newsflash: ESSER, GEER, and EANS Grantee Communications December 18, 2023

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This is the last issue of the SGR Newsflash for 2023. The next issue will be sent on 1/8/24. The Office of State and Grantee Relations wishes you a pleasant holiday season.

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## **Deadlines and Announcements**

Optional Template for LEA-Level MOEquity Data (Due 12/31/23): The Notice of Final Requirement establishes requirements for publishing LEA-level maintenance of equity data to demonstrate that LEAs are maintaining both fiscal and staffing equity in fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The deadline for SEAs to publish this applicable LEA high-poverty school data for FY 2023 is 12/31/23. FY 2023 data includes a comparison of school year 2021-2022 data with school year 2022-2023 data to determine whether high-poverty schools within applicable LEAs received disproportionate per-pupil funding and/or full time equivalent (FTE) staff. The Department is providing this optional template for SEAs to collect and submit data from LEAs. LEAs that are excepted from the LEA-level MOEquity requirement in FY 2023 are not subject to this reporting requirement. SEAs that are unable to provide the data by this deadline should send an extension request to their State mailbox with a specific extension date and reason for the request. If an extension is not required, please send a copy of the data and the link to where it is posted on the SEA's website to your State mailbox by 12/31/23.

**2024 Annual Performance Report (APR) Data Collection Schedule:** Please see the 2024 data collection schedule below for APRs submitted through the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) Data Collection Tool:

ESSER, GEER, and EANS Annual Performance Report (APR) Data Collection Schedule	
ESSER/ESF-SEA	Year 4 (FY23) Initial Open: 5/13/24 - 6/6/24
	Year 3 (FY22) Prior Year Re-Open: 7/29/24 - 8/15/24
	Year 4 (FY23) Re-Open: 9/9/24 - 9/26/24
GEER/ESF-GOV	Year 4 (FY23) Initial Open: 4/15/24 - 5/2/24
	Year 3 (FY22) Prior Year Re-Open: 9/30/24 - 10/10/24
	Year 4 (FY23) Re-Open: 10/21/24 - 10/31/24
EANS	Year 3 (FY23) Initial Open: 4/22/24 - 5/9/24
	Year 2 (FY22) Prior Year Re-Open: 10/7/24 - 10/17/24
	Year 3 (FY23) Re-Open: 10/28/24 - 11/7/24

The schedule may also be found on the <u>Grantee Help</u> page of the <u>ESF Portal</u>. Grantees will be notified when technical assistance resources are available. Please continue to submit any APR-related questions to *ESSER.GEER.EANS.AnnualReport@ed.gov*. The ESF Reporting Helpdesk can also be reached by phone at 1-866-890-0913.

**Year 4 (FY23) Data Collection Forms:** The updated <u>ESSER Year 4 (FY23)</u> and <u>GEER Year 4 (FY23)</u> data collection forms, along with summaries of key differences outlining changes from Year 3 (FY22) to Year 4 (FY23), have been posted to the <u>ESSER Grantee Help page</u> under the ESSER and GEER *Fiscal Year 2023 (Year 4) Annual Performance Reporting Resources* accordions.

Comprehensive Center Network National Summit: On 3/5/24 and 3/6/24 the Comprehensive Center (CC) Network, led by the National Comprehensive Center (NCC), will host a national summit in Washington, D.C. to further their collective work to advance academic recovery and progress. SEAs are encouraged to bring teams comprised of state and local leaders, with approximately five to six participants per state or jurisdiction. The CCNetwork, led by the NCC, has funds available to support travel expenses for a limited number of members of each SEA team. The NCC will work with Regional Centers to support state travel needs to the extent possible. Please complete this form to indicate interest in receiving more information by email.

**Davis-Bacon Regulatory Update**: The Office of State and Grantee Relations, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, held an Office Hours session on 12/6/23 to discuss the October 2023 Davis-Bacon regulatory update. This session provided an overview of the key changes in the regulations that impact construction, renovation, and repair projects supported with Federal education funds. The presentation and responses to follow-up questions will be posted soon.

**ARP Liquidation Extension Request Information**: The Department has communicated the general liquidation extension that has been available under the CARES and CRRSA Acts will be available for ARP Act programs. Additional information, including a request template and updated frequently asked questions document will be available soon. See the Department's 9/18/23 communication for additional information.

**Beware of emails soliciting payment for SAM.gov registration or renewal**: Grantees and other entities are reporting they have received sophisticated emails that appear to be from SAM.gov. These emails include a phone number that is not for the GSA Help Desk, but rather will solicit payment to renew registration. **SAM.gov is free and will never ask for payment**. Please see this article from GSA, Don't Take the Bait: Beware of Misleading Marketing, Imposters, and Phishing for more information.

## **Grantee Resources**

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CRRSA Liquidation Extension Request Template

CARES and CRRSA Liquidation Extension FAQs

**ESSER and GEER FAQs** 

ESSER and GEER FAQs - Spanish

**EANS FAQs** 

**EANS Disposition FAQs Addendum** 

ARP ESSER Maintenance of Equity FAQs

ESSER and GEER Maintenance of Effort Guidance

2023 OMB Compliance Supplement

**ESF Transparency Portal** 

SAM.gov Resources

Lessons from the Field Webinar Series

**Community of Practice Resources** 

Regional Comprehensive Centers

The Best Practices Clearinghouse

National Partnership for Student Success

Engage Every Student

**National Comprehensive Center** 

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