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Department of Education

# **RURAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (REAP) 2015-2016**

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# Agenda

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# USDE REAP Evaluation

## **Study Title: Study of Experiences and Needs of REAP Grantees**

- ED has contracted with SRI International, Inc. and Impaq International, Inc. to conduct the study and perform the related outreach/research activities
- This is NOT a compliance/monitoring activity; this study is being done to gain a better understanding of grantee activities, uses of funds, technical assistance needs, etc. of both SRSA and RLIS grantees
- ED (PPSS Office)/SRI/Impaq seek to survey a nationally representative sample of REAP grantees; interview selected State REAP Coordinators; and selected district-level REAP coordinators
- Outreach and data collection has begun, and is scheduled to continue thru late 2015



# Timeline

FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Kickoff” Webinar with States (Feb 24, 25, and 26)</li> <li>• REAP spreadsheets sent to States (April 15)</li> <li>• States return spreadsheets to ED (May 2)</li> <li>• Commence data quality review - ED cleans, formats spreadsheets:</li> </ul>
MARCH/ APRIL/MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRSA Notice Inviting Applications published in Federal Register</li> <li>• Online SRSA application opens in G5</li> <li>• Data quality review continues; spreadsheets corrected and sent to States for review</li> <li>• States approve, then return spreadsheets, which are then posted on REAP website</li> </ul>
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach to SRSA-eligible LEAs needing to apply</li> </ul>
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRSA application closed June 30 (4:30pm Washington D.C. time)</li> <li>• SRSA eligibility determined</li> <li>• RLIS eligibility determined (based on SRSA eligibility)</li> <li>• Review, clean, match SRSA applications to eligible LEAs</li> </ul>
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply appropriation formula to determine grant allocations</li> <li>• Process awards</li> </ul>
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obligate Funds</li> <li>• Award Grants</li> </ul>



# Basics of SRSA Eligibility

To be eligible for an SRSA Grant and to make use of REAP-Flex authority, a LEA must be both “small” and “rural”

## 1. To be SMALL, an LEA must:

- Have an average daily attendance (ADA) of less than 600 students, or
- Serve only schools that are located in counties that have a population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile;

## 2. To be RURAL, an LEA must;

- Serve only Schools that have an National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) school locale code of 7 or 8, or
- Be located in an area of the state defined as rural by a governmental agency of the state.

# Basics of RLIS Eligibility

**An LEA is eligible for an allocation under the Rural Low Income School (RLIS) program if:**

1. 20% or more of the children age 5 to 17 served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line; and
2. All schools served by the LEA have a school locale code of 6, 7, or 8 (assigned by the U.S Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics)
3. The LEA is **NOT** eligible to participate in the SRSA program.

# FY 2015 SRSA Application Process

- **Who can apply for SRSA?**
  - Only eligible LEAs who had never applied before needed to submit an SRSA grant application for FY 2015.
  - LEAs that needed to apply for SRSA were contacted by USDE via email.
  - LEAs that needed to apply for SRSA are highlighted in yellow on the eligibility spreadsheets at:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html>
- **USDE opened the SRSA e-Application on the G5 Web site at the beginning of June, 2015: <https://www.g5.gov>**
- **The closing date for SRSA applications was June 30, 2015.**
  - Applications received after June 30<sup>th</sup> will only be considered for an award if funds are available.

# Changes in Eligibility

Changes in eligibility for SRSA & RLIS may happen for the following reasons:

SRSA	RLIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing rural definition</li><li>• Locale Code Changes</li><li>• ADA Changes</li><li>• Population Density</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poverty changes</li><li>• Locale Code Changes</li><li>• ADA Changes</li><li>• Changes to SRSA</li></ul>
<b>Questionable Values</b>	
Average Daily Attendance Allocations (Title Programs)	



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