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Section 180(c) Topic Group Report

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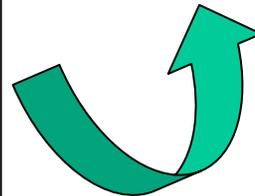
Recent 180(c) Topic Group Activities

Issue Papers

1. Funding Distribution Method
2. Allowable Activities
3. Definitions
4. Pass-Through Requirements
5. Contingency Plans
6. 180(c) Policy or Rulemaking
7. Timing and Eligibility*
8. Funding for Related Activities*
9. State Fees*
10. Funding Allocation Approach*

180(c) Policy & Procedures

- Executive Summary
- Draft Policy & Procedures
- Draft Grant Application Pckg
- Appendix



*Papers 7-10 still under discussion

Today's Discussion Items

- Reviewed Topic Group member comments on a variety of issues
- Key issues included:
 - Funding allocation and timing of grants
 - Planning grants
 - State fees/matching requirements
 - Related non-training activities

Funding Allocation and Timing

- Are operational decisions required before funding allocation method is chosen?
- When will needs assessment occur?
- How will amount of initial budget request to Congress be determined?

Planning Grants

- Should planning grant be:
 - Needs based or
 - Flat fee (\$200 K) to each State submitting a grant application

State Fees/Matching Requirements

- Should DOE require States to match 180(c) funds to offset State fees?
- General consensus was: do not assume that State fees cover 180(c) activities

Addressing Related Non-Training Activities

- Topic Group requests that DOE provide a broader forum for determining how these activities will be funded

Next Steps

- Continue Topic Group telecons to resolve outstanding issues
- Develop Draft Grant Application Package and Guidance Document
- Issue FRN – Draft Policy & Draft Grant Application Package – Dec 05
- Topic Group provide input to 180(c) pilot program for FY 06