Charter Schools Program: *Emerging Issues*

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A New Competition

- Next SEA Grant Competition: FY2015
  - Anticipate 40 eligible applicants (assuming no NCEs)
  - Previous Notice Inviting Applicants: FY 2011

- What should the Department take into consideration as they plan the next competition?

- What could be improved or eliminated to strengthen this competition and its purpose?
Office of Inspector General: 2012 Audit Report

- Released in September 2012
- Webinar held in December available at www.charterschoolcenter.org

- Key findings and recommendations:
  - Subgrantee Monitoring Practices
  - Closure Policies
  - Authorizer Monitoring
Office of Inspector General: Authorizer Monitoring

• If there are no provisions within State law that require or preclude the monitoring of authorizers by an SEA, what efforts could be made to meet the authorizer monitoring requirements?

• What hinders a state from effectively monitoring the authorizers in their State to meet both monitoring protocol and appropriations language around authorizing?

• Given the OIG report, what additional focuses should the Department take to improve our administration and support of this grant program?
Office of Inspector General: Authorizer Monitoring

- If there are no provisions within State law that require or preclude the monitoring of authorizers by an SEA, what efforts could be made to meet the authorizer monitoring requirement?

- What barriers exist that would hinder an SEA from effectively monitoring the authorizers in their State to meet both the monitoring protocol (based on the selection criteria included in the grant application) and appropriations language around authorizing?
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• Given the OIG report, what additional focuses should the department take to improve our administration and support of this grant program?
Dissemination: Statewide and through subgranting

• Dissemination Application Requirement
  • Describe how the SEA will disseminate best or promising practices of charter schools to each LEA in the State

• Dissemination Subgrants
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- What is the anticipated impact of your Dissemination projects, both statewide and through subgranting?

- What is the most significant barrier to achieving impact?

- What can the Department do to help you in your dissemination efforts?
Measuring Performance

• What are the major issues you face currently with project measures?

• Are there any kind of project measures that the Department should standardize?

• What are the largest barriers now with regard to reporting your GPRA and project measures?

• How can the Department help?