**Section 75.650 Application Content and Approval Criteria for Continuation Programs**

a) A partnership that has received implementation funding for a given fiscal year is subject to the requirements of this Section with respect to continued funding for subsequent years.

1) The partnership must submit an application for continued funding for subsequent cohorts, using a format specified by the State Superintendent of Education.

2) Each application must contain a mid-year report on the current status of the program that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

A) documentation of the activities and support provided to date;

B) a description of tentative enrollment for the upcoming internship program;

C) progress on credit articulation agreements;

D) progress on gaining employer commitments to participate in the program;

E) follow-up data collected on previous cohort participants; and

F) progress on completion of needs assessment for subsequent years.

3) Each application must provide an updated narrative description of the objectives, activities, timelines, and evaluation procedures for the renewal year, relating the proposed plan of work to the results that have been achieved to date.

4) Each application must include updated budget information for the renewal year, including a detailed budget breakdown, that describes any needed variances from the budget proposed in the initial year of funding.

5) Each application must include any certifications or assurances the State Superintendent of Education may require.

b) The State Superintendent of Education shall, contingent upon appropriation of funds for this initiative, provide continuation funding to a partnership that demonstrates all of the following:

1) Success in providing the supports necessary for satisfactory program completion by interns in the program.

2) That a majority of the candidates in the cohorts have completed coursework or other requirements for educator licensure during at least one semester of the following year, have progressed toward educator licensure, or are subsequently employed as an agricultural educator.

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