

Welcome to the 2012-13 Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant Webcast

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Gearing Up for Online Assessments & Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace Learning

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Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant - State School Aid 2012-13

Focus:

The development or improvement of a district's technology infrastructure, including, but not limited to, hardware and software, in preparation for the planned implementation in 2014-2015 of online growth assessments

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General information:

\$2 million is a limit, not a target

ISDs must show cost-savings to receive funds

State Board Eligibility

All individual districts and ISDs are eligible if they satisfy the following requirements:

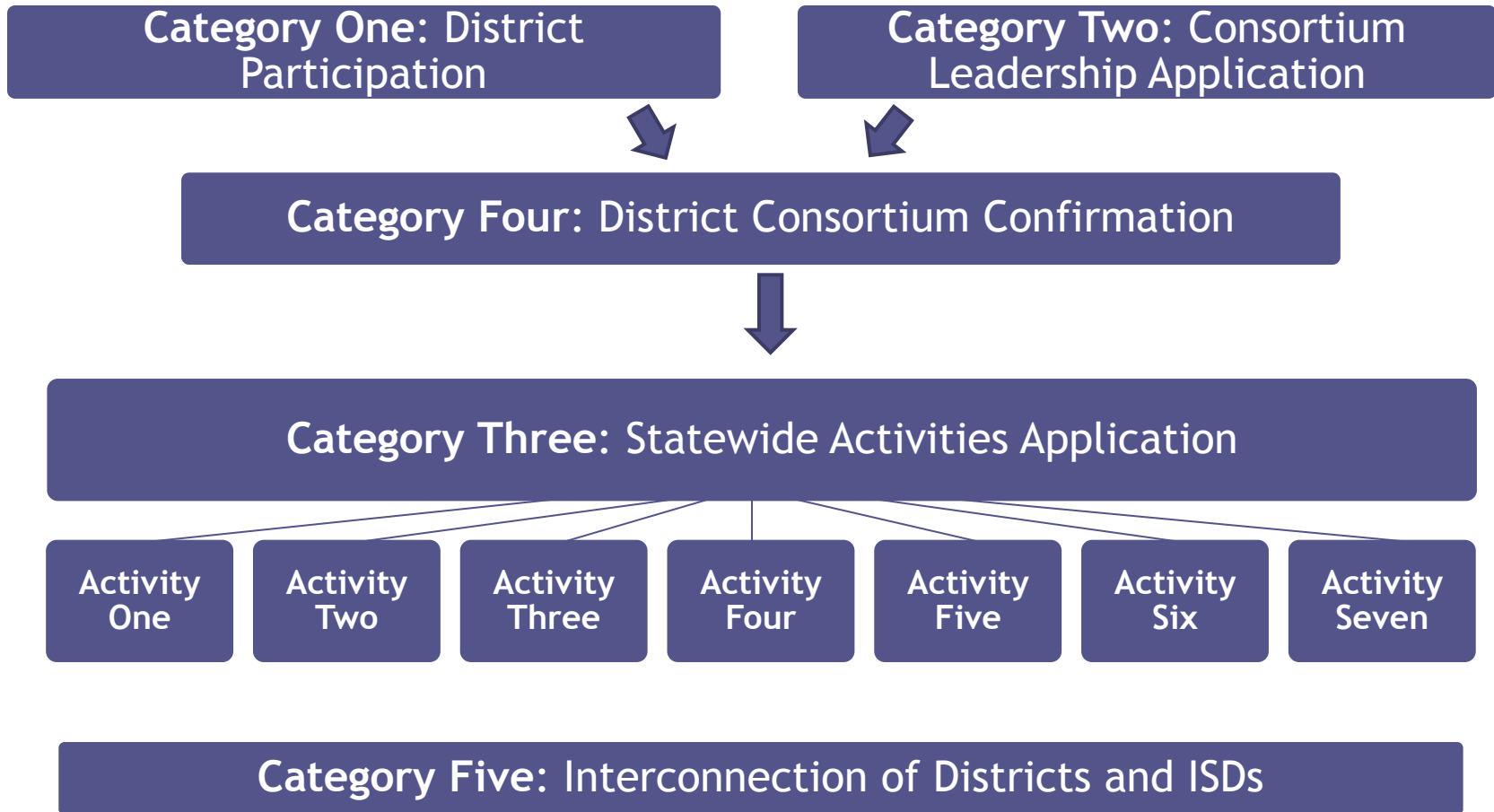
Individual districts must substantially complete the Smarter Balanced Assessment technology readiness survey by **November 29, 2012**.

Districts and ISDs must agree to complete a technology readiness planning process designated by the department by June 30, 2013, to be eligible to participate.

For an ISD to be eligible, the ISD must demonstrate that funds awarded on behalf of constituent districts will enable cost savings.

Added consideration will be given to applicants that propose external partnerships and articulate plans for sustainability beyond grant funding.

Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant Categories



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Category One: District Participation

- Up to \$16 million: \$10/student

Due: December 20, 2012

Category Two: Consortium Leadership Application

- At least \$1 million

Due: January 31, 2013

Category Three: Statewide Activity Application

- Up to \$16 million

Due: January 31, 2013

Category Four: District Consortium Confirmation

- Up to \$1 million

Due: March 14, 2013

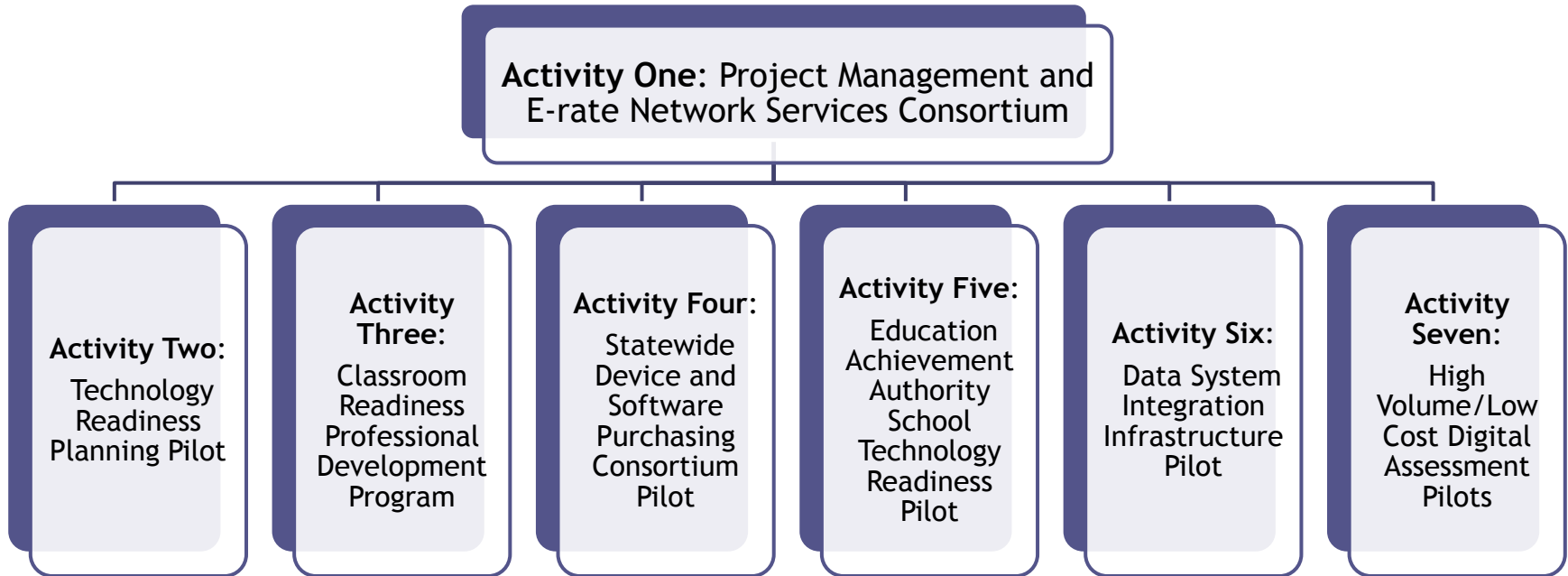
Category Five: Interconnection of Districts and ISDs

- Up to \$16 million

Due: March, 2013

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Category Three: Statewide Activity Application Activities



Timeline

November 15, 2012

- **Category One:** District Participation applications released
- **Category Two:** Consortium Leadership applications released

November 22, 2012

- Grant application available for application in MEGS+ for **Category One and Two**

December 20, 2012

- **Category One:** District Participation applications due

December 20, 2012

- **Category Three:** Statewide Service Provider applications released in MEGS+

January 22, 2013

- **Category One** awardees announced

January 31, 2013

- **Category Two:** Consortium Leadership applications due

January 31, 2013

- **Category Three:** Statewide Service Provider applications due

Timeline

February 20, 2013

- **Category Four: District Consortium Confirmation** available

February 20, 2013

- **Category Two** awardees announced

February 20, 2013

- **Category Three** awardees announced

March 20, 2013

- **Category Four** awardees announced

March TBD, 2013

- **Category Five: Interconnection of Districts and ISDs** released in MEGS+

March 14, 2013

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FAQ - Sample

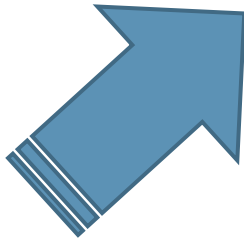
Explain what “online/digital assessment” covers?

- Under Category One, districts must agree to spend grant funds on one or more of five activities that help prepare districts to deliver online assessments in 2014-15. The district agrees to limit Category One funds spending to the following uses and agrees to submit a budget under Category Four explaining how funds should be spent:
 - Network services off SMC
 - Computer/device purchasing pilot (Category Three, Activity Four)
 - In-building wireless connectivity
 - Technology Readiness Planning (Category Three, Activity Two)
 - Online/Digital Assessment
- This category is fairly broad. MDE doesn't have a specific activity in mind.
- Districts may use the funds to purchase digital or online assessment content and services, such as NWEA, DIBELS, etc.
- Districts may also use the funds for audience response systems to collect and transmit assessments digitally.
- Districts may use the funds to purchase licenses, hardware, etc. for instructional data systems that are used to deliver local or regional online assessments.
- It should be noted that MDE will not ask for budgets from districts for Category One spending, but, in Category Four, MDE will ask for percentage breakdowns of spending across the five activities.

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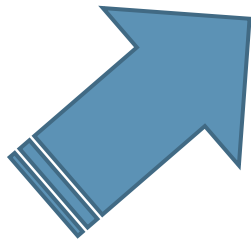
- **If we are applying for Category Two later can we say that we are not leading a consortium so that we don't get an error message in MEGS+?**
 - Applicants interested in applying for Category Two will have to first submit their application in MEGS+ by **December 20, 2012** to meet the Category One guideline.
 - At this time the application will be closed but will re-open for interested applicants on January 7, 2013.
 - Interested applicants will have to contact the MDE to have their application re-opened, please contact Holli Crowley at: (517) 241-3629 or by email at crowleyh@michigan.gov.

Online Information



- Go to TechPlan.org under “Technology Readiness” tab “Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant” to get:
 - General Grant information
 - Webcasts for each of the Categories
 - Frequently Asked Questions

Questions & Contact Information



- Questions about the grant:
 - Email questions to techready@michigan.gov or call (517) 241-3629
 - MDE will respond within two business days and post to a “Frequently Asked Questions” list on TechPlan.org under “Technology Readiness”
- Questions for Categories One-Five will be answered in other webcasts.