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General Technical Assistance Webinar

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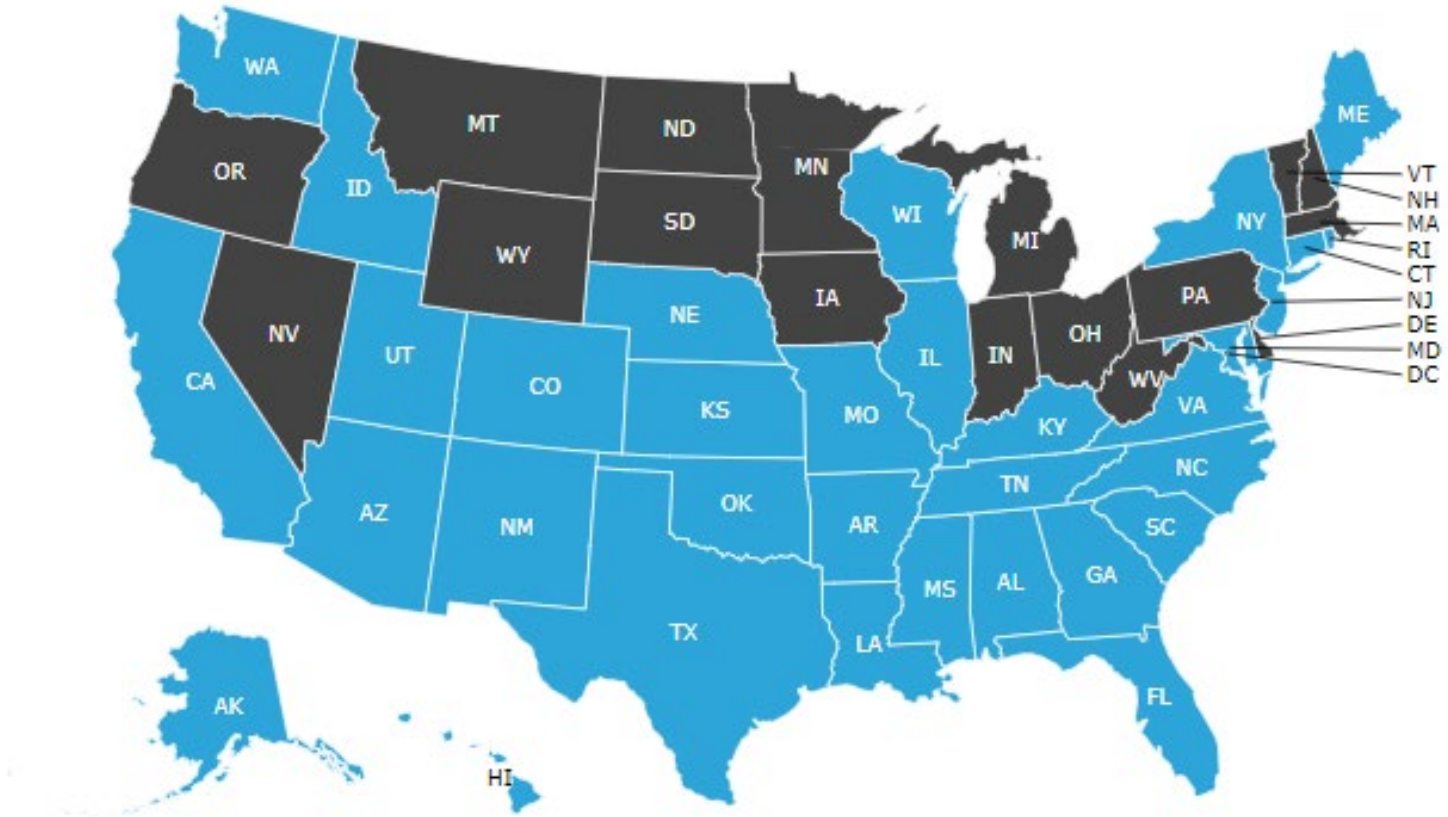
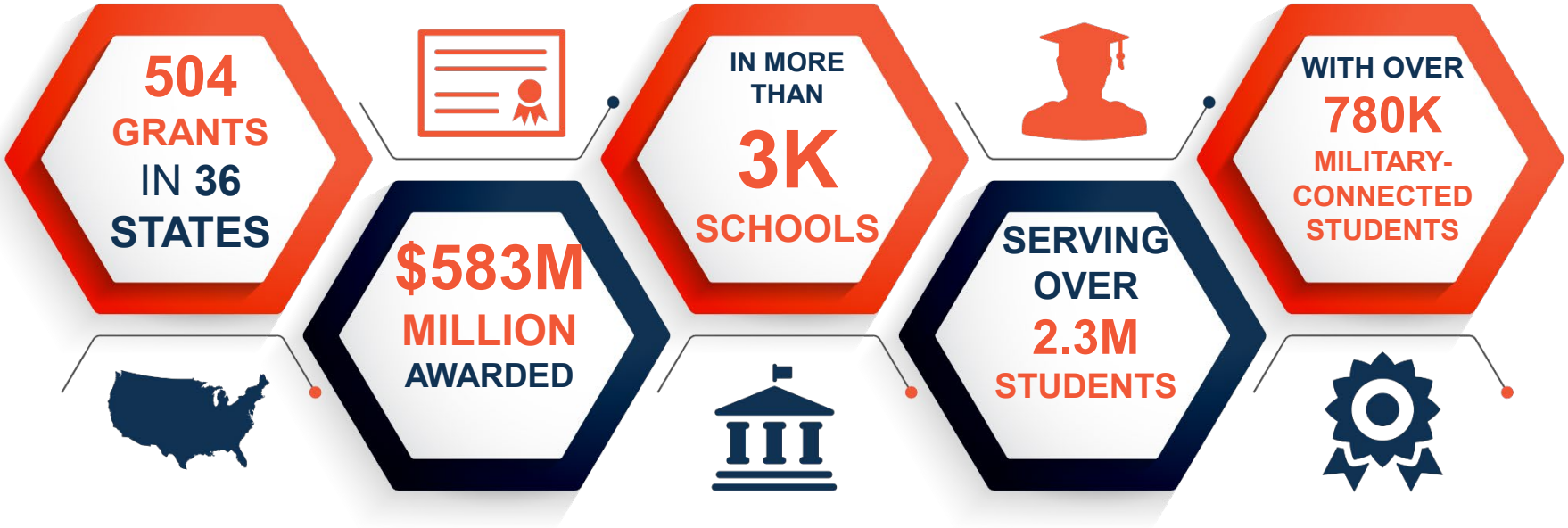
MCASP Grants to Date



DoDEA MCASP Grants



2020 Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=323789

- Open: Now
- Things to Consider for FY20 Award Cycle
  - NEW: Funding Formula
  - NEW: Eligibility
  - NEW: Competitive Preferences
  - NEW: Budget Category changes
  - NEW: Abstract length
  - NEW: Evaluation Rubric and Criteria

Grant Competitive Priorities

- Health Sciences (10 Priority Points)
- New Applicant (10 Priority Points)

Scoring Rubric

Narrative (30-page maximum)	Points
I. Overview Materials	(not scored)
II. Needs Assessment	10
III. Project Goals	10
IV. Project Planning Year	15
V. Project Implementation Year	20
VI. Leadership Roles	15
VII. Project Evaluation	10
VIII. Budget Narrative and Sustainability Plan	20
Total	**100**
Competitive Preference Priority: New Applicants	10
Competitive Preference Priority: Health Sciences	10
Total Possible	**100-120**

Review Process

- Independent 3rd party reviewers with qualifications and experience in competitive grant application review process
- System will pre-populate answers from the cover sheet to the questions about the competitive priorities—
  - follow the instructions outlined in the BAA explicitly
- 2-person panel review scores
  - totaled with the percent of total possible points used for rankings

Format

- Use the exact section titles I-VIII listed on slide 7 in your application narrative
  - E.g. “II. Needs Assessment,” “III. Project Goals, ” etc.
- 30-page maximum for project narrative
- Use the review criteria to ensure you are providing evidence for each indicator

Sample Review Criteria

- The BAA contains instructions and criteria the reviewers will use to award points
- Structure your application to follow this organization and ensure that each criteria is directly addressed

Section VI: Project Leadership (15 points)

For this section, applicants will describe expectations for the project director and an outside evaluator, two key leadership positions for the project. There should be clear delineation of these roles. Support staff positions (names, if known, should be included and noted whether they are compensated through the grant). If so, stat what percentage of their compensation is provided through the DoDEA grant funds. Please note that the project director position is required to be from .5 to 1.0 FTE. Applicants should also include a statement explaining how the project director and outside evaluator will collaborate to perform evaluation tasks included below.

Reviewers will use the rubric included below to score applications. Presents criteria for the Project Director (7 points). Applicants should include a brief statement explaining *how* the project director will do the following.

Criteria **Describes how the project director will:**	**Evidence**
Use background knowledge and experience to direct a project with the chosen focus.	
Address the project barriers and challenges (e.g. poor staff buy-in, school leadership turnover, low band width for technology devices) collaboratively with district and/or school staff.	
Utilize the project plan activities and tools presented in the planning and implementation year templates (Section V) to continually monitor and redirect strategy **and** professional learning implementation.	
Collaborate with project school leadership(s) and district leadership to command authority to direct the project in target schools.	
Provide the outside evaluator with formative and summative project data to analyze project progress and student outcomes.	

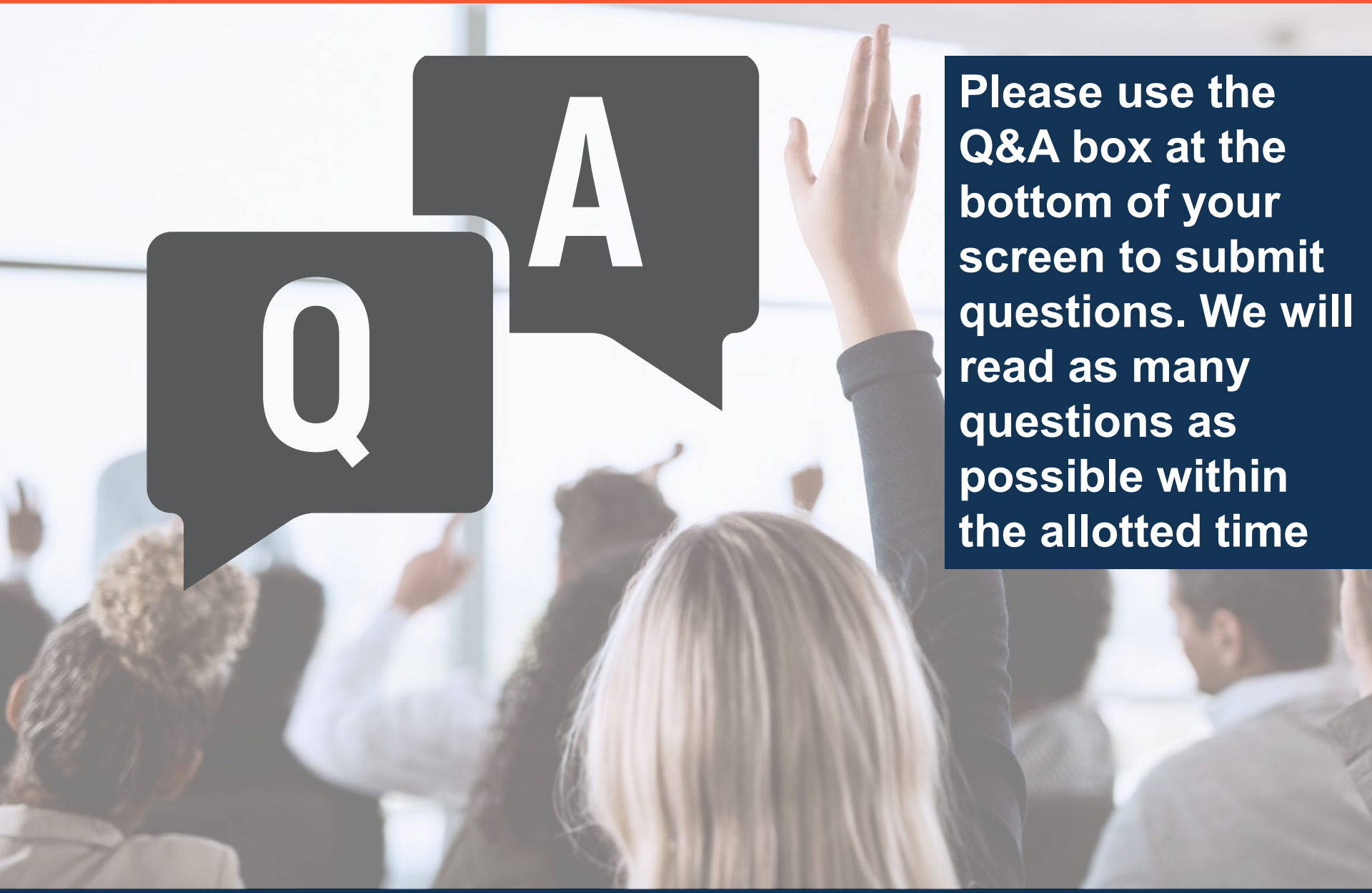
Append a résumé for the project director that is no more than two pages in length. *If the project director is yet to be determined (TBD), applicants should provide a description of the criteria they will use to advertise the position.*

Submission

- Applications **can only** be submitted through https://grants.gov/
  - For access to complete instructions on how to apply: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html
  - No applications will be considered via email or after the deadline.

Key 2020 Dates

- **March 11**—recorded goals and strategies webinar posted to www.dodeagrants.org
- **April 24**—MCASP applications due by 11:59 PM ET
- **September 30**—MCASP grant award notifications made no later than this date
- **November 2-4th** – Annual Community of Practice Event



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