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REGIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to establish a systematic process for the development, review, approval, and dissemination of regional research and innovative (R & I) projects in order to ensure the conduct and coordination of quality R & I projects within the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS).

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The provisions of the regulation apply to regional R & I projects conducted by regional personnel and funded by DoDDS.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. An innovative project involves the exploration of unique products and practices for improving educational quality in schools. The project should be a creative and unique approach to meeting a perceived educational need. The idea does not have to be totally new or never before accomplished. It could represent an improvement of an established educational practice. The project should include both development of the idea and its implementation in an appropriate setting.

A Special type of innovative project is a curriculum development project. It involves activities that implement components of the Five-Year Curriculum Development Plan, such as the review of curriculum materials and the development of objectives statements, a scope and sequence, or a curriculum guide.

A research project is an empirical study of educational issues through the scientific investigation of hypotheses. The aim of the research is to improve the effectiveness of education or to promote change. It involves disciplined inquiry intended to answer educational questions.

R & I projects should not be exclusively inservice projects. Inservice could be one component of an R & I project, but not its only focus.

DISTRIBUTION: X

D. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. In each region, an R & I committee should be establish. The committee, to be appointed by the regional director, shall be chaired by the Chief, Evaluation Branch, by another member of the Education Division, or by a school administrator. Members would include: An evaluation coordinator, a curriculum coordinator, a principal, a teacher, a budget analyst, and other appropriate members to be appointed by the regional director.

2. As a minimum, the regional committee shall meet twice a year to review projects. The committee is responsible for evaluating all submissions and for forwarding final project recommendations for approval to the ODS R & I committee at the Office of Dependents Schools (ODS). In addition, the committee shall receive monitoring or progress reports of the ongoing projects and submit to ODS summary reports of completed projects.

3. The ODS R & I committee, to be appointed by the Director, DoDDS, shall be chaired by the Chief, Evaluation Branch, and consist of an evaluation coordinator, a curriculum coordinator, a budget analyst, and other appropriate members. The committee reviews the proposals according to specified criteria and makes recommendations for approval to the Director, DoDDS. In addition, the committee is responsible for reviewing the regional summary reports of completed projects and disseminating the information to all regions.

4. Each project proposal must contain the following components:

- a. Project title.
- b. Rationale (including project benefit to DoDDS).
- c. Description (including project objectives, methodology or activities to be conducted, facilities, equipment, and personnel needed).
- d. Evaluation plan (including data analysis).
- e. Budget (Identify budget fiscal year for the start and end dates of each project, and list specific budget items; e.g., supplies, equipment, and consultants, as well as total budget cost. )

5. Submission and approval of projects will folowm the time-line below:

November: Initial regional review of R & I projects.

December: Final regional review and submission of projects to ODS.


First Week in March: ODS review of regional R & I project submissions.

Last week in April: ODS approval of regional projects.

6. Funding for the projects must be included in the regional budget submissions as part of the research and innovation budget line item. Since the availability of funding is not readily ascertainable, all projects may not be funded. Regional directors are responsible for submitting projects for review to the R&I committee at ODS and also as part of the regional budget submission.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This regulation is effective 30 days after publication. Two copies of implementing instructions shall be forwarded to the Director, DoDDS, within 60 days after the effective date of the regulation.

  
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