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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: “Uniform Grants Guidance” from Office of Management and Budget to go into effect December 26, 2014

On December 26, 2014, new “Uniform Grants Guidance” from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will replace the various OMB circulars that currently govern TEA grantees. The purpose of the Uniform Grants Guidance is to increase efficiency of federal grant administration at all levels, strengthen state and federal oversight, and bring consistency to federal grant rules.

The Uniform Grants Guidance consolidates the cost principles, administrative rules, and audit rules found in the following OMB circulars:

- A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (applicable to institutions of higher education [IHEs])
- A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments (applicable to local educational agencies [LEAs], including all open-enrollment charter schools, and education service centers [ESCs])
- A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations
- A-102, Grants and Cooperative Agreements With State and Local Governments (applicable to LEAs and ESCs)
- A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations (applicable to IHEs and nonprofits)
- A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations and A-50, Audit Followup (applicable to all entities)

The Uniform Grants Guidance will apply to all grants issued on or after December 26, 2014. Grants issued before December 26, 2014, will continue to be governed by the OMB circulars that were in effect when the grant was issued.

Beginning next week, TEA’s Division of Grants Administration will issue detailed weekly messages on the implementation of the Uniform Grants Guidance via the Grants Administration and Federal Program Compliance Texas Education Agency Updates list (the GovDelivery bulletin system). In order to receive these updates, please subscribe to the list.

Direct your questions about Uniform Grants Guidance to the TEA Help Desk.

Sincerely,

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