**Section 260.140 Application Content and Approval for Continuation Programs**

The requirements of this Section shall apply to those applicants seeking funding to continue professional development programs beyond the initial grant period.

a) In order to continue to operate a Reading Improvement Professional Development program, a grantee each year shall submit an application for continuation. The application shall include at least the following:

1) an overview of the program to date (e.g., training provided, number of participants, topics addressed);

2) a description of the activities and services proposed for the renewal period;

3) budget information for the year in which the application is being made; and

4) the certifications, assurances and program-specific terms of the grant referred to in Section 260.120(f) of this Part that are applicable to the renewal period.

b) A professional development program shall be approved for continuation provided that:

1) a need continues to exist for the program, as evidenced by reading achievement data and the proposed numbers of teachers to be served;

2) the activities and services proposed will be effective in improving instruction and student achievement in reading;

3) the proposed budget is cost-effective, as evidenced by the cost of proposed services in relation to the numbers to be served and the services to be provided; and

4) in the year previous to the continuation application, the applicant complied with the terms and conditions of any grant it received pursuant to this Subpart B.

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