

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

1. The eligible sub-recipient shall make this application and **Personnel Activity Reports** (PARs) available for review and comment by all **appropriate** parties as outlined in the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, MnSCU/MDE, and peer review processes.
2. None of the funds expended under this Act will be used to purchase equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization.
3. The eligible sub-recipient shall outline goals, strategies, measures, and outcome targets in the following required areas: (a) strengthening the academic, and vocational and technical skills of students; (b) providing students with experiences in all aspects of an industry; (c) develop, improve and expand the use of technology in vocational education (CTE) programs; (d) provide professional development programs for teachers, counselors, and administrators; (e) develop and implement evaluations of local vocational education programs (CTE); (f) Initiate, improve, expand, and modernize quality vocational education programs (CTE); (g) provide services and activities that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective; (h) link secondary and postsecondary vocational education (CTE) programs, including implementing Tech Prep programs; (i) Involve parents, businesses and labor organizations in the design, implementation and evaluation of vocational education programs (CTE); (j) provide student participation in and completion of vocational and technical education programs (CTE) that lead to nontraditional training and employment; (k) strategies that prevent discrimination against special populations students and supports for learner accommodations and support services; (l) provide for full participation of special population learners.
4. None of the funds made available under this Act shall be used to provide funding under the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.) or to carry out, through programs funded under this Act, activities that were funded under the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994, unless the programs funded under this Act serve only those participants eligible to participate in the programs under the Perkins Act.
5. Funds made available under this Act cannot be used: (1) to require any secondary school student to choose or pursue a specific career path or major; and (2) to mandate that any individual participate in a vocational and technical education program, including a vocational technical education program (CTE) that requires the attainment of a federally funded skill level, standard, or certificate of mastery.
6. Federal vocational funds will be used to supplement, and to the extent practicable; to increase the amount of state and local funds for vocational education, and in no case to supplant (replace) such state or local funds.

<p style="text-align: center;">THE FOLLOWING STATE ASSURANCES ARE REQUIRED:</p>
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1. The eligible sub-recipient will comply with all requirements imposed by the grantor agency concerning special legal requirements, program requirements, and other administrative requirements including the **completion of Personnel Activity Reports (PARS)**.
2. The eligible sub-recipient will comply with all regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements included in the Education Division General administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of federal funds for this project.
3. The eligible sub-recipient will comply with the Vocational Education Guidelines (CTE) for eliminating discrimination and denial of services on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex and handicap (45 CFR, Part 80) issued by the Bureau of Occupational and adult Education, Department of Education and the Office of Civil Rights, March 21, 1979.
4. The eligible sub-recipient will comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal land federally assisted programs.
5. The eligible sub-recipient will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal fair Labor Standards Act, as they apply to hospital and educational institution employees of state and local governments.
6. The eligible sub-recipient will establish safeguards to prohibit employee from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
7. The eligible sub-recipient will give the grantor agency or the Comptroller General through any responsible authority the access to the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the awarding of these funds.

CERTIFICATIONS

I/we hereby certify that the information provided in this local application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information, and belief, and that the required assurances are given. All approved programs, services, and activities will be conducted in accordance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations; and in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities policies and program standards.

ALL ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED:



Dr. Les Martisko, Executive Director
South Central Service Cooperative

3/19/2004

Signature – Consortium Agency Superintendent

Date

**FOR CONSORTIUM MEMBERS ONLY: PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN
FAX TO (507) 389-1772, ATTN: GLENN MORRIS, BASIC GRANT ADMINISTRATOR**

I have read and will comply with the above assurances.

Signature - Superintendent or Authorized Representative

Date

School District Name

ISD#

Please identify a contact for all Basic Grant-related communications. Information will be sent to each Superintendent, High School Principal, and contact person as you identify below:

Name and Title

Phone

School Building Name

Fax

Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE BASIC GRANT CONSORTIUM
Name of Consortium

Consortia members: each district superintendent or authorized representative within your consortia must sign this form to be submitted with the application.