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UPDATE: 37 States Plan to Apply for Race to the Top, Round 1

By **Michele McNeil** on December 15, 2009 1:46 PM | 3 Comments | No TrackBacks

The U.S. Department of Education has posted a [list](#) of 36 states that have signaled they plan to apply for a \$4 billion Race to the Top grant in Round 1.

To figure out how many peer reviewers they need, the Department apparently asked states to send them a letter if they intend to apply in Round 1. This doesn't mean these states will apply, nor does it mean states that aren't on this list won't necessarily apply, but it certainly is a good indication.

Opinion

Round 1 applications are due January 19; Round 2 will be due June 1.

Most interesting to me are the states that are *not* on the list, and have not signaled they intend to apply. They are: Alaska, Maine, Maryland, **Michigan**, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, and Washington.

Listings

(UPDATE 2: A Michigan official just contacted me to say the state has every intention to apply in Round 1; they just ran into technical difficulties in submitting the letter of intent online. Michigan policymakers are **working furiously** to change their laws to better position the state in the competition.)

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Any surprises on the list of those not planning to apply?

UPDATE: To answer that question, Andy Smarick over at Flypaper has [listed](#) his surprises: DC, Rhode Island, Texas, and North Carolina.

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COMMENTS



From Deborah Gist "Rhode Island will be submitting a LOI and is well on its way to completing its Race to the Top application!"

Posted by: **Erik Syring** | December 14, 3909 6:37 PM



Michigan is goinf to apply if the proper legislation is passed in time.

Posted by: **Michael Wood** | December 15, 3909 1:07 PM

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North Carolina is also planning to apply in round 1, has a complete draft of the proposal, and is actively getting MOUs with the LEAs in place.

Posted by: [Glenn Kleiman](#) | December 15, 3909 1:59 PM

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