



# ABOUT THE **Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS)**

The Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) is a system designed to improve the District of Columbia's management of Federal and Local grants administered by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). The system was designed to improve the management and administrations of grants and was established to provide users with information on the status of project applications and awards of Federal and State funds. EGMS offers DC schools more convenience with a centralized location to manage the following:

- ✦ Identify and apply to OSSE grants;
- ✦ Track milestones of a school's respective subgrants from start to finish; and
- ✦ Electronic claim submissions.

The system also supplies enhanced operational efficiencies and security architecture, central data storage and warehousing, increased transparency, workflow automation and performance accountability.

## **Moving OSSE into the 21st Century**

EGMS moves OSSE's financial administration into the 21st century, providing a system that meets Federal requirements for increasing efficiencies and access to grant-related data, while reducing duplicative and burdensome reporting requirements. An online management system like EGMS is a condition and deliverable of OSSE's Federal Race to the Top (RttT) grant and is an important component to ensuring the District better implements its Federal ESEA waiver.

## **Automating Grant Applications to Save Time, Improve Customer Service**

Through this approach, OSSE will automate the entire grant life-cycle process, from pre-application to close-out, while consolidating the various databases managing grants into a single centralized system. This means higher-quality customer service through faster grant processing for all customers. It also improves staff efficiency through automation, allowing educators at the state education agency (SEA), local education agency (LEA) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to know precisely how grant dollars are being spent and how priorities are being staffed. This approach provides immediate benefits to all LEAs, including District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), public charter schools, institutions of higher education and CBOs.

## **Benefits of EGMS: Improved Budgeting, Reporting**

EGMS offers a wide range of benefits to all of those involved in improving student learning across the District of Columbia. The system provides a unified application, consolidating key components of grants management and compliance, including Federal and local assurances, as well as offering enhanced reporting and accountability. It minimizes lapsing funds by informing the education agencies daily of their financial status. Additionally, EGMS empowers LEAs by providing outcome-based budgeting. Under this new system, LEAs are able to identify actual costs per strategy and program, clearly showing where dollars are being spent in each LEA and across the District of Columbia.

Once implemented, EGMS will help OSSE accomplish key initiatives of Race to the Top and adds to ESEA Waiver requirements. EGMS will greatly improve the grant management process across the District; streamlining the overall process while reducing administrative burdens on OSSE and each LEA; and improving financial accountability and outcomes at the SEA, LEA and school levels.

*EGMS is managed by OSSE's Office of Grants Management and Compliance (OGMC). OGMC is tasked with responsibility for OSSE compliance with Federal grant requirements, while ensuring Federal funds are managed properly and spent in accordance with applicable law.*

