

**2012 Report on Act 38 of 2009: Section 3(5)**

**An Act Relating to Pre K-12 and Higher  
Education Partnerships: Electronic  
Longitudinal Data System**

**Report to the House and Senate Committees on  
Education**

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The Vermont Department of Education (VTDOE) has again applied for funding under the 2012 Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) grant opportunity from the United States Department of Education.

This grant opportunity called for proposals that were focused on one of three priority areas:

- (1) To design, develop, and implement statewide, longitudinal kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) data systems; (maximum award amount for priority 1: \$5,000,000)
- (2) To develop and link early childhood data to the State's K-12 data system; (maximum award amount for priority 2: \$4,000,000) or
- (3) To develop and link postsecondary and/or workforce data to the State's K-12 data system. (maximum award amount for priority 3: \$4,000,000)

VTDOE submitted a proposal that will address priority 1: to develop and implement a statewide longitudinal data system for grades K-12. While Act 38 calls for the selection and implementation of one statewide Pre-K-16 data system, the requirements and maximum award amount associated with this grant opportunity limited the scope VTDOE could request be covered by this funding.

The cost to implement one, statewide student information system that would meet all requirements dictated by the grant Request for Applications (RFA) would exceed the maximum award amount. VTDOE instead submitted a proposal that would establish a streamlined data reporting and analysis system to be utilized by all publicly funded K-12 schools.

VTDOE's proposal is entitled the Vermont Automated Data Reporting (VADR) project. Should the proposal be funded, deliverables expected to be developed through the VADR project are:

1. All K-12 Schools Participating in Automated Vertical Data Collection Process by May, 2015.
2. Develop State-level Operational Data Store.
3. All VTDOE Data Analysis Tool Date Loads Automated by May, 2015.
4. Establish Enhanced Training Delivery System.
5. All EdFacts Submission Files Capable of Being Automatically Generated by May, 2015.
6. Develop Growth Model Reporting Tool.

Achieving the goals of the VADR project will establish a K-12 data system that will serve as the foundation for future expansion to a comprehensive Pre-K-16 system.

It is anticipated that 2012 SLDS grant award winners will be notified around the beginning of March, 2012. The earliest anticipated project start date for grant-funded work is May 1, 2012. Grant activities must be completed within a three year timeframe.

VTDOE will report back to the senate and house education committees once grant awards are announced.