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ATTACHMENT: Arkansas First Connections Part C Application for Federal Funds

The application packet, developed by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), includes a summary of the assurances, certifications, and description of IDEA use of funds that the state will use to implement Part C of IDEA. Upon OSEP's approval of Arkansas's Part C application, the state will receive a federal grant award under Part C of the IDEA for the period of July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

As you review the application, please note the following:

- The application is in a format required by OSEP.
- The application references policies that have been previously approved and are on file with OSEP. A copy of the policies, are available at the following link:
<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/ddds/Pages/FirstConnectionsProgram.aspx>.
- DDS Certification Standards for Early Intervention Services are also available on the agency Web site, as they are applicable to some items assured in the application.
- The application includes a checklist of assurances that Arkansas has policies and procedures in effect to comply with the requirements of IDEA. Arkansas Part C assures that policies and procedures will be in effect through-out the grant period.
- The costs included in this application reflect those attributable to the federal IDEA Part C funds that are allocated to the state of Arkansas for the First Connections program.
- The amounts listed in Section III, Description of the Use of Part C Funds for the Lead Agency, for state fiscal year (SFY 17) to support positions, maintenances/operation, Interagency Coordinating Council activities, direct services, and indirect cost for the program.

The Part C application is available for additional review and extended comment from April 25, 2016 through May 24, 2016. Written public comments on the draft Part C application may be submitted from April 25, 2016 until the close of business on May 24, 2016, to the attention of:

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