

## **E-mail to State and Territorial Education Agency Officials**

### **Attachment to June 2009 Electronic Announcement**

Subject: Updating TCLI Directory and Important Information About HEOA Change Effective August 14, 2008

Dear State Representative:

The Department of Education (the Department) provides states with the ability to electronically post an updated list of schools that serve low-income families to the Teacher Cancellation Low-Income Directory (TCLI Directory) at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/>. The list of schools and educational service agencies that serve low-income families in the [TCLI Directory](#) qualifies teachers for loan cancellation under the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program, the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, and the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program. The list also satisfies certain aspects of the teaching obligation in the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that a teacher must meet in order to satisfy his or her Agreement to Serve. If your state does not update its list of low-income schools, Perkins Loan, FFEL, and Direct Loan borrowers and TEACH Grant recipients who teach in your state may not receive Federal program benefits to which they may be entitled.

The [TCLI Directory](#) lists, by school year, schools in each state or territory that qualify as serving students from low-income families. Schools that serve low-income families are public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary schools that are in a school district that qualifies for funding under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), and more than 30 percent of the school's total enrollment is made up of children who meet a measure of poverty under Section 1113(a)(5) of the ESEA.

***Important Note About HEOA Change:*** Effective August 14, 2008, the Higher Education Opportunity Act, Pub. L. 110-315 amended section 465(a)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to authorize loan cancellation for full-time teaching service in a public or private nonprofit elementary school or secondary school or location operated by an educational service agency. An educational service agency, defined in section 9101 of the ESEA, is a regional public multi-service agency authorized by state statute to develop, manage, and provide services or programs to local educational agencies. If your state has established educational service agencies and these agencies employ full-time teachers of elementary or secondary students, and more than 30 percent of the children taught at the school or location operated by the educational service agency meet a measure of poverty under Section 1113(a)(5) of the ESEA, the educational service agency must be included in the state's update to the [TCLI Directory](#).

State representatives should have uploaded information in the [TCLI Directory](#) for the 2008-2009 school year, and be prepared to enter information for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. To access the [TCLI Directory](#) and upload your state's information, log in to the [TCLI Directory Web site](#) and select the Upload/Download option on the left side of the screen to download the information from the previous year. You can make any necessary changes and upload the file to the next school year.

If you have questions, about accessing the [TCLI Directory Web site](#) or uploading and maintaining your state's information, contact the Campus-Based Call Center at 877/801-7168. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. (ET). You may also e-mail [CBFOB@ed.gov](mailto:CBFOB@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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