

Alternate ACCESS for ELLs™ Item Development Summer Workshop

TO: English as a Second Language (ESL) and special education teachers, Title III/ESL and special education coordinators, curriculum and instructional specialists and administrators

FROM: The development team for the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The development team for the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessment is seeking applicants for the 2009 Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Item Development Summer Workshop. The Alternate ACCESS for ELLs is an alternate English language proficiency (ELP) assessment for limited English proficient (LEP) students with significant cognitive disabilities. It is based on the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium ELP standards. Participants will review and revise existing assessment items and develop new items for the 2009-2010 pilot and field tests. **This workshop will be held August 10 - 11, 2009, at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.**

A total of 30 participants are sought for this workshop. Six participants are needed for each of the following five grade cluster groups:

- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
- Grades 1 and 2
- Grades 3 through 5
- Grades 6 through 8
- Grades 9 through 12

Applicants should be *educators or administrators who have experience with LEP students with significant cognitive disabilities*, such as

- teaching and/or supervisory experience with LEP students with significant cognitive disabilities
- experience with the WIDA ELP standards and CAN DO Descriptors
- experience with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and
- balanced regional representation.

Selected participants will be provided the following:

- reimbursement for meals and travel expenses in accordance with state and University travel policy and guidelines and
- paid airfare and lodging.

The following two items must be completed for each applicant:

1. Please send an email to wohlferd@wisc.edu that includes your name, current position, address, and phone number and states that you are interested in participating in the August 10 and 11 workshop.
2. All applicants must submit a completed survey via the following link:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ffHlwRiO0uEWLy8l3FH8oQ_3d_3d

Please keep in mind that space for the workshop is limited. **Your email and completed survey are due by July 1, 2009.** You will be notified on or before July 10 if you have been accepted for participation. Following confirmation of acceptance, you will receive a full agenda, information about making travel (flight/rail and hotel) reservations and other logistics to aid in preparation for participation in the workshop. Those who are not accepted to participate will be notified that your name has been placed on a list of alternate participants.

If you have questions, please contact:

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