

Public Participation Procedures

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Who is responsible: IDEA/Part C State Office

Federal Grant Application

Prior to submission of the annual grant application to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), IDEA/Part C State Office will post the draft grant application for a period of not less than 60 days to include a 30-day comment period. The grant application will be posted on the SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) website and the announcement of posting distributed to the SC Interagency Coordinating Council (SCICC), interagency partners, and IDEA/Part C System personnel.

IDEA/Part C State Office will assure:

- The draft application is accessible.
- The announcement provides instructions regarding how interested members of the public may provide comments about the application.

Proposed or Revised Policies and Procedures

If the draft grant application includes new content or revisions to existing policies and procedures, the notice will include an announcement of public hearings. Feedback will be received from parents of infants and toddlers, Intake Coordinators, Service Coordinators, Early Intervention Service (EIS) providers, and other interested members of the public either in writing or at the public hearings.

In addition to the information above, the notice will provide at least 30 days for review of the documents prior to convening the first public hearing.

These procedures also apply to policy and procedure revisions made prior annual posting of the grant application.