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**TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
Standard Application System (SAS)
Science Laboratory Grant Program**

APPLICATION

**SCHEDULE #4B—Project Descriptions
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County-District No. _____

Amendment No. _____

(a) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this application for the science laboratory grant program:

- (1) average daily attendance--as defined under Texas Education Code (TEC), §42.005(a);
- (2) construction project--a project consisting of the construction of a new free-standing building or the construction of a new addition to an existing building;
- (3) renovation project--a project consisting of the renovation of space that is not currently used as a science laboratory within an existing building that does not include the addition of any new space;
- (4) high school campus--a campus that houses Grades 9 through 12 (a district that has a separate 9th grade campus and a separate 10th through 12th grade campus, or some similar division, for purposes of this grant program, shall combine the two campuses on the application and submit as one campus);
- (5) science laboratories--rooms identified as combination science laboratories/classrooms per §61.1036(d)(5)(C)(iii) of this title (relating to School Facilities Standards for Construction on or after January 1, 2004), or identified as laboratories per §61.1036(d)(5)(C)(iv) of this title. To provide clarity in the exercise of the grant program, rooms identified as laboratories per §61.1036(d)(5)(C)(iv) of this title shall be referred to as "stand-alone laboratories" within this grant application;
- (6) enrollment--the actual high school campus enrollment for the school year before a district's submission of an application under the science laboratory grant program; and
- (7) support areas--for a construction project, support areas are limited to prep rooms, storage areas, and corridor access space; for a renovation project, support areas are limited to prep rooms and storage areas.

(b) Prioritization and notice of award. Upon close of the application cycle, all eligible applications shall be ranked in order of the district's property wealth per student in average daily attendance. Grants will be awarded beginning with the district with the lowest property wealth and continue until all available funds have been used. The commissioner shall award the full amount of the grant to which a district is entitled under this section, except that the commissioner may award less than the full amount to the last district for which any funds are available. Each district shall be notified of the amount of grant awarded and its position in the rank order for the application cycle by posting on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website.

(c) Payment of the grant shall be made as soon as practicable after June 1, 2008. No payments shall be made until all initial submissions required by the application have been received and approved by the State Funding Division at the TEA.

(d) Additional limitations and requirements:

- (1) for a project to be eligible for this grant program, a contract for construction or renovation cannot have been entered into by a school district before September 1, 2007.
- (2) renovations to existing science laboratories/classrooms or to existing science stand-alone laboratories are not eligible for this grant program.
- (3) eligibility is limited to construction or renovation projects at high school campuses.
- (4) all projects must comply with §61.1036 of this title (relating to School Facilities Standards for Construction on or after January 1, 2004).

(e) Within one year of award of grant, the district must submit evidence in a form acceptable to the commissioner that a contract has been awarded for the construction or renovation projects identified in this application. Within two years of award of grant, the district must submit evidence in a form acceptable to the commissioner that all work has been completed for the construction or renovation projects identified in this application, and with a final accounting of the costs incurred by the district for the projects. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence by any of the deadlines noted herein could be cause for the commissioner to cancel the district's grant and to recover the grant amount from other scheduled FSP payments due to the district.

(f) The formulas used on "SCHEDULE #4B - Project Descriptions -- Page 2, Calculations" are based on the following assumptions. To provide equity in the allocation of the grant funds among districts, these assumptions will be used for all districts that submit a grant application.

- (1) 80% of students are on the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement High School Program, and 20% of students are on the Minimum High School Program.
- (2) Laboratory class size consists of 24 students per class period.
- (3) Laboratories are used six (6) class periods per day.
- (4) A utilization factor of 85% is incorporated to allow for normal scheduling and enrollment fluctuations.