

Changes to the Library Services and Technology Act Grant Rules

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The Division of Library and Information Services is preparing to revise the Library Services and Technology Act Grant program guidelines and application packet in response to the changes to Section 257.12(3), Florida Statutes.

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the guidelines for the Library Services and Technology Act Grant program. These revisions will update the grant program to implement Section 257.12(3), Florida Statutes, regarding the adoption of an Internet safety education program by public libraries:

All public libraries are encouraged to adopt an Internet safety education program, including the implementation of a computer-based educational program, which has been endorsed by a government-sanctioned law enforcement agency or other reputable public safety advocacy organization and is designed for children and adults. The purpose of the Internet safety education program is to promote the use of prudent online department and broaden awareness of online predators.

The first step in the process was to announce our intention to revise the rule. This notice was published on October 23, 2009, in the *Florida Administrative Weekly*.

The second step in the process is to announce the rule revision process. This Notice of Proposed Rule was published on December 24, 2009, in the *Florida Administrative Weekly*.

As part of this process, we have prepared a draft of the proposed changes to the grant packet. The proposed changes are located online at <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/bld/grants/Lsta/LSTA.html>. These changes are the final changes to be incorporated into the rule revision process.

A summary of the changes follows:

- Dates have been updated throughout the document to reflect the next application cycle when this rule will be in effect. Formatting throughout the document has been changed to create a uniform appearance.
- **Section III, Timeline:** Dates have been changed to reflect the next application cycle.
- **Section V, Matching Funds:** Information has been added concerning the Rural Economic Development Initiative waiver of match.

- **Section VI, Application Evaluation:** Information has been added regarding the points given to a public library for implementing an Internet safety education program in accordance with Section 257.12(3), Florida Statutes.
- **Section IX, Assistance from the Division:** Information regarding regional workshops has been removed; information regarding online workshops has been added.
- **LSTA Application Instructions:**
 - **Second paragraph:** Public libraries can receive 10 points for adopting an Internet safety education program.
 - **First Year Projects, Section A, Application Cover Page:** Subsections 1-8, required application information has been updated as necessary.
 - **First Year Projects, Section A, Application Cover Page:** Subsection 9, “Category,” has been renumbered subsection 10; all subsequent subsections remain the same, but with new numbering. A new subsection 9 has been added regarding the Internet safety education program.
 - **First Year Projects, Sections B-F:** No changes.
 - **First Year Projects, Section G:** SOLINET has been changed to LYRASIS.
 - **First Year Projects, Section H:** Section H, “Certification of Credentials,” has been re-lettered Section I; all subsequent sections remain the same, but with new lettering. A new section H has been added to provide information on the points given to a public library for implementing an Internet safety education program.
 - **Continuing Projects, Section A, Application Cover Page:** Subsections 1-8, required application information has been updated as necessary.
 - **Continuing Projects, Section A, Application Cover Page:** Subsection 9, “Category,” has been renumbered subsection 10; all subsequent subsections remain the same, but with new numbering. A new subsection 9 has been added regarding the Internet safety education program.
 - **Continuing Projects, Section D:** SOLINET has been changed to LYRASIS.
 - **Continuing Projects, Section E:** Section E, “Certificate of Status,” has been re-lettered Section F; all subsequent sections remain the same, but with new lettering. A new Section E has been added to provide information on the points awarded to a public library for implementing an Internet safety education program.

- **LSTA Application Form, Application Cover Page:** For both new and continuing projects, SUNCOM number has been removed. SAMAS and EO numbers have been changed to FLAIRS number. Check boxes have been added for indicating whether an Internet safety education program is in place at the library.
- **Chapter 257, Florida Statutes.** Revised to reflect the addition of Section 257.12(3), the Internet Safety Education Program legislation.