



## INVESTING IN WHAT WORKS INDEX

Better Results for Young People, Their Families, and Communities Across the Country

EVIDENCE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA	 <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>	 <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR</b>	BACKGROUND INFORMATION
<p><b>Evaluation Office / Senior Evaluation Officer:</b> Did the department have an office for research, development, dissemination, and evaluation and a senior staff member with the authority and budget to evaluate its major programs in FY12?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> (5 points)</p>	<p><b>YES</b> (5 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> The U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences Director's budget was \$594 million in FY12. <b>DOL:</b> The U.S. Department of Labor's Chief Evaluation Officer's budget was \$9 million in FY12.</p>
<p><b>Data:</b> Did the department have an office that made updated, accessible, and user-friendly data related to its core missions publicly available in FY12?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> (5 points)</p>	<p><b>YES</b> (5 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics budget was \$109 million in FY12. <b>DOL:</b> The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics budget was \$609 million in FY12.</p>
<p><b>What Works Clearinghouse:</b> Did the department gather and make publicly available scientific evidence-based standards for what works in the field in FY12?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> (5 points)</p>	<p><b>NEEDS DEPARTMENTAL ACTION</b> (0 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> The U.S. Department of Education's What Works Clearinghouse's budget was \$11 million in FY12.</p>
<p><b>Common Evidence Framework:</b> Does the department plan to use a common evidence framework in FY13?</p>	<p><b>YES</b> (5 points)</p>	<p><b>NEEDS DEPARTMENTAL ACTION</b> (0 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> In April 2013, the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences and the National Science Foundation introduced a draft set of common evidence standards for their research grants. On December 14, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education unveiled proposed amendments to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations - commonly known as "EDGAR." The proposed amendments would enable programs across the Department to encourage and reward grant applicants that propose rigorous evaluation methods that meet its 'What Works Clearinghouse' standards, so as to build credible evidence about the effectiveness of Department-funded grant projects; they would also enable Department programs to focus funds on projects and strategies backed by differing levels of evidence, as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>1% of Program Funds for Evaluations:</b> Does the department plan to set-aside at least 1% of funds from its formula and competitive grant programs for evaluations and make the results of those evaluations public in FY13?</p>	<p><b>NEEDS DEPARTMENTAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION</b> (0 points)</p>	<p><b>NEEDS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION</b> (0 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> The U.S. Department of Education's FY14 budget request recommends allowing the Secretary to set-aside up to .5% of all major programs (except the Pell Grant program) for evaluations. <b>DOL:</b> The U.S. Department of Labor's FY12 and FY13 budgets allowed the Secretary to set-aside up to .5% from its major programs for evaluations. The Department's FY14 budget request also recommends allowing the Secretary to set-aside up to 1.0% of all major DOL programs for evaluations.</p>
<p><b>Use of Evidence in 5 Largest Competitive Grant Programs:</b> Did the department allocate funds from its 5 largest competitive grant programs based on demonstrated evidence of success in FY12?</p>	<p><b>3 OUT OF 5 NEED DEPARTMENTAL ACTION</b> (2 points)</p>	<p><b>3 OUT OF 5 NEED DEPARTMENTAL ACTION</b> (2 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> The U.S. Department of Education's Investing in Innovation Fund's budget was \$149 million in FY12. The U.S. Department of Education also invested \$29 million of the \$255 million appropriated for the Charter School Program (CSP) in FY12 in Grants for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Schools. <b>DOL:</b> The U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation Fund's budget was \$50 million in FY12. The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act authorized the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant Program while the 2010 Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act provided \$2 billion over four years to fund it - including \$500 million in FY12.</p>
<p><b>Use of Evidence in 5 Largest Formula Grant Programs:</b> Did the department allocate funds from its 5 largest formula grant programs based on demonstrated evidence of success in FY12?</p>	<p><b>4 OUT OF 5 NEED DEPARTMENTAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION</b> (1 point)</p>	<p><b>5 OUT OF 5 NEED DEPARTMENTAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION</b> (0 points)</p>	<p><b>ED:</b> The U.S. Department of Education allocated 1.5% of funds from its ESEA Title II Part A program (\$2.5 billion in FY12) based on demonstrated evidence of success in FY12.</p>
<p><b>TOTAL SCORE</b></p>	<p><b>23 POINTS OUT OF 35    12 POINTS OUT OF 35</b></p>		

Scoring: Federal departments are awarded 5 points for meeting each of the criteria listed above.

Sources: U.S. Departments of Education and Labor FY12 budgets, FY13 budgets, and FY14 budget requests