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## **The process and timeline that NCDPI will use for reviewing / and approving LEA 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) applications is as follows\*:**

**MARCH 8, 2016** – Initial notice to Committee of Practitioners of impending 2016 SIG Competition for Cohort IV. COP members were present at NCDPI for a regularly scheduled COP meeting in Raleigh.

**APRIL 11, 2016** – The SEA State SIG Coordinator (Chris Vecchione) notifies all LEAs / Charters that attend the statewide Title I Conference in Greensboro of the 2016 SIG Competition for Cohort IV. In addition, the LEAs / Charters receive an overview of the revised SIG requirements and tentative timeline for competition.

**APRIL 20, 2016** – NCDPI posts a public notice to LEAs, Charter Organizations, and the general public on the state website. The public notice informs stakeholders of the potential SIG award for FY15 & FY16 and the intent to request a waiver to extend the availability of said SIG award funds to September 30, 2021. Public input encouraged through May 20, 2016. Public notice:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/publicnotices/notices/2015-16/20160420-01>

**May 5, 2016** – A statewide email sent to all LEAs & Charters announcing the 2016 SIG competition and informing each LEA / Charter Organization of various options for learning more about the 2016 SIG Competition for Cohort IV.

**MAY 16, 2016** – 2016 SIG Informational Meeting for interested LEAs / Charters of Cohort IV

**MAY 20, 2016** – End of Public Notice comment period – originally posted April 20, 2016

**MAY 24, 2016** – SEA SIG Application draft provided to the Committee of Practitioners

**MAY 27, 2016** – SEA SIG Application to USED

**MAY 31, 2016** – 2016 SIG Competition informational webinar for Cohort IV

**JUNE 10, 2016** – Letter of Intent for LEAs / Charters (to apply for Cohort IV) due to NCDPI

**JULY 1, 2016** – LEA / Charter SIG Application sent to LEAs / Charters who submit Letter of Intent by June 10, 2016. (Application identified as “draft” status until USED approves submitted SEA application) *revised*

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**JUNE 13 – August 19, 2016** – NCDPI Technical Assistance provided to LEAs / Charters by request  
*revised*

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2016** – LEA / Charter SIG Applications due to NCDPI. (2) Electronic LEA / Charter Applications due to [chris.vecchione@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:chris.vecchione@dpi.nc.gov) at NCDPI by 5:00pm. (1) Final PDF version of LEA / Charter SIG Application with all identifiers noted, and (1) PDF version of LEA / Charter SIG application that removes ALL identifiers of specific LEA / Charter / School and replaces the LEA name with “LEA”, or the Charter Organization name with “Charter”, and the School name with “School”. The second version will be used by the Peer Review / Scoring Team as a blind copy during the actual competition review September 12 – 15, 2016. *revised*

**September 12 - 15, 2016** – NCDPI conducts LEA Application Review & Scoring *revised*

**September 15, 2016** – Final approval of LEA Application by NCDPI & recommendation to NC State Board of Education to award SIG funding to LEAs / Charter Organizations *revised*

**October 5 – 6, 2016** – NC State Board of Education review of NCDPI SIG award recommendations – request action on first reading *revised*

**OCTOBER 7, 2016** - Notification Letters (electronic) to all LEAs / Charter Organizations indicating intent to fund or not fund LEA / SIG Application *revised*

*Note 1\* – It is the intention of NCDPI to follow this timeline as closely as possible with the understanding that much of the proposed timeline is contingent on a timely approval of the SEA application by The US Department of Education. Any adjustments to the timeline will be noted.*

*Note 2 – It is the intention of NCDPI to use FY15 and FY16 funds to make multi-year SIG awards, through a waiver of the period of availability of funds, to grantees. With an approved waiver the funding period of availability will extend through September 30, 2021 to fully support the full 5 years of SIG planning and / or pre-implementation activities, implementation, and sustaining reform as encouraged by USED.*

**Any questions regarding this timeline and / or the process for application for the 2016 SIG Competition – Cohort IV may be directed to the State SIG Coordinator:**

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