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Six Year Award:	\$18,000,000.00
Number of students in FY09:	Six Year Total: 5500

ABSTRACT

Nevada State GEAR UP: Changing the Culture by Raising Expectations

Nevada State's GEAR UP application is a collaborative effort among the Nevada Office of the Governor, Office of the State Treasurer Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and stakeholders, including parents, students, businesses (Wells Fargo Bank, AT&T, AVID and ACT) and agency representatives. NDE, as lead agency and fiscal agent, will direct the project implementation with its partners.

Nevada's vision is to change the culture of low academically achieving schools located in economically disadvantaged communities to ensure that students are academically prepared and have the resources to attend and succeed in college. Nevada has a tremendous education need due to its very transient population, and high percentage of English as a Second Language population.

Nevada's program has three goals. (1) **Competency**: To increase basic academic skills to enable students to succeed in postsecondary education. (2) **School Improvement and System Building**: To improve GEAR UP schools through coordination with school improvement plans and to increase a common understanding of P-16 articulation issues among Nevada middle schools. (3) **Access**: To increase GEAR UP student access to post-secondary education options and financing.

The GEAR UP Program will operate in 30 high schools serving ninth grade students in the cohort. The schools are in seven of the 17 county school districts throughout the state. The Federal Government and Nevada will each invest \$18 million over the six year period of the grant.