Recommendations to the PIE/ePIE Processes and Procedures for 2010-2011 Resource Requests

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Be more specific in the quality of the data needed for PIE resource requests.

Recommendation: Establish guidelines and provide examples to convey the scope and dimension of resource request needs. Include such elements as approximate resource costs including ancillary costs (e.g., benefits, maintenance and annual software upgrades), budget allocation details, request origination date, request prioritization, any program accreditation or state/federal mandates tied to the request, information of other funding sources being solicited (e.g., VTEA or Basic Skills funding), etc. Providing more detailed resource requests could also assist with faculty prioritization, instructional equipment, VTEA, and Basic Skills funding processes.

Create a more streamline integrated planning/resource allocation process.

Recommendation: Integrate resource allocation data elements into ePIE to create a One-Stop planning/resource allocation vehicle and be more time and cost efficient so that PIE participants no longer have to complete data for two separate processes. Close the loop of resource allocation by documenting funded resource requests and their amounts.

If this is not feasible, at the very least, incorporate Resource Allocation language and some data elements into ePIE for consistency between the processes.