Topics

• Quick Overview – How many states?
• Transition from 2011 MOU to UCLA/CRESST MOU
  – Status of Federal Grant -- no-cost extension
  – State and Smarter Balanced (SB) roles in assessment implementation
  – Governance and Sustainability of Smarter Balanced Consortium
• The Complete Assessment Package and the 1 million student cap
• Paper and pencil options
A State-Led Consortium

- 23 member states and territories
- 20 Governing States, 2 Advisory States, 1 Affiliate Member
- Washington is fiscal agent for USED grant
Moving Forward with UCLA

• With today’s Board action, 9 members will have signed the MOU with UCLA

• 9 more ready to sign this fall

• UCLA is home for Smarter Balanced
# Changing from a Development Grant to an Operational Organization

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<td>- States collectively govern, set direction and make policy decisions for SB</td>
<td>- No longer defined by USED</td>
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<td>- Executive Committee makes logistical decisions</td>
<td>- Each member state receives support and technical services from UCLA</td>
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<td>- Staff provide support services to states</td>
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<td><strong>Finances</strong></td>
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<td>- SB budget and staffing authorized by member states</td>
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<td>- Fiscal responsibility shifts from state of WA to UCLA</td>
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<td>- Each state implements its own ESEA testing through a service provider</td>
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<td>- Each state fulfills its own ESEA requirements</td>
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2011 Memorandum of Understanding (USED Grant)

• 2011 MOU – States agreed to conditions to participate in SB development activities

• Original USED grant to Smarter Balanced
  – Purpose: Multi-state collaboration for assessment development
  – Grant period: 10-1-2010 thru 9-26-2014
  – No-cost extension granted through 12-31-2014
  – No additional federal funding

• “Governance Document” defines decision-making, officers, engagement, financial authority, etc.
UCLA/CRESST Memorandum of Understanding

• States and UCLA agree on fees in exchange for services and access to resources
• States retain autonomy to select own service provider for test administration, scoring and reporting
• SB (now at UCLA) provides services and resources common to all states:
  – Test delivery system and permission to use SB items;
  – Support of Digital Library and Interim Assessments;
  – Technical analyses for Peer Review, validity studies;
  – Ongoing item development and system enhancements;
  – Etc.
• “Governing Board Procedures” (to be approved by SB Governing States) defines decision-making, officers, engagement, financial authority, etc.
A Few Clarifications

• The “1 million student” cap
  – All member states pay the same per-student fee. For large states, the Gr. 3-8 and 11 fee is capped at 1 million students; meaning CA will receive services for all students, but only pay for the first million.

• Availability of Paper/Pencil tests
  – Paper/Pencil forms will be available for 3 years.
  – Smarter Balanced will design test booklets for use in all states, and will equate the P/P and online forms.
  – States (through their contractors) are obligated to pay for printing, distribution, and scanning of P/P forms.