CHANGES TO FALL 2012 APPLICATION:

Smaller Award Amounts- This change will help us fund more after-school programs around the state. It improves our state level compliance with ESEA statutes. Minimum awards will be made for no less than $50,000 per application per year (including continuation grants). Maximum awards will not exceed $150,000 per site per year or $300,000 per application per year.

Program Implementation- Begin on June 1, 2013. Program implementation may begin with Summer School (note: The Federal PPICS reporting begins the school year with summer school). This helps us align the program with federal data reporting so that all activity is counted in the data system.

Continuation Grants- Applicants ending their 5 year grant are eligible to apply for a 5 year continuation grant at 50% funding within this competition. They are required to document how they will continue to sustain the programming along with the meeting the other application requirements.

New Continuation Grants – After 2015, continuation grants will be for a 3 year period

Two Submission periods- Existing grantees seeking a continuation grant will submit their applications one week before new grantees. All grant applications (continuation and new) will be reviewed at the same time.

Adult Literacy Partnerships- Many Community Colleges in Iowa offer FREE adult literacy and GED preparation. We encourage all grantees to partner with their regional colleges to support adult literacy. The 21st Century grant is not a GED program. A list of Iowa Community Colleges is provided in the application. See appendix G for more details.

In-Kind Administrative Costs- Grantees who provide administration in-kind are strongly encouraged

SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT- Additional emphasis was added in the application. Evidence of supplanting can render the best application un-fundable.

Non-Public Consultation form -now provided with the application to help you meet the federal compliance requirements in consulting with non-public schools.

Training for Grant Readers- Day of the Reading- Readers need to improve their documentation and scrutiny of the grants they read. We need to add a Budget section to the rubric.

Professional Development Web site- Added US Dept. of Education You for Youth website http://y4y.ed.gov/

Termination of Grant- Added clarification about termination. Grants are subject to availability of federal funds. Grants can be terminated with a 10 day notice. See appendix D for more details.

Electronic Copy of your Application –We are requesting and electronic copy of the application (in Word format)