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Absolute Priority: 4

Competitive Preference Priorities: 1-4

Requested 5-year Total Award Amount: \$8,433,434

Project Description:

The NOLA TQP builds upon the success of innovative programming to prepare diverse teachers to meet the city's need for a greater number of diverse and effective instructional leaders at every level by synchronizing the efforts of a well-respected HBCU, a top-tier predominately white institution, and an alternative educator preparation program (EPP). These highly effective EPPs leverage proven strategies, including strategies found to have WWC Moderate Evidence of Effectiveness, to equip educators with instructional skills and culturally competencies necessary to meet the diverse needs of students.

Project Expected Outcomes:

NOLA TQP has three core goals:

1. Design and launch three new leadership programs, in conjunction with enhanced teaching residencies.
2. Increase the pool of diverse, locally-invested EPP applicants.
3. Increase the number of certified leaders and teachers, including general education and specialized teachers who support students with SPED and EL services.
4. Contribution to research on effective educator preparation, as well as recruitment and retention strategies to increase the number of highly effective and diverse educators.

Project Special Features:

NOLA TQP prioritizes the recruitment of teachers of color with community-based recruitment strategy, including high school and apprenticeship programs, and aims to retain them by promoting equitable, identity-safe learning environments within IHEs and in schools. This project will serve the students and educators in New Orleans' high-need schools, where 43,544 students are enrolled. Across all New Orleans schools, 85% of students are economically disadvantaged, 92% are students of color, 13% qualify for special education (SPED) services, and 8% are English Learners (EL).

Project Partners: Tulane University, TNTF, New School New Orleans (NSNO), and a consortium of five of New Orleans's largest CMOs are proud to partner with lead applicant Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO).

