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Absolute Priority: Absolute Priority 1

Competitive Preference Priorities: CPP 1-4

Project Title: MASTERY - Melding Academics, Support, and Training of Educators for higher Retention Yields

Project Description: Our goals include: (1) USCB and BCSD will increase the number of students who enter teacher education programs with an emphasis on the high-need areas of math, biology, and early childhood; (2) USCB will prepare highly qualified Teacher Candidates who pass all certification requirements and are certified in high-need areas; and (3) BCSD will hire, support, and retain highly qualified teachers with an emphasis on high-need areas.

Project Expected Outcomes: Expected outcomes include: (1) improved learning outcomes of students taught by MASTERY teachers; (2) improved academic achievement of students taught by MASTERY teachers, and (3) a sustained partnership between USCB teacher preparation program and BCSD. Target Teacher Candidates: 25 in Year 1 increasing by 4 annually.

Project Partners: Eligible partnership between the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB); its Departments of Education, English, Humanities/Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Computer Science/Mathematics; and Beaufort County School District (BCSD).