

## Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund

- Federal Department of Education program
- \$650 million within \$4B Race to the Top
- Eligible applicants must include public schools and/or districts (charters ok)
- Obvious focus on scaling what works
- Over 2,500 intent-to-submit responses
- Atypical program design

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## Focus on Scalable

- **Scale-Up Awards:** state and national
  - Few up to \$50 million
- **Validation Awards:** regional, state and national
  - Few up to \$30 million
- **Development Awards:** local, regional
  - Must answer question: How cost-effective for 100,000, 250,000, 500,000 students?  
(think San Diego Unified, suburban SD districts, SD county!)
  - About 100 up to \$5 million

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## Focus on Evidence

- **Research findings** for what works
- Applicants that score highly will receive a **second round of reviews**
  1. Research basis for planned work
  2. Evaluation plan for student achievement

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## Focus on Community

**20% Match**  
(**\$1,000,000** for full award)  
(private sector funds or in-kind,  
promise by May submission,  
commitment by Sept award)

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## San Diego Support for K-12 STEM Model

- EDC workforce action on K-12 STEM education for past two years
- Non-profit organizations provide STEM resources for K-12 teachers and students
  - Over 500 entries in San Diego Science Alliance Resource Catalog
- The San Diego Foundation “What’s Working” and “Community Compass” initiatives
- School districts planning STEM magnet schools for 2010-2011 school year

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## San Diego K-12 Partnerships

- San Diego Science Alliance
- EDC Foundation
- Biocom Institute
- CONNECT
- CommNexus
- San Diego Science Festival
- San Diego Robotics Council
- Expanding Your Horizons

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## Grantsmanship Good News!

- Credible leadership from SDCOE
- Three geographies with school districts
  - East County; North County; Coronado
- Research results from non-profit programs
- Aligning relationships among community partners and with school districts
- Opportunities to recruit new partners
- 20% match feasible

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