Meeting Summary

Florida's Race to the Top Teacher and Leader Preparation Implementation Committee (TLPIC) met in Orlando, Florida on November 9-10, 2011. Fourteen of the twenty-four members were present, representing teachers and school leaders from postsecondary institutions and school districts, district administrators, superintendents, educational associations, and school board members. Other committee members participated electronically. Committee members spent Wednesday, November 9th learning about the:

- current continued approval standards and process for teacher preparation programs
- data currently used for the continued approval process
- Value Added Model (VAM) selected in Florida
- successes and challenges Louisiana faced when using the VAM scores as part of their accountability model for teacher preparation

Committee members spent Thursday, November 10th reviewing the current expectations for teacher preparation programs based upon "legislative intent" and identifying what could be important evidence to see in order to know if the intent is being met. The committee then participated in a presentation and discussion from the American Institutes for Research (AIR) on the data linking a teacher's value added score to his or her Florida teacher preparation program. Committee members discussed how these data could be used in reviewing teacher preparation programs and developed a data request list including various other data they would like to see before discussions begin on setting performance targets for approval /denial of teacher preparation programs.

The committee plans to meet again via teleconference on Monday, December 5th to hear back from the Department of Education and AIR on the results of the data availability. The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled for January 11th-12th in Orlando.