APPENDIX A

Definitions

The following definitions shall apply:

1. Applicant Project or Program – The Program (Project) proposed to be funded by the Applicant in response to this RFA.

2. Application – The final document submitted by an Applicant to THECB in response to and in accordance with the terms of this RFA.

3. Contract – The Notice of Grant Award Notice ("NOGA"), which creates a legally binding agreement between the parties. The Program requirements (e.g., objectives, scope, budget, methodology) as stated in (1) the original Request for Application ("RFA") including any addenda issued, (2) addenda to the Grantee's Application (if any), and (3) Grantee's Application shall be incorporated into and made a part of the Notice of Grant Award for all purposes, supersede any prior or contemporaneous understandings between the parties pertaining to the subject matter herein whether oral or written, and collectively constitute the entire agreement between the parties.

4. Awarded Applicant – The successful recipient ultimately awarded a Contract by THECB who is responsible for performing all services and activities required to fully comply with Contract performance requirements and all Contract terms and conditions.

5. FERPA – The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law regarding the privacy of student records and the obligations of the institution, primarily in the areas of release of the records and the access provided to these records. Any educational institution that receives funds under any program administered by the U.S. Secretary of Education is bound by FERPA requirements. Institutions that fail to comply with FERPA may have funds administered by the Secretary of Education withheld.

6. Schools – Districts or Campuses where K-12 students are taught.

7. SBEC –State Board for Educator Certification. The Texas State Board for Educator Certification regulates the preparation, certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct for public school educators in Texas. Additional information can be found at the Texas Education Agency website, http://www.tea.state.tx.us

8. State of Texas Business Days - Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for scheduled State of Texas and national holidays.

9. THECB – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, an agency of the State of Texas.