Race to the Top Finalists Named
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Today the United States Department of Education (USDoE) announced 15 states and the District of Columbia as finalists for the first round of the $4 billion Race to the Top (RTTT) competitive grant program. The 16 RTTT finalists are:

- Colorado
- Delaware
- The District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Tennessee

All of the states chosen as first round finalists will be required to send a team of up to five people to make a presentation in defense of their applications to the USDoE on the week of March 15th. Not all first round finalists will win first round funding. First round winners will be announced in early April.

States not selected in the first round

The 25 states that turned in applications and were not chosen as first round finalists will receive information from the USDoE in early April detailing why their application fell short. These 25 states - along with the 10 states that did not apply in the first round - can submit applications for the second round of RTTT funding by June 1st. Second round winners will be announced in early September.

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