



## What's New With LINCS?

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) is pleased to announce the results of its recent competitions for the [Literacy Information and Communication System \(LINCS\)](#). OVAE's continued investment in LINCS signals its intent to more strategically utilize LINCS, for assisting states and local adult education agencies in promoting teacher effectiveness and evidence-based instruction in adult education.

LINCS was originally launched by the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) in 2001, and was transferred to OVAE when funding for NIFL ended in 2010. OVAE recompeted LINCS to update and enhance several of its features, including the following:

- An updated technology platform to support professional learning through communities of practice and social media that can more interactively engage educators in evidence-based professional development activities. This contract was awarded to Quotient, Inc.
- A centralized resource collection with updated sub-topics. This contract was awarded to Kratos Learning Solutions.
- Four regional professional development centers that will work with states to deploy evidence-based materials and professional development activities to the field of adult education. The regions are realigned to correspond with OVAE's administrative regions, under the *Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)*. Grants were awarded to the following entities in the regions:
  - Region 1 (New England): World Education, Inc.
  - Region 2 (South): University of Tennessee Center for Literacy Studies
  - Region 3 (Midwest and Great Lakes): Kent State University
  - Region 4 (West and Outlying Areas): Peninsula Library System

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