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Commission Seeks Volunteers for English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel

SACRAMENTO--The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) is seeking experienced California educators with expertise in teaching either English as a Second Language (ESL), English as a New Language (ENL), English as a Foreign Language (EFL), or the equivalent to serve on an advisory panel concerning authorizations to teach English learners. Application deadline is December 15, 2008.

The English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel will advise the Commission on how to best support teachers so that they may better academically serve the needs of English learners at all grade levels. Panel members will discuss an array of related issues and make recommendations to the Commission concerning English learner authorizations.

The Commission seeks applications from individuals who have academic knowledge of and experience with English as a second language, English as a new language, English as a foreign language, English learner teaching methods and/or foreign language teaching methods, as well as familiarity with working with English learners. The panel serves under the direction of the Commission, and panel meetings will be facilitated by a Commission consultant. During the English Learners Authorizations Advisory Panel meetings, members receive a comprehensive orientation so they may effectively understand and carry out the required activities. The Commission will only consider applications from the most qualified individuals to serve as members of the panel.

Individuals appointed to the English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel will participate in approximately three one-day meetings. It is anticipated that the meetings will be held in Sacramento in January 2009, March 2009, and May 2009. The location and timing of the meetings may change to meet the needs of the work to be accomplished.

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The Commission will pay necessary travel and lodging expenses for the English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel. If necessary, the Commission will also reimburse school districts for the cost of a substitute teacher for each panel member who is a classroom teacher.

Applications and further information are available at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/EL-docs/EL-auth-panel.doc>

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