LEAs are required to provide the following information on the workbook that accompanies this RFP:

A. Assurances

1. LEAs must certify the following set of assurances in order to receive Race to the Top funds. In addition to the assurances below, LEAs must comply with the federal and state grant assurances that they certify on an annual basis with ESE, which will soon be posted on the Grants web page: http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/Grants/.

2. The superintendent or the charter school leader must certify that he or she collaborated with the school committee chair and union leader (or equivalent roles), as required by the initial Race to the Top MOU, to develop the district and charter schools’ Race to the Top work plan and that the LEA has provided a copy of the years 2 - 4 RFP and the entire district response to the school committee chair and union leader (or equivalent roles).

3. LEAs have considered state goals and performance measures along with local priorities in developing the LEA’s plan for implementation.

4. Upon passage of new educator evaluation regulations by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the LEA will form an Evaluation Implementation Working Group comprised of labor and management to develop an implementation strategy and timetable for the new educator evaluation system. The Working Group is not meant to replace any existing LEA labor-management team already in place that could undertake implementation planning and execution.

5. The LEA will participate in any federal or state program evaluation or monitoring activities associated with Race to the Top, including but not limited to interviews, surveys, document review, focus groups, and site visits and will report on progress twice a year on the performance measures as identified in the RFP.

6. The LEA will administer and use Race to the Top program funds in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and applications, including the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) section 442.