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**Upcoming Opportunity:
California English Language Development Test (CELDT)
Content Review Panel and Bias and Sensitivity Review Panel**

In October 2009, two panels of California educators will be convened to review new CELDT test questions for future CELDT editions. The CELDT Content Review Panel, which will meet in Sacramento for a two-day meeting on October 15-16, 2009, will review the test questions for characteristics such as alignment with the relevant English Language Development (ELD) standards, accuracy, clarity, and difficulty. The Content Review Panel will include California teachers and postsecondary faculty with expertise in ELD and/or second language acquisition. The CELDT Bias and Sensitivity Review Panel will meet in Sacramento for a one-day meeting on October 20, 2009, to review test questions for potential bias and sensitivity issues, such as language, symbols, or examples that are biased or potentially offensive, inappropriate, or negative toward any group. This panel will include California teachers of English learners and other educators who represent the ethnic, gender, linguistic, geographical, and cultural diversity of California's student population.

Panel members will be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with state travel rules and rates, and school districts will be reimbursed for the costs of substitute teachers (if needed). No honorarium or stipend will be paid.

The online application to indicate interest in serving on one of these panels is expected to be available in mid- to late-June. Applications will be due August 16. If you are interested in serving on either of these panels, please make a note to check the CELDT Web site (www.celdt.org) in June or July to complete the application. (Note: If you applied but were not selected to be a CELDT item writer, you will be given the option of submitting a new application or asking us to use your previous application and completing an addendum. An e-mail will be sent to you with this information by late-June.)

Sincerely,

CELDT Project Team
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