

2005–06 Local Systemic Change Instructions for Sample Selection for Multiple-District Projects*

Core Evaluation Questions V (Supportiveness of Context) and VI (Institutionalization of LSC Reforms) focus on the context of the targeted LSC districts. PIs are asked to complete the District Policy Ratings for each targeted district and use them to discuss with the Lead Evaluator the policy ratings for the project as a whole. However, LSC projects that target four or more districts may wish to select a sample of three districts on which to focus.

If the decision is made to select a sample, the PI and Lead Evaluator should choose three districts that are representative of the total group of districts and follow them for the remainder of the project. Consider the following factors in selecting the sample:

- Size of the district;
- Demographics—e.g., urbanicity, student population; and
- Contextual factors such as previous reform efforts, supportiveness of the system, extent of involvement in and support of LSC reforms.

* These instructions apply to LSC projects that target *more than three* districts.