

Newsletter Announcement

In association with the U.S. Department of Education's International Research Studies (IRS) Program, JBL Associates, Inc. (JBLA) and the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) are developing a database of all projects funded by this program since 1958. CAL and JBLA are currently gathering data to build the database. The project includes an evaluation component that will investigate the impact of the funded projects on the foreign language teaching and learning field. The database will also inform potential applicants as well as the Department of Education in determining needs and priorities for future funding.

This project will build on previous efforts to collect information on IRS funded projects. The public database will provide investigators with a history as well as other data such as the availability of developed products, and contact information.

In order to provide a database that is as complete as possible, CAL and JBLA are talking with principal investigators, authors and project directors about the project histories and asking a series of short questions about project impact and influence. Professionals with direct knowledge and understanding of specific IRS funded projects will be contacted through August 2008 and asked to provide their specialized knowledge.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this project, please call or email JBL Associates, Inc. or the Center for Applied Linguistics at the phone numbers or email addresses below.

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