

**SFA Modernization Partner Project**  
**LEGACY CONTRACT**  
**TRANSITION PLAN**  
National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)



**Part 3**  
**Recommendation and Timetable**  
**For Transition Plan for NSLDS**

**Source Selection Information – See FAR 3.104**

**Recommendation:**

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) should seek a sole source, eighteen (18) month extension, through December 31, 2001, (with 2 additional six-month option periods) on Raytheon's current contract to meet requirements for maintenance, operations, technical support, systems, software, and documentation support for the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). The NSLDS is at the center of a larger system designed to deliver billions of dollars of Federal financial assistance to students pursuing a post-secondary education.

The proposed extension is a follow-on contract for continued technical assistance and software support for the NSLDS. A new solicitation and the award of a new contract for NSLDS services at this time would result in substantial disruption in the services provided under NSLDS. A disruption in services would have a nation-wide impact, resulting in the failure to adequately service over 7 million students receiving approximately \$50 billion in student aid. Student Financial Assistance (SFA) is developing a modernization plan that will affect all systems in SFA, including the NSLDS system. SFA recently awarded a contract to Andersen Consulting to serve as a Modernization Partner to assist in the final development and implementation of the modernization plan. Andersen Consulting has identified 23 major initiatives to be included in the implementation of the modernization plan which will result in major changes to all of the existing (legacy) systems within SFA.

The initiatives which will have a significant impact on the NSLDS are shown below (See Part 2, Product and Services Release Plan Initiatives Affecting NSLDS, for detailed supporting information).

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Advanced Call Center	Feb 00	Jun 01
Data Warehouse	Apr 00	Aug 01
Enterprise Integration	Apr 00	Sep 01
Information Security	May 00	Jun 01
Web Portals	Feb 00	Apr 01
Single Identifier (PIN)	Oct 00	Sep 01
FMS Phase III (Full Functionality)	Aug 00	Sep 01

Affects on NSLDS - Because NSLDS is a database that provides a major interface between borrowers, schools, lenders, Guarantee Agencies, other Government Agencies and Private Sector entities with SFA programs, the implementation of these initiative will have a major impact on NSLDS.

See timeline attached.