

**DATE:** November 15, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Race to the Top Implementation Status

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has been responsible for implementing several projects of the state's First to the Top initiatives, managing \$23 million in funding. THEC has been working closely with institutions of higher education and the Tennessee Department of Education to ensure that the work aligns with the overall goals of education reform.

Staff will give an update on current First to the Top activities including the implementation of the Tennessee Value-Added System training modules for higher education faculty.