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By the Way . . . California Loses Out on Race to the Top Competition

Once again, California ended up empty handed in the second round of the Race to the Top grant competition, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Nine states and the District of Columbia were selected to split the remaining \$3.4 billion, of which California would have received as much as \$700 million.

Florida, Georgia , Hawaii , Massachusetts , Maryland , New York , North Carolina , Ohio , Rhode Island , and Washington , D.C. , were selected out of the 19 finalists named in July. California 's unique application was prepared by Superintendents of several school districts who have shown major strides in improving student test scores and closing the achievement gap. It is disappointing, to say the least.

**To read the *L.A. Times* article detailing CA's failing bid for RTTT monies, click here: <<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/08/california-loses-bid-for-obama-administration-race-to-the-top-school-reform-grant.html>>