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DEAF, Inc. and a team of national partners led by University of Texas and Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk have been awarded a \$20 million, 5-year federal grant to establish the National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes.

St. Louis, MO - Deaf Empowerment Awareness Foundation, Inc., (DEAF, Inc.), a premiere provider of advocacy and interpreting services to the deaf/hard of hearing community in the St. Louis area has been selected as a grant sub-awardee by the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin led by Dr. Stephanie Cawthon and Dr. Carrie Lou Garberoglio. It is one of the largest grants ever awarded by the Department of Education to support technical assistance and professional development in special education.

The National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes (NDC) is a \$20 million, five-year program that will fund a consortium of several institutions including DEAF, Inc. focused on improving post-secondary education outcomes for the deaf and hard of hearing. Dr. Thomas P. Horejes, Executive Director of DEAF, Inc. states that “this is an outstanding opportunity for DEAF, Inc. to focus a significant portion of our efforts on the deaf students who are transitioning from secondary through post-secondary education. All too often these students are not as successful as they could be in making that transition or succeeding in a post-secondary environment. This funding allows us to extend our reach to include this student segment. With DEAF, Inc.’s continued focus on youth and family, this grant supports our mission very well.”

“Dr. Cawthon will lead a strong collaborative national team of researchers and practitioners,” said Manuel J. Justiz, dean of the College of Education. “The project is well-positioned to draw upon extensive experience, data-driven research and scholarship in the field.”

About DEAF, Inc.

DEAF, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created by deaf individuals with the mission to Empower, raise Awareness, and bridge a sustainable Foundation of communication and equal access to both the deaf/hard of hearing and the hearing communities in the St. Louis metro area.

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