

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Committee Review Results - Application for Exemption: **Michael Hock**

Policy on Restricted Research

Title of project: RFP: Regional Educational Laboratory – REL Central**Name of principal investigator or project director:**

Michael Hock, Associate Scientist/Director, CRL for Research on Learning

Source or sources of funds for support of project:

Institute for Educational Sciences, USDE

Requested exemption for:

- "Dual use" science or technology that has primarily harmful consequences for human beings
- Restrictions on Research:
- Extended delay of Publication
- Total or Indefinite Delay of Publication (includes approval for publication)
- Limitation of access by foreign scholars, faculty, or staff
- Restriction of access to campus facilities

Action by the Restricted Research Committee:

- Involves unique University capabilities.
- Has very substantial scholarly or educational benefits.
- Constitutes a very substantial public service.

Justification:

The overall aim of this project is to join with other state and local agencies to form a regional education laboratory (REL) where new ideas about education can be quickly tested in practice. There are 10 RELs in the United States, and this REL will pair university researchers at KU with those in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska North and South Dakota and Wyoming, as well as teacher practitioners, local education leaders and parents. They have identified a number of critical issues that need to be addressed including early childhood readiness, and improved communication among educators, parents and community leaders. The contract includes language indicating that dissemination of results may go through the agency and thus may result in delayed publication. The REL program has been in existence since the 1960s and in practice they have produced high quality publications and encourage the faculty to publish. The committee was not concerned about the potential publication delays and voted unanimously to accept this exemption based upon the substantial public service provided.

Date of Referral: 3/11/2016**Approval Date:** 3/25/2016**Committee:**

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