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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity from the Office of Education Improvement & Innovation

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce a Statewide System of Support for High Priority Schools Combined Technical Assistance Grant opportunity. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), requires state education agencies to develop and implement a support system for schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring (High Priority Schools). The Statewide System of Support (SSoS) is the MDE's system that meets these federal requirements. The goal of the Combined Technical Assistance Grant is to combine the fiscal administration of the SSoS with coordination and support efforts for the SSoS and related activities and services.

The successful bidder will be responsible for facilitating the funding mechanism for the services and activities to be supported through this grant, and will provide primary fiscal management for these services and activities as coordinated through the MDE's Office of Education Improvement and Innovation (OEII). In addition, the successful bidder will be responsible for implementing training, technical assistance, and other activities to support continuous improvement in Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under the ESEA.

Any Intermediate School District (ISD), Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), or an organization representing ISDs/RESAs with demonstrated experience in providing the services requested, are encouraged to submit a proposal. The anticipated total amount of this grant is up to \$21,700,000 each year and is subject to change based on the needs of the OEII.

Funding will be effective following the approval of the grant award by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The funding period is twelve months beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011 and in one year increments thereafter. Based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds, the project and yearly funding may continue up to five years.

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A conference call and webinar is scheduled for July 7, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss the work to be performed and to give the applicants an opportunity to ask questions. The applicant's conference call is for information only. If you wish to participate in this conference call, please contact Bill Witt at wittb1@michigan.gov.

Questions regarding the Combined Technical Assistance Grant may be directed to Mark Coscarella, Interim Supervisor and Bill Witt, Consultant, Office of Education Improvement & Innovation. Both may be reached at (517) 373-8480. You may also contact them using their e-mail addresses. Mr. Coscarella's e-mail address is coscarellam@michigan.gov and Mr. Witt's e-mail address is noted above.

Attachment

cc: William Mayes, MASA
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR THE STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH PRIORITY SCHOOLS COMBINED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Organization: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

Please submit this form no later than July 6, 2010 to assist Michigan Department of Education staff in determining the number of reviewers that will be necessary.

Submission of this notice is not a prerequisite for application of grant funds, nor does it obligate the organization to submit an application. Attendance at the Technical Assistance Workshop is suggested to determine if your organization qualifies for the grant program.

Please mail, email, or fax this form to:

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