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MEMORANDUM

TO: Institutions of Higher Education, Intermediate and Local School District Directors of Special Education, Public School Academies, Public and Private Agencies/Companies/Corporations, For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Professional Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Ph.D., Director
Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal for a State Discretionary Project: Integrated Behavior and Learning Support

The State Board of Education has approved criteria for a state discretionary project titled, "Integrated Behavior and Learning Support," under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Purpose: The grant will provide assistance to schools, with a special focus on under-performing schools, in the use of research-based strategies to support student behavior and learning. Teacher assistance teams and positive behavior support models will be integrated to achieve improved student outcomes in behavior and academic performance. The focus is on all students, school-wide strategies, and capacity building for continuous improvement.

Funding: The total amount of the project is up to \$500,000 per year for the first year. Subsequent years, up to a total of five years, may be up to \$1,000,000 per year.

Proposal Due: The proposals will be due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2003.

Project Duration: The project duration is anticipated to be January 15, 2003, or upon award, through September 30, 2003 for the initial funding period and is contingent upon the Superintendent's approval. Based on satisfactory performance and availability of federal funds, the project and annual funding may continue for up to five years.

Eligibility: Institutions of Higher Education, Intermediate and Local School Districts, Public School Academies, Public and Private Agencies/Companies/Corporations, For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Professional Organizations, and Other Interested Parties.

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Application: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for this project, please contact Ms. Linda VanHorn at (517) 241-4517 prior to the due date, or access our website at: <http://www.michigan.gov>

If you have any questions regarding the competitive bid procedures or process, please contact Ms. Linda Domine at (517) 373-6309. If your questions pertain to the project's purpose or intent, please contact the project manager listed in the RFP.

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