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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents, Public School Academies Administrators and Institutes of Higher Education

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *aw*

SUBJECT: ARRA - Teacher Quality Partnership Grants

An application for the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) program is available from the U.S. Department of Education through Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The TQP program seeks to improve the quality of new teachers working in high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) and high-need schools by creating successful and high quality model Pre-Baccalaureate Teacher Preparation programs and/or Teaching Residency programs for those qualified to begin teaching. Projects may also include a school leadership component to train superintendents, principals, early childhood educator program directors and other school leaders in high-need or rural LEAs. Initiatives to support development of digital education content, to improve the quality of pre-baccalaureate teacher preparation programs, and/or to enhance the quality of pre-service training for prospective teachers are also supported.

An eligible grant applicant is a partnership that includes, at a minimum:

1. A high-need local education agency (LEA),
2. A high-need school or a consortium of high-need schools served by the high-need LEA and/or, as applicable, a high-need early childhood education program,
3. A partner institution of higher education,
4. A school, department, or program of education within such partner institution, which may include an existing teacher professional development program with proven outcomes within a four-year institution of higher education that provides intensive and sustained collaboration between faculty and LEAs consistent with the requirements of the law, and
5. A school or department of arts and sciences within such partner institution.

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The partnership may also include the governor of the state, a business and other types of educational entities, e.g., state board of education, charter school, or teacher organization.

The Notice of Intent to apply is due June 26, 2009. The application deadline is July 23, 2009. Applications must be submitted electronically through the e-GRANTS system at <http://e-grants.ed.gov/>. Through this site you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application to the U.S. Department of Education. You will not be able to e-mail an electronic copy of the grant.

You may access additional information on the TQP Program at www.michigan.gov/mde-recovery.

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