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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: No Child Left Behind, Competitive Sub-grants to Eligible Partnerships Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Program

TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) administers the competitive grants for Math and Science Partnerships (MSP) under Title II, Part B. Title II, Part B of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) authorized the MSP program as an avenue to improve student academic achievement in mathematics and science by improving teacher content knowledge and skills in these curricular areas. Partnerships between High Need School Districts and the Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) faculty in institutions of higher education are at the core of these improvement efforts, and are a requirement of the program. Other partners may include public charter schools, public or private elementary or secondary schools, or a consortium of such schools, businesses, and nonprofit or for-profit organizations concerned with mathematics and science education.

Through this memo which requests project proposals, the Wyoming Department of Education solicits partnership applications for funds to be used to provide high quality professional development opportunities in the core academic subjects of mathematics and science to ensure that teachers and highly qualified paraprofessionals improve their subject matter knowledge in the academic subjects that they teach.

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The Math Science Partnership Request for Proposal is available online at <http://gms.edu.wyoming.gov/wdeGMSWeb/logon.aspx> . All Wyoming school districts and the University of Wyoming have access to the system. If you are an eligible partner, wish to complete an application, and do not have a password, please follow the “click here” link to request new GMS user access.

Wyoming has \$670,666.00 available to be awarded to qualified applicants on a competitive basis. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2013, and awards will be made on or about February 1, 2014. The award period will be February, 2014, to September 30, 2015. Awards are expected to range upward from \$50,000.

Please note that a partnership must include:

- an engineering, mathematics, science, or technology department of an institution of higher education; and
- a high need school district (listed in the application overview section, “project scope” and “eligibility” tabs) is required for funding, but other districts may join a partnership that includes a high-need district, and are strongly encouraged to do so. Additional information regarding other possible partners, funding guidance, and other requirements of Title II, Part B is provided in the application.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to impact the professional development of the educators in the State of Wyoming in order to improve the academic achievement of students.

If we can provide additional help, please feel free to contact Anne at (307) 682-4550 or aochsgrants@yahoo.com or Carol at (307) 777-8715 or carol.illian@wyo.gov