MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-110

TO: School District Superintendents
       Professional Development Coordinators
       Institutions of Higher Education
       Educational Organizations
       Businesses

FROM: Jona Fletcher, Title II, Part B, Program Manager

DATE: September 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Competitive MSP Program Sub-Grants

MATH AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM SUB-GRANTS AVAILABLE

PROPOSALS DUE OCTOBER 30

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is soliciting competitive grant proposals for Math and Science Partnerships (MSP) under No Child Left Behind Title II, Part B (II-B). II-B enables the MSP program to improve student achievement in math and science by improving teacher and paraprofessional subject matter knowledge.

Wyoming has $721,779.00 available to award to qualified applicants on a competitive basis. Proposals are due on October 30, 2015 by 5:00 p.m., and awards will be made as soon as possible after November 30, 2015. The award period will be December 2015, to September 30, 2017. Awards are expected to range upward from $50,000.

The program requires partnerships between high-need school districts and faculty involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) from institutions of higher education. Other partnerships 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.

The MSP Request for Proposal is available online at http://gms.edu.wyoming.gov/wdeGMSWeb/logon.aspx. All Wyoming school districts and the University of Wyoming can access the system. If you are an eligible partner, and wish to complete an application, but do not already have an account, please follow the “click here” button to request access.
Projects applying for renewal will be required to fill out the entire grant application.

Partnerships must include:
- An institution of higher education that offers STEM programs
- A high-need school district (listed in the attached document)

Other districts may join a partnership that includes a high-need district, and are strongly encouraged to do so. Further information regarding other possible partners, funding guidance, and other requirements of II-B can be found at: http://goo.gl/yKpvna.

You are encouraged to apply for the MSP sub-grant so that high quality professional development can be provided to educators in your district.

For more information, please contact Jona Fletcher at 307-777-6208 or jona.fletcher1@wyo.gov.

Attachment:
High-Need Districts