MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-111

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

FROM: Jona Fletcher, Title II-A, Program Manager

DATE: September 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Teacher/Leader Quality Sub-Grants

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COMPETITIVE TEACHER/LEADER QUALITY SUB-GRANTS AVAILABLE
PROPOSALS DUE OCTOBER 30

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is requesting project proposals from educational agencies and schools, as well as from the business community in order to award funding for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grants. The WDE administers competitive grants as authorized by the NCLB act, under Title II, Part A, Subpart 3 (II-A Subpart 3). II-A Subpart 3 is designed to improve student achievement through proven tactics, and to hold local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student achievement.

Wyoming has $268,128.00 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 1, 2015 to September 30, 2017. Awards are expected to range upward from $25,000.

Proposals must consist of high quality professional development opportunities in core subject areas for teachers, principals, and highly-qualified paraprofessionals. These opportunities must be in partnership with institutions of higher education.

The project proposal form is available online at: http://gms.edu.wyoming.gov/wdeGMSWeb/logon.aspx

This form can be accessed by all Wyoming school districts, staff at the University of Wyoming, and community colleges that offer educator preparation programs. If you are eligible to apply for the grant, but cannot currently access the form, please follow the "click here" button to request new GMS user access.
Partnerships must include:

- An institution of higher education that offers educator preparation programs
- An institution of arts and sciences
- A high-need local educational agency (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-A Subpart 3 can be found at: [http://goo.gl/IysEFv](http://goo.gl/IysEFv).

For partnership opportunities, please contact Janie Nirider at 307-856-9443 or tlq4wy@gmail.com.

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Attachment:
High-Need LEAs