



NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS PROGRAM SY 2008-2009

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to provide Supplemental Educational Services to eligible students. These eligible students are in Title I schools that have been identified as in need of improvement for the second year. The purpose of these services is to increase the academic achievement of students in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science. These services may include academic assistance such as tutoring and remediation. Supplemental Educational Services, as authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), must be high quality, research-based and specifically designed to increase student academic achievement.

The NCLB Act requires that the OSSE, also referred to as the State Education Agency (SEA), promote maximum participation by providers to ensure, to the extent practicable, that parents have as many choices as possible to select a provider that best meets the need(s) of their child (ren). The District of Columbia Approved Supplemental Service Provider (ASSP) list is updated annually to give new providers an opportunity to demonstrate how their organization meets the requirements. Providers must maintain eligibility requirements in order to remain on the ASSP list.

Eligibility: Providers of supplemental educational services may be individuals, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, high-performing schools, or Local Education Agencies (LEAs). The term *provider* is defined as a non-profit entity, a for-profit entity, or a school district/school making adequate yearly progress. Entities eligible to apply to provide supplemental educational services may include, but are not limited to (1) community agencies; (2) faith-based organizations; (3) charter schools; (4) private schools; (5) public schools; (6) libraries; (7) individuals; (8) child care centers; (9) community colleges; (10) universities; (11) private companies; (12) on-line schools; (13) family literacy programs/Even Start programs.

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on Friday, June 20, 2008 and the deadline for submission is Monday, July 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The RFA will be available on the OSSE website at www.osse.dc.gov. You may also contact the OSSE at (202) 741-6401 to obtain a copy of the RFA.

Applicants are **required** to participate in one of three Mandatory Pre-Application Conferences on Friday, June 27, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; or Wednesday, July 2, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Failure to participate in a Pre-Application Conference will disqualify applicants.**

For additional information regarding this competition and/or to RSVP, please contact Ashaki Goodall at (202) 741-6401 or via email at ashaki.goodall@dc.gov.