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To: New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education

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Deadline: Applications Due February 29, 2024

Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO): Expanding Computer Science Professional Learning

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the release of the *Expanding Computer Science Professional Learning Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO)*. The NGO will establish three geographically distributed computer science professional learning hubs (Computer Science Hubs) to promote the expansion of computer science education at local education agencies (LEAs) by providing computer science professional learning for preservice and in-service teachers, as well as school administrators. The professional learning programs must be aligned with the disciplinary concepts, core ideas, performance expectations, and practices of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Computer Science (NJSLS-CS) as defined in standard 8.1.

Eligibility to Apply
Two-year and four-year New Jersey institutions of higher education (IHEs) are eligible to apply for the program. An eligible IHE must apply on behalf of a partnership that includes a minimum of three New Jersey LEAs. The partnership must include at least one eligible LEA that received FY2024 funding under Title I, Part A of the federal ESEA as amended by ESSA.

Goals of this Grant Opportunity

- Increase the number of well-prepared, high-quality educators from diverse backgrounds available to teach computer science.
- Provide professional learning, resources, and support for LEAs to continue implementing the NJSLS-CS across grades K–12.
- Expand equitable access to high-quality, standards-based computer science education for all K–12 students.

The 10-month grant period will be from June 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, with an initial planning period from June 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024. The total funds available are $900,000. Three awards will be made. Applicants may apply for up to $300,000 each.

NGO Application Deadline Dates
The Expanding Computer Science Professional Learning NGO application is available to LEAs through the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system available via NJDOE's Homeroom starting February 5, 2024. LEAs are required to submit applications by February 29, 2024.

Technical Assistance Webinar
A webinar to support LEAs with the application process will be held by NJDOE staff on February 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. E.T. Please register on the NJDOE calendar of events by February 14, 2024.

Contact Information
For questions regarding computer science education, including questions regarding the *Expanding Computer Science Professional Learning NGO*, please contact computerscience@doe.nj.gov.

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