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NJDOE to Sponsor Workshop for Prospective Supplemental Educational Services Providers

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Title I Program Planning and Accountability will hold technical assistance workshops for organizations interested in qualifying as supplemental educational services (SES) providers on Monday, January 24, 2005.

The half-day workshops will be held at the PSE&G Training and Development Center, 234 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ. Morning and afternoon sessions will be available to accommodate interested applicants. Attendees must register on-line at http://education.state.nj.us/events

Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, schools receiving federal Title I assistance that do not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) are required to use some of their Title I funds to provide low-income students with supplemental educational services, defined as additional academic assistance, tutoring and remedial services after school, on weekends or during the summer.

The schools must offer parents of eligible students the option to receive supplemental educational services from a state-approved provider.

Those eligible to apply to qualify as SES providers include, but are not limited to, the following types of organizations:

- Community agencies
- Charter schools (except those identified as in need of improvement)
- Private schools
- Individuals
- Child care centers
- Public schools (except those identified as in need of improvement)
- Libraries
- Community colleges
- Private companies
- On-line schools
- Family literacy programs
- Faith-based organizations

The technical assistance sessions will include information about the application process, the background and provision of supplemental educational services, and the monitoring expectations. Prospective applicants can access the Request for Proposal at the following web address: <u>http://www.nj.gov/njded/title1/info/</u>

New Jersey has established an application process based on the following criteria:

- A demonstrated record of effectiveness in improving student academic achievement.
- Documentation that the instructional strategies used by the provider are high quality, based upon research, and designed to increase student academic achievement.
- Evidence that services are consistent with the state academic content standards.
- Evidence that the provider is financially sound.

The current list of approved supplemental educational services providers is posted on NJDOE's Web site.

For more information on the workshop, please contact the Title I Office at SES@doe.nj.gov