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Technical Assistance Workshop Scheduled **DOE Releases Application for Supplemental Educational Services Providers**

The New Jersey Department of Education has released the new application for organizations interested in serving as New Jersey Title I Supplemental Educational Services providers beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

Current SES providers who were initially approved in 2005 and 2006 and whose two-year approval will expire on Aug. 31, 2008 must submit a renewal application if they wish to continue providing SES for another two-year period beginning on Sept. 1, 2008. The application is available on the Department of Education's Web-site at the following link:

www.nj.gov/njded/title1/program/ss/

The term "supplemental educational services" or SES refers to free extra academic help, such as tutoring or remedial help, that is provided to eligible low income students attending schools designated as "in need of improvement." Services are in subjects such as reading, language arts, and math and are required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

To assist prospective applicants, the Department of Education is holding two technical assistance sessions for the purpose of providing information on the application process, the background and provision of SES, and the state's monitoring and reporting expectations.

Sessions have been scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2008 (snow day Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008) at the New Jersey Department of Education, Judge Robert L. Carter Building, 100 River View Plaza, in Trenton. Those who attend my register online at the following link:

<http://education.state.nj.us/events>

Technical assistance for new applicants will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., followed by an information session from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Technical assistance for renewal applicants will begin with registration at 12:30, followed by an information session from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each application will be reviewed by a panel of independent readers, and then scored. Each application meeting the scoring criteria will be offered an opportunity to provide SES assistance.

Entities eligible to apply to provide SES 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 and universities
- Private companies
- On-line schools
- Family literacy programs
- Faith-based organizations

The current list of approved SES providers is posted on the Department of Education Web site at the following address:

<http://www.nj.gov/njded/title1/program/ss/search.shtml>

A list of current providers who are required to file renewal applications is also available on the Web site.