

## **NJDOE News**

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## Application Period Begins for Title I Supplemental Educational Services Providers; Technical Assistance Workshop Scheduled for New and Renewal Applicants

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has opened a new application period for organizations interested in serving as New Jersey Title I Supplemental Educational Services (SES) providers during the 2010-2011 school year. The biennial renewal application period for providers whose approval expires on August 31, 2010 has also opened.

The application period is open from December 17, 2009 until Friday, February 26, 2010 at noon. The Notice of Application is available on the NJDOE Web site at <a href="http://www.nj.gov/education/title1/program/ss/">http://www.nj.gov/education/title1/program/ss/</a>.

A provider of SES may be any public or private (non-profit or for-profit) entity that meets the regulatory criteria for approval. Public schools (including charter schools), private schools, districts, educational service agencies, institutions of higher education, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, business groups, and individuals are among the types of entities that may apply..

NJDOE has scheduled a technical assistance session for new and renewal applicants to learn about the application process, the background and provision of SES and the monitoring and reporting expectations. This session will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, January 14, 2010 (with a snow date of Friday, January 15, 2010) at the (name of building), 1st floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, NJ. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon. A question and answer session with key Title I staff will begin at 1 p.m.

All attendees must register on-line at <a href="http://education.state.nj.us/events">http://education.state.nj.us/events</a>. The morning session is for SES provider applicants and renewals only; the afternoon session is for any active or prospective SES Provider.

Supplemental educational services are required under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) school improvement process. The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) defines SES as additional academic assistance for low-income students who attend Title I schools that are designated as in need of improvement.

The USDE requires schools that do not improve or meet state standards to use a portion of their Title I funds to provide children additional help. Additional help means paying for SES, which is tutoring or remedial services, outside of the regular school day, defined as before or after school, on weekends, or during the summer.