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Title I Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Provider Annual Application Period for NEW Providers

Technical Assistance Workshop to be Held for NEW SES Applicants

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has opened the annual application period for agencies and individuals interested in serving as New Jersey Title I Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

The 2011-2012 SES Provider Application is for NEW APPLICANTS ONLY.

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, state approved New Jersey Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers will no longer be required to submit a Biennial Renewal Application. Current NJ SES Providers will receive detailed information on the renewal process shortly.

The application period for NEW SES Providers is open from December 14, 2010 until Monday, February 28, 2011 at noon. The Notice of Application is available on the NJDOE Web site at www.nj.gov/njded/title1/program/ss/.

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 to the NJDOE for approval to provide SES. All potential providers are held to the same evaluation and approval criteria.

To assist new applicants, the NJDOE is holding a Technical Assistance Session. The Technical Assistance Session includes information about the application process, the background and provisions of SES and the monitoring and reporting expectations. This session will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at the New Jersey Department of Education, 1st floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, NJ. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon. All attendees must register on-line at <http://education.state.nj.us/events>. Space is limited; therefore, no more than two representatives from each organization can be accommodated. The snow date is Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Supplemental Educational Services is a program required under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). 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 for two or more years. This additional academic assistance is designed to provide opportunities for students to increase their level of academic achievement on state tests, particularly in language arts literacy, mathematics and science. Title I schools that are in improvement status must offer parents of eligible students the option to receive SES from a state-approved provider. The USDE requires districts with schools that do not meet state standards to use 20% of their Title I funds to provide income eligible children with additional help. Additional help means paying for tutoring or remedial services, outside of the regular school day. SES could take place before school, after school, on weekends, or during the summer.

The application process for NEW SES providers is based on the following criteria:

- A research-based academic program with a demonstrated record of effectiveness in improving student academic achievement in subjects relevant to meeting the State's academic content and student academic achievement standards (Math, Language Arts Literacy and Science).
- Capacity to provide professional instructional services that are of high quality; designed to increase student academic achievement; consistent with the instructional program of New Jersey school districts; aligned with state academic content and student academic achievement standards; and are secular, neutral and non-ideological.
- Evidence that the provider is organizationally and financially sound.

- Evidence of the capacity to deliver professional services consistent with applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and civil rights laws.
- Information regarding whether the agency has been removed from any other state-approved SES Provider list.
- Data regarding the success of the instructional program in increasing student achievement.
- Other state requirements such as an approved New Jersey Business Registration, a minimum of \$1,000,000 insurance coverage, criminal history clearance for all agency representatives, signed program assurances, and other health and safety requirements relevant to working directly with children.

The current list of approved SES providers is posted on the NJDOE Web site at <http://www.nj.gov/education/title1/program/ss/providers/apprv-1011/>.

Information to Review and Consider Before Applying to Become an SES Provider in New Jersey

- NCLB <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg2.html#ses>
- USDOE non-regulatory guidance on SES: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/suppsvcsguid.doc>
- Education Industry Association Code of Professional Conduct and Business Ethics for Supplemental Educational Services Providers: <http://www.educationindustry.org/assets/2010-eia-code-of-ethics.pdf>
- New Jersey Business Registration Certification: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/gettingregistered.htm>
- 2010 SES Provider Application: <http://www.nj.gov/education/title1/program/ss/application.pdf>

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