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TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Melinda Crowley

RE: 2004-05 NCLB: Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Grant Program [RFA/RFP]
(Title II, Part D of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act)

Federal EETT grant funding has been authorized for distribution to eligible school districts. The EETT program provides annual formula funding as well as competitive opportunities. Approximately \$29.3 million has been approved to support local projects in the current fiscal year. Formal applications have been posted on the Office of Educational Technology website (<http://www.doe.firm.edu/edtech/>). Specific program participation guidelines and funding options are prescribed within two separate applications (EETT Part I-entitlement and EETT Part II-competitive). **October 19, 2004 has been established as the due date for submission of 2004-05 EETT competitive proposals.** A seven week application period has been established to facilitate participation by districts significantly impacted by Hurricane Charley. If your district is in the impact area and you feel that meeting the established deadline will not be feasible, please notify the Office of Educational Technology in writing by September 13.

The EETT program has been designed to promote “*technology literacy*” among students, teachers, and school administrators. Identifying and infusing research-based instructional tools and training methods are also key objectives of this national initiative. Helping teachers acquire the skills needed to appropriately integrate technology into the curriculum is an important aspect of the EETT program. Developing and maintaining an effective district level technology planning process is critical to achieving long-term goals of the EETT program. District technology plan content guidelines and development resources are available on the Office of Educational Technology website.

Providing equitable technology-enhanced learning opportunities for all students is essential in the 21st Century, and we look forward to your continued participation in this exciting program. As with all federal grant programs, it is important to address program planning and accountability expectations in a timely manner. If you or staff in your district have questions or require special assistance regarding the referenced project applications, program planning requirements, or project related interim and final reporting expectations, please contact Charles Proctor at: 850/245-0514, SC 205-0514, e-mail: Charles.Proctor@fldoe.org.

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