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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Exceptional Student Education

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman

DATE: November 18, 2005

**SUBJECT: 2006-07 Challenge Grants for the Gifted Collaborative Curriculum Projects:
Call for Applications – Revised Date**

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We are pleased to inform you that in support of the Florida Department of Education's imperatives to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning, the Department has allocated \$100,000 for this year's Challenge Grant, Collaborative Curriculum Projects. This grant is available on a competitive basis to school districts. The attached guidelines and request for applications provide detailed information. **Please note that this is a new due date for this grant.**

We appreciate your interest in this program and look forward to the implementation of outstanding programs for Florida's gifted students.

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Attachments

cc: University Lab School Directors
Contact Persons, Programs for the Gifted
Renee Speisman, ISRD
2005-06 Collaborative Curriculum Project Grant Recipients

BAMBI J. LOCKMAN

Chief

Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

Guidelines for Application for the Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grants

The Collaborative Curriculum Projects are intended to promote an innovative redesign of instruction and improved academic performance of students who are gifted through collaboration between gifted students or teachers and other students, colleagues, mentors, or agencies. It is expected that this collaboration will enhance instruction and the academic performance of gifted students. Collaboration may be with general education classrooms, classrooms for students with disabilities, other gifted classes, other schools or school districts, professionals in a particular field who are willing to become mentors and share expertise, colleges or universities, museums, and laboratories. These collaborative projects may involve face-to-face interaction and coordination through the use of technology such as the internet. Projects involving general education students need to ensure the collaboration will support the achievement of the gifted learners.

Your district or teachers in your district are invited to submit an application. Applications must

- contain the original signature of the superintendent
- be submitted with the original and four copies (Faxes will not be accepted. It is not necessary to include copies of the instructions or appendices.)
- be received at the Florida Department of Education by the close-of-business on or before **January 13, 2006**
- be prepared following the guidelines in the 2006-07 Challenge Grant Collaborative Curriculum Projects Application Instructions
- be typewritten or word processed using a font size no smaller than 12
- include correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Each district may submit a maximum of five applications. Applications will be reviewed using criteria specified on the Reviewer Rating Sheet attached to the application instructions. We anticipate notifying applicants of the review outcome in May 2006. The effective dates for all approved projects will be July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

Applicants are encouraged to file a notice of intent to apply. Frequently asked questions, clarifications, changes or addenda will be provided to those filing notice of intent.

The amount of funding awarded to any one project will be based on the estimated costs of the proposed program; however, a maximum of \$10,000.00 will be awarded to each project. Funding will be competitive and based on the recommendations of a review team, contingent upon the Governor's signature of approval on the General Appropriations Act. Consideration will be given to geographical distribution throughout the state, with a minimum of 20% of the funds allocated to the 34 districts that participate in the Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRDR).

Applications should be submitted by **January 13, 2006**, to:

Grants Management/Challenge Grants
Florida Department of Education
Turlington Building, Room 325
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400