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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: February 4, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011 RACE TO THE TOP VENDOR FAIR

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As you know, Race to the Top is designed to encourage and reward participants for creating conditions for education innovation and reform; achieving significant improvement in student outcomes, including making substantial gains in student achievement, closing achievement gaps, improving high school graduation rates, and ensuring student preparation for success in college and careers; and implementing ambitious plans in core education reform areas.

The Department of Education is committed to ensuring school districts have a single location by which they can preview existing products and services to meet their unique needs. More than 100 national and local vendors are committed to showcasing their products and services at the upcoming 2011 Race to the Top Vendor Fair and we invite district and school level administrators who have the capacity to make decisions about what is needed for Race to the Top implementation in their districts to attend. A list and short description of vendors is available at www.fldoe.org/arra/racetothetop.asp.

There are no admission costs for districts. Costs to districts associated with this event are limited to travel expenses only.

2011 Race to the Top Vendor Fair
The Doubletree Hotel at the Entrance to Universal
Orlando, FL
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST

DR. FRANCES HAITHCOCK
CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To register for this event, please complete the “Commitment to Attend” registration at <http://data.fldoe.org/register/rtttdistrict/default.cfm>. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-327-2110 or by visiting www.doubletreeorlando.com. Special rates are available until February 11, 2011. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Sonya G. Morris at Sonya.Morris@fldoe.org or (850) 245-9614.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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