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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: School District Superintendents Presidents of Public and Private Universities and Colleges

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: September 27, 2013

## **SUBJECT: Mathematics and Science Partnership Request for Proposals** (K-12 Mathematics)

We are pleased to provide you with electronic access to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Mathematics and Science Partnership application. The documents provide guidance and instructions necessary to apply for competitive funding to establish a partnership consisting of a high-need local education agency, as defined in the RFP; science, mathematics and engineering departments within public or private universities and colleges; and other partners, as described in the RFP. The focus of the RFP is teacher training opportunities through intensive, enhanced and ongoing professional development for K-12 mathematics teachers to increase content knowledge of such teachers as well as strategies for integration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts and instruction. In addition to the focus on increasing teacher content knowledge, the training should also include the development of STEM lessons based on 2014-15 mathematics course descriptions for grades K-12 that integrate STEM concepts and activities in an applied fashion, including the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects, the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Science, and the National Educational Technology Standards.

Questions concerning the RFP should be directed in writing to Jackie Speake by email at Jackie.Speake@fldoe.org. All questions with answers and information regarding the RFP will be posted on the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction webpage at http://www.fldoe.org/bii/. The last date that questions will be received is November 1, 2013. Due to the competitive nature of this grant, questions will not be answered on an individual basis. Please visit the above website for updated question and answer information.

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