



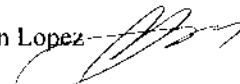
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TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Ruben Lopez 

RE: 2002 NCLB: Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Grant Program
Application/RFP (Title II, Part D of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act)

This is your invitation to submit proposals under the new Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program. Approximately \$26.9 million will be available to Florida school districts in this first year of the initiative. This new grant program has been authorized as part of the federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation and will provide funding to participants through a formula distribution as well as a competitive proposal submission and evaluation process.

The primary thrust of this program is to improve student academic achievement through effective integration of technology into the learning process. Increasing access to emerging technologies and promoting the incorporation of research-based instructional methods and best practices are also important aspects of the program. School districts participating in this exciting initiative will be expected to improve their long-range technology planning efforts in order to achieve long-term national goals for the program. Providing teachers with high-quality professional development opportunities and modern instructional tools is essential to creating an effective learning environment for students.

To obtain a copy of the 2002 EETT application/RFP, please visit the Bureau of Educational Technology Website (<http://www.doe.fln.edu/edtech/>). Technical assistance resources and supplemental program guidance will also be available at that location. The deadline for submission of competitive proposals is November 19, 2002. If you or your staff should encounter any technical difficulty in obtaining the application/RFP, please notify one of the program administrators identified below.

For answers to specific questions concerning the EETT Grant Program, contact Charles Proctor, (email: Charles.Proctor@fldoe.org), or Melinda Crowley (email: Melinda.Crowley@fldoe.org). Telephone: 850/488-0980, SC 278-0980.

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