



PUBLIC SCHOOLS RELEASE
TO: Superintendents, Administrators, and
Institutions of Higher Education
Monday, December 14, 2015
www.sde.idaho.gov

Contacts:
Jeff Church
Chief Communications Officer
(208) 332-6934
jchurch@sde.idaho.gov

SHERRI YBARRA
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

SDE Support Desk
(208) 332-6923
support@sde.idaho.gov

650 W. STATE STREET
P.O. BOX 83720
BOISE, IDAHO 83720-0027

OFFICE: 208-332-6800
FAX: 208-334-2228
SPEECH/HEARING
IMPAIRED: 1-800-377-3529
WWW.SDE.IDAHO.GOV

NOTICE: APPLY FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS UNDER THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education is pleased to invite proposals from Idaho school districts and institutions of higher education for professional development projects under the Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP Title II-B) Program.

Application procedures and funding criteria are included in a Request for Proposals (RFP) available online at the State Department of Education's Science website sde.idaho.gov/Science.

The Mathematics and Science Partnership Program will support a limited number of high-quality professional development projects designed to improve teacher quality and student achievement in mathematics, science, and STEM. All Idaho public and private school districts and institutions of higher education meeting partnership requirements are invited to submit proposals.

Proposals are being solicited at this time for professional development projects that may begin as early as April 2016. The deadline for receipt of proposals under this year's competition is January 29, 2016 by 4:00 PM. The Department expects to notify successful applicants by March 25, 2016.

Please review the RFP carefully. Specifically, the Mathematics and Science Partnership Program requires that:

- (1) Partnerships must include, at a minimum, a school district; a higher education department of mathematics, science, or engineering; and a teacher-training department of an institution of higher education.
- (2) Proposals must be based on a district-level needs assessment of teacher quality and student achievement.
- (3) The project must be research-based.
- (4) The project must include a rigorous evaluation component that measures the project's impact on teacher quality and student achievement.
- (5) Please do not hesitate to call for assistance or additional information. Contact information is included in the application materials.

Please do not hesitate to contact Scott Smith, Science and STEM Coordinator at (208) 332-6952 or by email at ssmith@sde.idaho.gov for assistance or additional information.

###