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DATE: January 12, 2016
TO: Prospective Applicants for the Federal Charter Schools Program Grant
FROM: Claudia Quezada, Director Quality School Options, Center for Innovation and Improvement
SUBJECT: FY 2016 Charter Schools Program/Quality School Options (QSO) Request for Proposal Access

Legislation

Article 27A of the Illinois School Code, known as the Charter Schools Law, creates opportunities within the public school system of Illinois for the development of innovative and accountable teaching techniques and educational programs. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) currently makes funding available under Title V, Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 for the Charter Schools Program. This funding provides support for the program design and initial implementation of charter schools.

Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit from charter school design teams working with a school district, or from charter schools already in operation, proposals that meet the purposes of the federal Public Charter Schools Program.

Eligible Applicants

Not-for-profit organizations that have submitted a charter proposal to the appropriate school district(s) or the State Board of Education upon appeal, and existing charter schools within the first two years of operation are eligible to submit a proposal.

Allowable Expenditures

Program Design Grants: Applicants who have an authorized charter agreement, or who have submitted a charter agreement to an authorizing entity, and have schools that are not yet ready to open for operation may use the funds for activities associated with post-grant award design of the educational program.

Implementation Grants: Applicants who have an authorized charter agreement and have schools that are open for student attendance may use funds for activities and expenses during the initial start-up of a charter school. In general, the expenditures should be one-time costs that help the charter school achieve the goals outlined in its original application.

Access to RFP

In order to access the online Request for Proposal to be available early in 2016, potential applicants must complete and return the Intent to Apply form attached.

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Charter Schools Program (CSP)
100 West Randolph Street, CH-14-300
Chicago, Illinois 60601

FY 2016 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INTENT TO APPLY

Instructions: Any organization interested in submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the FY16 Charter Schools Program must have an account log-in to access the RFP. Information provided on this form will be used to create the account log-in for prospective CSP applicants. Complete and return this form as soon as possible as it takes 3-5 business days to create the log-in. All fields are required.

Complete and return this form via e-mail to charter@isbe.net. Contact Claudia Quezada at cquezada@isbe.net or 217-524-4832 with any questions. An account log-in will be created and e-mailed to the e-mail address provided above in approximately 3-5 business days after receipt of this form.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION (501c3)	REGION, COUNTY, DISTRICT, TYPE CODE
NAME OF ADMINISTRATOR	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	E-MAIL ADDRESS
NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT/AUTHORIZER	
CONTACT NAME FOR AUTHORIZER	TELEPHONE (Include Area Code)

Has this school/organization ever received payments from ISBE? Yes No

For which type of funds will the school/organization apply? (Select only one.)

- We have an approved charter and our school is already open.
- We have submitted a charter proposal to a district but have not yet opened.