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MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS GRANT COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

The Nebraska Department of Education is requesting proposals for the 2010 Statewide Mathematics and Science Partnerships grant competition.

The Nebraska MSP program funds statewide projects for innovative professional development for teachers to improve the academic achievement of Nebraska students in mathematics or science.

Each partnership must initially include one high-needs Nebraska school district; an engineering, mathematics or science department of a four-year higher education institution; and a teacher education department of a four-year higher education institution. Other partners are encouraged to participate. Proposed activities by a partnership must be consistent with the mathematics or science education needs identified in the October 2009 Nebraska MSP Needs Assessment. About \$850,000 is available for this grant competition.

Grant proposals must be postmarked no later than Jan. 25, 2010. The grant application and the October 2009 Nebraska MSP Needs Assessment as well as partnership requirements and application components are available on the MSP web site at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/msp/>.

A videoconference to discuss the mathematics and science education needs of teachers in Nebraska nonpublic schools will be conducted Mon., Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. CT. This will be followed by a videoconference on grant writing for MSP Grants at 2 p.m. CT. Locations for the videoconferences are:

- Lincoln — Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor, V-Tel Conference Room.
- Norfolk — Northeast Community College, Maclay Building, 801 East Benjamin Ave., Room 122.
- Kearney — Educational Service Unit #10, 76 Plaza Blvd.
- Scottsbluff — Educational Service Unit #13, 4215 Ave. I.

Persons interested in participating in the videoconference on the mathematics/science needs of teachers in nonpublic schools or the MSP grant writing workshop are encouraged to register at: <http://workshop.nde.state.ne.us/wsTitle.aspx?TeamID=19>. For additional information, contact Jan Handa, grants manager for the Mathematics & Science Partnerships program, at: jan.handa@nebraska.gov or at 402.471.087