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# FEDERAL GRANT COMPETITION ANNOUNCED FOR MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP

The Nebraska Department of Education today announced the availability of about \$1 million in federal grants to provide regional professional development for teachers in mathematics and science.

Grant applications should be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education and must be postmarked by May 2, 2016.

The grant application, requirements, and other information are available on the Nebraska Department of Education web site at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/msp/>.

The purpose of this competition is to fund statewide project(s) to deliver regional teacher professional development that improves the academic achievement of Nebraska students in mathematics and science in high-need schools. Proposals must address both of the following emphases: 1) create regional opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development opportunities that address mathematics and science content aligned with the Nebraska Standards and which utilize effective instructional strategies, and 2) build a network for mathematics and science teacher leaders to deliver ongoing professional development on a regional basis.

The application must propose services in 4-5 regions across Nebraska. Each partnership must include one high-need Nebraska school building from each region; an engineering, mathematics, or science department of a four-year institution of higher education; and a teacher education department of a four-year institution of higher education. Other partners are encouraged to participate.

Approximately \$1 million is available for the 2016 statewide MSP grant competition, subject to availability of federal funds. It is anticipated that one mathematics and one science proposal or a singular proposal providing both mathematics and science institutes will be awarded, however, final funding decisions are subject to the quality of the proposals received and results of the external grant review.

A grant writing workshop using Zoom will be conducted Tues., March 29, 9:00 a.m. CDT. Instructions on connecting to the workshop are posted on the MSP website. For additional information, contact Jan Handa, grants manager for the Mathematics and Science Partnership grant program, at: [jan.handa@nebraska.gov](mailto:jan.handa@nebraska.gov) or 402.471.0876.

The Nebraska Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP) grant competition is authorized under [Title II, Part B](#) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*.