

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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Education Department  
Education Management Services  
Room 876 EBA  
Albany, NY 12234

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) AND NON-PROFIT  
AGENCIES

## **School Bus Driver Safety Training Program**

The School Bus Driver Safety Training Program is a comprehensive education program for school bus drivers and school bus driver instructors in the latest techniques and information concerning safe pupil transportation. Four hundred thousand dollars is available for program development during the 2003-2004 school year.

The Department intends to offer competitive RFPs to eligible applicants to develop proposals to assist in updating, developing or maintaining several components of the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program. These components include the Professional Development Seminar, SBDI Newsletter, and Accident Databases. Additional components may include development of updated student bus safety classroom curricula, school bus driver regional workshops, and other projects.

RFPs will be issued during the school year. For more information, contact Marion Edick, Education Management Services, at (518) 474-6541.

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, POSTSECONDARY INSTITU-  
TIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

## **Tech-Prep Education of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Education Act (VTEA)**

Approximately \$5 million is available to fund continuation grants for Tech-Prep Education in the 2003-04 school year.

Tech-Prep Programs must be designed to lead students to a two-year associate or four-year bachelor's degree or a two-year certificate. They must develop and maintain comprehensive linkages between secondary schools and postsecondary educational institutions. Tech-Prep programs must provide technical preparation in at least one of the following fields: engineering technology, applied science, mechanical, industrial, practical art or trade, agriculture, health or business.

All funds will be used to continue multi-year grants. No new grants are available. For more information, contact Bernard McInerney, Workforce Development Technical Support Team at (518) 474-4157.

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Room 365 EBA  
Albany, New York 12234

POTENTIAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS, CHARTER  
SCHOOL APPLICANTS, AND ESTABLISHED CHARTER  
SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK STATE

## **Federal Funds for Public Charter Schools**

Grant funds totaling \$6.6 million are available for competitive grants for planning and implementing activities related to the establishment of new charter schools and the conversion of existing public schools into charter schools. Funds can also be used for dissemination activities conducted by charter schools that have been in operation for at least three years. The New York State Education Department will make \$3.3 million available for grants and \$3.3 million will be available from the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute. All applications must be submitted in conjunction with an approved chartering entity.

Applications will be received continuously until February 28, 2005. For further information contact the Education Department, Public School Choice Programs, Room 365 EBA, Albany, New York 12234 at (518) 474-1762.

