

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE THAT DO NOT ALREADY HAVE A FEMA-APPROVED FMA OR ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FMA Planning Grants and FMA Project Grants

The State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) Mitigation and Planning Branches are requesting Letters of Intent (LOI) followed by a detailed application for the federal fiscal year 2005 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. The funds will be used to support FMA planning grants and FMA project grants. Planning grants are available to any community in the state that does not already have a FEMA-approved FMA or All-hazard Mitigation Plan.

Only applicants with an approved FMA or All-hazard mitigation plan are eligible for project funding. FY 2005 project funds may be awarded for eligible cost effective flood mitigation activities that will reduce the risk of flood losses to any property currently insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Eligible mitigation project types include retrofitting of properties; property acquisition or relocation; and minor flood control projects that will protect properties insured under the NFIP. Letters of Intent (LOIs) or pre-applications will be accepted through April 8, 2005 and must be submitted by state and local governments or Indian tribes. Applications will be accepted through June 3, 2005.

To receive an LOI form you can contact your County Emergency Management Office or contact:

For Project Information: Susan J. Bergmann, Emergency Management Office, Bldg. 22, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12226, (518) 457-9957

For Planning Information: Radworth E. Anderson, Emergency Management Office, Bldg. 22, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12226, (518) 457-9941

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SCHOOLS, AS LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES (LEAs), AND ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION (IHE), IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA) New York Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Under- graduate Programs (NYGEAR UP) Grant Program

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) seeks applicants to participate in the New York Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (NYGEAR UP) grant program. NYGEAR UP grants fund several projects that represent coalitions among schools, universities, businesses, non-profit institu-

tions, organizations, and/or agencies to deliver information, guidance, mentoring, enrichment programs, and services to targeted at-risk seventh grade students as identified in the Guidelines for Projects in the Request For Proposals (RFP). HESC anticipates serving approximately 3,500 -4,500 students statewide. NYGEAR UP will also make services available to students participating in GEAR UP programs in New York State administered directly by the United States Department of Education (ED). The goal of NYGEAR UP is to provide the targeted cohort with early college awareness activities, improved academic support, information on paying for college, and scholarships, resulting in increased levels of high school graduation and enrollment into undergraduate college programs.

Eligible Applicants:

To be eligible to submit a proposal, grant projects must be comprised of either of the following:

(1) Schools, as Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that serve eligible seventh grade students, defined as those students who attend schools (with a seventh grade) in New York State in which at least 50 percent of the school's students are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program, and at least two community-based organizations.

(2) An accredited Institution of Higher Education (IHE), in partnership with a Local Education Agency (LEA), that serves eligible seventh grade students, defined as those students who attend school (with a seventh grade) in New York State in which at least 50 percent of the school's students are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program, and at least two community - based organizations.

Although any member of grant project may organize the project, the partnership must designate either the LEA or IHE as the project's fiscal agent.

Bidders' Conference/Technical Assistance Sessions:

Please note that optional bidders' conference/technical assistance sessions will be held to assist prospective applicants with questions associated with the preparation of responsive proposals. These will be held on Tuesday April 12, 2005, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation - 13th Floor, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York, 12255, and on Thursday, April 14, 2005 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Southgate Tower Hotel, 371 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY, 10001.

Bidders' Conference attendees should arrive at 9:30 a.m. to sign-in before the start of the session.

Attendance at a session is voluntary, but recommended.

Answers to all questions asked at the sessions, as well as those submitted to HESC in writing, will be posted on www.hesc.com/GearUp/Partners/index.html on Monday, April 25, 2005. Written questions should be e-mailed or mailed to HESC at the address below. The deadline for submitting written questions about the RFP is 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), on Friday, April 15, 2005.

Deadline:

Proposal Due Date: May 13, 2005, no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Grant Application Materials:

Copies of the NYGEAR UP grant application and guidelines will be available on www.hesc.com/GearUp/Partners/index.html on Monday, April 4, 2005.

Letter of Intent Required:

To ensure all bidders are notified of any amendments to the grant application, bidders are required to submit a Letter of Intent. The Letter of Intent Form A is included in the NYGEAR UP grant application and guidelines (available to the public on 4/4/05). Letters of Intent may be e-mailed (to stommasone@hesc.com), or faxed (518-474-2839, attn. Steven Tommasone) to HESC. Letters of Intent must be received by HESC no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005. Bidders will receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of the Letter of Intent.

Bidder Responsibility To Monitor www.hesc.com/GearUp/Partners/index.html for Additional Information:

Registered bidders will be notified by e-mail of any material change to the grant application or guidelines. Bidders are also responsible for checking www.hesc.com/GearUp/Partners/index.html frequently during the application period (4/4/05 – 5/13/05) to ensure timely receipt of any change notification.

Any other NYGEAR UP application and guidelines questions may be directed to: Keith DeWitt, Contract Management Specialist, at the above address or phone: (518) 473-2442, fax: (518) 486-1045, e-mail: kdewitt@hesc.com

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE NEW YORK CITY AREA**Federal Homeland Security Grant**

Federal Homeland Security grant funding has been made available to the State of New York for award to select nonprofit organizations to protect owned or leased facilities located in the Urban Area Security Initiative New York City Area (consisting of the five boroughs of the City of New York, as well as the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester) from terrorist attack. To begin the process of awarding these federal grant funds, the NYS Office of Homeland Security is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications from eligible nonprofit organizations. Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2005. To obtain a copy of the RFP, please access the Internet Sites <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ofpa/> or <http://www.state.ny.us/security/>.

For further information, please contact: the Weapons of Mass Destruction Task Force at (866) 837-9133