

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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NEW YORK STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Grant Program

Pursuant to Article 11b of the Soil and Water Conservation District Law, applications will be accepted through June 5, 2006 for financial assistance in the form of matching grants to fund nonpoint source abatement and control projects that plan (AEM Tier III) or implement (AEM Tier IV) Agricultural Best Management Practices on New York State farms. All projects must consist of activities that will reduce, abate, control, or prevent nonpoint source pollution originating from agricultural sources. Applications must be for one of the following: planning activities (AEM Tier III) or implementation (AEM Tier IV).

Eligible applicants are County Soil and Water Conservation Districts or a group of districts acting jointly, who will be referred to as "Project Sponsors." Groups of districts acting jointly should submit one application with one district assuming lead sponsor status. Eligible projects must be for one of the following: planning activities (AEM Tier III) or implementation of agricultural best management practices (AEM Tier IV). Priority consideration will be given to (1) proposals located within a watershed or subwatershed of a priority waterbody as identified by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation pursuant to Section 17-1407 of the Environmental Conservation Law (2) projects that promote participation in or further priorities of the AEM program (3) projects that include the implementation of conservation buffers (4) projects that clearly address identified need or opportunity (5) projects that are proposed with adequate scope of work and time frame (6) projects that demonstrate strong local and landowner/operator support (7) projects that demonstrate cost effectiveness. If the proposal contains no contribution from the owner or operator of agricultural land, then the State may fund up to 75 percent of the total eligible costs for planning or BMP implementation. The amount of State funding may be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage of the total eligible costs that are contributed by the landowner or operator provided, however, that in no event shall the amount of State funding exceed 90 percent of total eligible costs.

Availability of funding for this program is contingent upon legislative approval of the State Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget, which includes an appropriation for this purpose.

For an application, contact: Brian Steinmuller at brian.steinmuller@agmkt.state.ny.us or 518-457-0562, or visit the Department's website at www.agmkt.state.ny.us

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS, MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES OR PROVIDERS, OR COMMUNITY-BASED NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH PROVEN OR DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN FACILITATING TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Addressing Transportation Barriers to Employment

Up to four grants of up to \$60,000 per year will be funded by DDPC for each of two years to address transportation barriers to employment for persons with disabilities. Preference will be given to applications demonstrating strong, committed cross-system collaborations. Community-based organizations must have letters of commitment from both the regional transportation authority and the One Stop center(s) to work collaboratively on addressing transportation barriers to employment. The applicant's program and budget narratives must provide the justification for the grant amount requested.

Successful projects will facilitate increased transportation planning, coordination and opportunities for people with disabilities, particularly people with developmental disabilities, by seeking to achieve "best practice" SAFETEA-LU coordination requirements between regional transportation authorities, One Stop service centers, and One Stop partners and key stakeholders such as OMRDD, VESID and community-based service providers. Projects will also focus on emphasizing sustainability of effort and addressing transportation issues for both urban and rural settings. The NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) is a State Agency member of the DDPC and will be involved in the review of, and to the extent feasible, with the ongoing assessment of project impact. Anticipated project outcomes will include:

- Increased transit ridership;
- Increased utilization of One Stop training and employment services; and
- Increased ability for people to get and maintain employment by addressing transportation barriers or establishing increased transportation options.

The grant funds under this RFP may be used for any planning, training, outreach, or related activity that will address identified local/regional barriers to employment. These grant funds are NOT intended to be used for or to supplant the ongoing operation of transportation services themselves, but may be coordinated with other federal transportation initiatives such as Job Access, Reverse Commute, United We Ride, etc. as long as the applicant can demonstrate a clear focus on addressing and resolving barriers to transportation and increased universal access for persons with disabilities.

The full RFP can be downloaded from www.ddpc.state.ny.us All interested applicants are asked to submit a one-page letter of intent by May 22, 2006 to Nicholas Rose, Program Planner, at the address above. Letters of intent are not required but will assist DDPC in identifying interest and the potential applicant pool. All final grant applications should be sent to Sheila Carey, Executive Director, and must be delivered to the DDPC office by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on June 5, 2006.

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NEW YORK STATE BUSINESSES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

The Environmental Investment Program

The Department of Economic Development (the "Department") will immediately begin accepting applications on a continuous basis for the 2006-2007 State Fiscal Year for contracts under the Environmental Investment Program ("EIP"). Pending the availability of State funds, the Department seeks to contract with eligible applicants to undertake eligible projects that will improve the productivity and competitiveness of New York State firms through enhanced environmental performance. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, municipalities and firms doing business in New York. Eligible projects include activities designed to reduce wastes or prevent pollution, at the source, or increase recycling capacity. Recycling includes reuse, remanufacturing and organics composting.

Non-profit organizations may submit applications for contracts to perform research, provide technical assistance or finance capital expenditures. Municipalities may submit applications for contracts to provide technical assistance or to finance capital expenditures. For-profit firms doing business in New York may submit proposals for contracts to perform research.

For the purposes of this program, the term "municipalities" includes: local public authorities or public benefit corporations, counties, cities, towns, villages or Indian nations that govern territory within New York State, or any combination thereof. All applications must be for projects to achieve results in the areas of pollution prevention, reuse or recycling, and must be completed by, or on behalf of, a New York business or businesses.

The Department will contract for research activities that test, evaluate and/or demonstrate the technical and/or economic feasibility of technologies or practices that prevent pollution or that reuse or recycle solid or industrial wastes. Costs eligible under a research contract include any expenses associated with the conduct of the test, evaluation, or demonstration. The Department will not pay for equipment purchases under a research contract. Research contractors will be required to provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs, and contracts will not exceed \$200,000.

The Department will contract for technical assistance activities that directly assist New York businesses in preventing pollution, or in reuse or recycling. Costs eligible under a technical assistance contract include project-related personnel costs (e.g., salaries, fringe benefits), and non-personnel costs (e.g., supplies, materials, travel, rent, utilities). Technical Assistance contractors will be required to provide, at a minimum, 50 percent of the total project costs, and the Department does not foresee contracts exceeding \$75,000.

The Department will contract for capital financing activities that also assist New York businesses in reducing wastes or prevention pollution at the source, or in recycling. The Department will pay for physical assets, real property improvements, infrastructure and professional

services related directly to the project. Capital Projects contractors will be required to provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs, and the Department does not foresee contracts exceeding \$500,000.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis, with regard to the proposed results to be achieved, the likelihood of project success, and the cost-effectiveness of the project and the Department's investment in the project. The Department will give preference to applications that involve cash versus in-kind investments.

Pending the availability of State funds, applications will be funded with appropriations made to the Department from the State Environmental Protection Fund ("EPF").

To obtain a copy of the program guide, contact the Environmental Services Unit, at (518) 292-5340 or via e-mail at environment@empire.state.ny.us

REVISED NOTICE
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POTENTIAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS, CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS
Charter Schools State Funds, Laws of 2000

Competitive funds in the amount of \$3,850,000 are available for start-up and facilities grants to potential charter school applicants, charter school applicants and charter schools. Of the total amount, \$3,388,000 will be available from the SUNY Charter School Institute and \$462,000 will be available from the State Education Department.

Start-up grants are for costs associated with the development and submission of an application to establish a charter school. Facilities grants will cover costs associated with the acquisition, renovation, or construction of school facilities.

Application materials for the funds available from the State Education Department (\$462,000) will be available at www.emsc.nysed.gov under Funding Opportunities. Applications will be accepted through June 17, 2006. Grants will extend from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. For further information, send an e-mail to emscsp@mail.nysed.gov or contact Dr. Darlene Mengel, Public School Choice Programs, at (518) 474-1762 or Jeanette Canaday, Grants Management Office, at (518) 474-3936.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
New York State Mentor Teacher-Internship Program, Laws of 1997

Competitive funds in the amount of \$6 million are available for the development and implementation of mentor teacher-internship programs in local school districts and for instructional programs at boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES). Funding for this program is subject to yearly approval by the NYS Legislature. These programs enable experienced teachers (mentors) in a district or BOCES to provide guidance and support to beginning teachers (interns) in their first or second year of teaching.

Essential components of these programs include but are not limited to:

- Joint development of these programs by school administration and local teachers' bargaining agents
- Program focus on the mentor/intern relationship which develops through the project year, as the mentor guides the new teacher to self-assessment, professional confidence and independence
- Release time for mentor and interns to participate in mentoring activities
- Defined mentor selection process, including establishment of a mentor selection committee
- Mentor training
- Described activities for mentors and interns
- Described role of principals in the program
- Program evaluation

Allowable program expenditures include: costs related to release from instructional time for participating teachers, training for participating teachers, program coordination costs, supplies and materials, travel costs and program evaluation.

Application materials for the grant competition will be available at www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert under Mentor Teacher Internship Program. *For further information, send an email:* to Nancy Brennan at nbrennan@mail.nysed.gov or call at (518) 474-4661

