

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for
Persons with Disabilities
401 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Regional Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities (TRAID) Program Centers

As the administering agency for the TRAID program, CQCAPD is announcing the availability of federal and state funding to establish five-year contracts for the period January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2015 with not-for-profit organizations to operate Regional TRAID Centers in 12 regions throughout New York State.

Program Summary: The mission of the TRAID program is to increase access to assistive technology devices and services for persons with disabilities to enable them to be more independent at home, work, school and play. Each contractor will be responsible for operating a regional center that will function as a local resource providing assistive technology-related services to consumers, family members, service providers, educators and other interested parties. The core services required under these contracts are information and referral, device demonstrations, dissemination of accessible information technology materials, and outreach and awareness training. The centers will also be required to operate an equipment loan program for children eligible for early intervention services. Program activities must be reported quarterly to CQCAPD.

It is anticipated that 12 contracts will be awarded with a total of approximately \$514,000 available during the first one-year contract period of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011. Funding amounts for years 2–5 of the five-year term will be subject to the availability of grant monies.

The 12 regions comprising the statewide program are: Western New York Region (5 counties), Southwestern New York Region (6 counties), Finger Lakes Region (6 counties), Central New York Region (6 counties), Adirondack Region (4 counties), Capital Region (9 counties), Hudson Valley Region (4 counties), Lower Hudson Valley Region (3 counties), New York City Region (5 counties), Long Island Region (2 counties), Southern Tier Region (5 counties), and Mohawk/Leatherstocking Region (7 counties). A Request for Proposals (RFP) is expected to be released on April 28, 2010. Due date for receipt of proposals is June 4, 2010. Subcontracting will not be allowed without the express written approval of CQCAPD.

For an application and a full description of the required services and counties served by each region, contact Lisa Rosano-Kaczowski, TRAID Program Director, by phone at 1-800-624-4143 or (518) 388-2833; or by e-mail at lisa.rosano@cqcaped.state.ny.us On its release date the RFP will also be available on CQCAPD's website at www.cqcaped.state.ny.us under the category, RFP Notices.

