



Problem Solving & Response to Intervention

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SUBJECT: Bidders Conferences and Grant Application Support: Florida PS/RtI
Project Statewide Training and Demonstration Sites

Pam Smith, Deputy Chancellor for Curriculum and Instruction, and Bambi Lockman, Chief for Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, announced the creation of the Statewide PS/RtI Project on February 7, 2007 (see attached letter). This Project was funded to support both the implementation of the PS/RtI model in selected demonstration districts, including pilot schools, and statewide training relating to this model.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide district administrators with information and materials needed should they choose to submit a mini-grant application for selection as a demonstration district. Six districts will be selected as demonstration districts and will receive up to \$100,000.00 per year for up to three years to support the implementation of the PS/RtI model in pilot school sites. A description of the demonstration site initiative, grant application procedures, and district requirements for application are all contained in the materials attached to this memo.

One Bidders Conference Meeting will be held in the north, central, and south regions of Florida. Meeting locations, dates, and times are indicated below. The purpose of the Bidders Conference is to provide districts with information and technical assistance regarding the project and grant application procedures.

Monday, February 26

Ft. Lauderdale

Embassy Suites

1100 Southeast 17th Street

Directions:

http://www.embassysuites.com/en/es/hotels/maps_directions.jhtml?ctyhocn=FLLSOES

954-527-2700

Thursday, March 1

Tallahassee

Doubletree Hotel

101 S. Adams St.

Directions: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=THLAPDT>

850-224-5000

Monday, March 5

Orlando

Orlando Airport Marriott

7499 Augusta National Drive

Directions: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/mcoap>

407-851-9000

Each district can send three representatives to this meeting. It is strongly recommended that the district team that attends this meeting be comprised of 1) the individual who will be responsible for facilitating the writing of the mini-grant, 2) a general education district administrator, and 3) a special education district administrator.

Pre-Registration is required to attend the Bidders Conference in order to ensure adequate space and sufficient materials to accommodate district representatives. To pre-register, go to <http://floridarti.usf.edu/biddersconference/>, click on “Registration,” complete the form and click on “Submit Registration.” Pre-registration must be received at least one week prior to the meeting that your team will attend.

To download a copy of the mini-grant application, go to <http://www.floridarti.usf.edu/resources/MiniGrantApplication.pdf>.

If you have any questions about the meetings or difficulty in pre-registering, please contact Judi Hyde at 813-974-7448 or JHyde@tempest.coedu.usf.edu.

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