The May 2004 compact between Governor Schwarzenegger and California’s higher education community identified a critical shortage of K-12 mathematics and science teachers as a problem that must be addressed through efforts of both CSU and UC. In May 2005, we articulated the goal of the California State University to double the number of math and science teachers that it credentials by 2010. The 2005-06 state budget allocated funds specifically to increase the preparation of math and science teachers.

Increasing the numbers of mathematics and science teachers can only be achieved through targeted efforts having explicit outcome objectives related to numbers of candidates enrolled and credentials awarded. The attached Request for Proposal (RFP) is aimed at seeking targeted campus proposals of this nature.

Proposals are to be submitted by mail by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2005. Specific instructions are contained in the RFP. Proposal review will begin immediately, and announcement of awards is expected by December 2, 2005. Questions regarding the RFP may be directed to Dr. Joan Bissell or Dr. Margaret Olebe, Teacher Education and Public School Programs, Office of the Chancellor, at jbissell@calstate.edu or molebe@calstate.edu.

In addition, as indicated in coded correspondence AA-2005-26, CSU Teacher Recruitment Project (TRP) funds are expected to serve as a resource for recruitment of mathematics and science teachers. The CSU allocates $75,000 per campus from lottery funds for Teacher Recruitment Projects annually, and these projects can readily be aligned with this Initiative. TRP activities typically include financial aid, opportunities for undergraduates to work in public schools, credential workshops and information sessions, mentoring and advising, and test preparation to help students prepare for examinations required for teacher credential program admission.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope to engage every campus as we work to expand available funds to achieve the critically important goals of this initiative over the next several years.

Attachment

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