

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability

Counselor Professional Development – College and Career Readiness

Request for Application Release Date: August 11, 2014

Application Submission Deadline: September 22, 2014

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is looking to fund training for teachers and school staff to provide effective, in-class SAT test preparation to students in 11th grade beginning in spring 2015.

OSSE will partner with Bell Curves, a socially responsible test preparation and educational services company. Bell Curves provides high quality test preparation and educational services, especially to underserved and disadvantaged communities. They accomplish this mission by researching, recording and understanding the deficits that exist in its target communities and creating solutions that supplement already existing services.

Bell Curves will train qualified teachers already employed within the LEA to administer SAT preparatory course(s) within the school day, with students receiving elective credit. LEAs and schools must identify student selection process and the class must take place within the natural school day and must meet the minimum criteria recommended by Bell Curves. OSSE will provide the training free of charge as well as SAT preparation books for classroom use, exam booklets, exam scoring, data reporting to student and teachers, and student support resources.

Training Requirements:

Each school can refer up to two (2) teachers/staff to receive SAT Prep training. Each teacher must complete 22 hours of training provided by Bell Curves; 12 hours for reading/writing (three 4 hour sessions), and 9 hours for math (three 3 hour sessions). Bell Curves will offer multiple trainings in the months of October, November, and December.

SAT Prep Implementation Requirements:

Schools will begin implementing SAT prep courses in January 2015. Each participating school can choose to implement up to 2 sections of the SAT Prep course; with a max of 25 students/section. Bell Curves suggests that students receive between 2 -3 hours of instruction/week.

Eligible organizations must be the following criteria:

- Must be either a Public School or Public Charter school within the District of Columbia
- Must identify the method in which SAT Prep will be administered in the school, including number of courses each week, and the number of students in each course, and the duration of the each class.
- Must identify method used in selecting students for this preparatory instruction.
- Must provide SAT Prep course during the regular school day and offer academic credit for students taking the course
- Must conference call or meet with OSSE coordinator bi-weekly , or as identified by OSSE staff

- Organizations must not have a current and withstanding relationship with another standardized testing company

For additional information and to receive the full RFA, please contact:

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