

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability Early College and Career Awareness Initiative Request for Application Release Date: November 18, 2013 Application Submission Deadline: December 18, 2013

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is seeking applications for a funding opportunity to provide support to middle schools for college and career awareness for middle school students in grades 6-8.

OSSE is seeking proposals from multiple organizations to provide programs and training in four key areas related to early college and career awareness. The total amount available for this opportunity is \$120,000. OSSE will make grants for a period to cover January 6, 2014 to September 30, 2014. The program must be completed and funds must be fully expended by September 30, 2014. Submissions are due by 4:00PM on December 18, 2013 for good cause to ensure expedited identification of and benefit to the schools and students served. The key areas are as follows:

- Expose middle school students to a variety of career pathways, including job shadowing and/or workplace visits.
- Increase middle school parent and family engagement around high school preparation, the high school choice process, college readiness, financial aid fluency, and knowledge about career pathways.
- Develop teacher and school administrator capacity in guiding middle school students and families in the high school choice process.
- Expand opportunities for middle school students to visit college and university campuses.

Qualified organizations for this funding opportunity must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Prior experience with the high school application process, college access and readiness services, and/or career guidance for youth;
- (2) Willingness to work with all students and families identified by school leadership;
- (3) Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Washington, DC.

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