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Contracts and Purchasing

Notice of Intent

The Department of Education (DOE), Division of Contracts and Purchasing, has been asked for approval to enter into a contract with the following organization(s) for the services described below. Other organizations interested in providing these services to the DOE are invited to indicate their ability to do so in writing to Jay G. Miller at 65 Court Street, Room 1201, Brooklyn, New York 11201. Responses should be received no later than Monday, November 8, 2010.

ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Thinking Maps, Inc.

Approval is sought to contract with Thinking Maps, Inc. (TMI), for a pilot project to provide research, assessment and professional development (PD) to schools within the Children's First Network 407 (CFN 407).

These services are funded through ARRA Title 1 School Improvement Grant (SIG 3), which was made available to CFN 407 on July 28, 2010.

TMI will provide PD to teachers, principals and staff, allowing them to teach and utilize the Thinking Maps Model to organize ideas and enhance learning. This model employs eight visual organizers/maps that can be used individually or in various combinations to form a common visual language for students and teachers at all grade levels, in all subjects. The Thinking Maps Model is aligned with the new Common Core Standards, a combination of English-Language Arts and Mathematics standards for grades K-12 that was developed in collaboration with content experts, teachers, school administrators and parents in 35 states.

Term: 7/1/10-6/30/11

Total Contract Cost Not-to-Exceed: \$78,195
