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Dear Vendor,

The New York State Education Department was granted an ESEA Flexibility Waiver in June. The waiver grants schools flexibility on the use of resources and selection of programs to support students who are not meeting performance standards. These services include SES programs and providers.
For more information on the waiver, please visit http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/ESEAFlexibilityWaiver.html for more information.

Due to the short timeline of implementing changes associated with the waiver for the 2012-13 academic school year, it would be impractical for us to re-structure SES services and contracts in a manner that would meet our requirements for the coming academic year. Instead, schools will now have the option of contracting with a vendor to provide ancilliary or equivalent services with school staff. So as to assure that contracts can be done in time to accommodate the coming school year, the resulting contracts will be largely based on school year 2011/12 SES contracts. The Division of Contracts and Purchasing will be working with you to negotiate services and ensure that schools have a list of vendors to select from. The process will allow schools to match the services with student needs.

The aforementioned agreements will only cover the 2012/13 school year. Next year, the NYCDOE will launch a Request for Proposals (RFP) open to all vendors to support school choice. We encourage all of you to prepare and apply to the RFP. More information on the RFP process will be released later this year.
If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Contracts and Purchasing SES office at NCLBSES@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

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