TO: Superintendents of Schools
    Institutions of Higher Education, Regional Educational Service Centers

FROM: George A. Coleman
      Deputy Commissioner of Education

DATE: February 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals - Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant

Attached please find a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2008-09 Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) grant. Funding is available to support innovative approaches to providing sustained professional development in mathematics or science to greater numbers of PK-12 teachers.

Proposals are requested in three categories, described more fully in the RFP:

1. Science Resource Centers;
2. Mathematics Resource Collaboratives; and
3. Professional Learning Academies.

Projects in all categories must focus on deepening teachers' knowledge of selected subject matter and enhancing their use of instructional strategies, materials and technologies likely to improve student learning of the content.

A Bidders' Conference will be held on **February 15, 2008**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at CREC Coltville, 34 Sequassen Street, Hartford, CT. Please register for the Bidder's Conference online at: http://www.sde.ct.gov/ using the calendar feature or by going to: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/iCal/eventDetail_page.asp?date_ID=CDCECF9CA83CDCACB. At this session, prospective applicants will receive additional information about the RFP and technical assistance for the preparation of grant proposals.

**Project proposals are due to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) no later than Friday, March 14, 2008, to:**

**Ann R. Gaulin, Division Grant Manager**
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**P.O. Box 2219**
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Questions regarding the MSP RFP or Bidder's Conference may be directed to:

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