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SUBJECT:   Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) for the Development of Summer Blended and Personalized Learning Innovation Programs

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), offices of School Innovation and Supplemental Educational Programs, are pleased to announce a Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) for the development of Summer Blended and Personalized Learning Innovation programs. The innovateNJ Summer Blended and Personalized Learning Innovation Program seeks to provide school districts with the ability to design innovative summer blended and personalized learning instructional models through a two-month grant opportunity. The grant would allow Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to develop and implement summer blended and personalized learning programs for students in grades three through nine that incorporate technology to supplement and/or complement their traditional school year instruction during the summer months. LEAs in receipt of Title I funds and serving at-risk student populations are encouraged to apply.

One million dollars in Title I funding, designated for use toward Title I school-wide programs, has been obtained for this grant opportunity. Award amounts will range from $75,000 to $100,000, based on the numbers of students served, with approximately 10 to 15 awards granted. The innovateNJ Summer Blended and Personalized Learning Innovation Program’s NGO may be found at http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/education/grants/gropps2.pl?string=recnum=01696&maxhits=1, and also on the Clearinghouse page of the innovateNJ website located at: http://www.state.nj.us/education/innovateNJ/clearinghouse/.

A technical assistance webinar will be held on March 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and registration is required. For further information, please consult the NGO.

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