



## Notice of Opportunity to Serve on a Brokers of Expertise Implementation Team

### Background:

Many school reform projects have been performed on an individual school or district basis. However, it is imperative that a state as large and complex as California learns to share sound educational solutions to common issues. The fact that some low-achieving schools succeed while others with similar challenges continue to struggle is persuasive evidence of the need to disseminate successful practices in a more meaningful manner.

The California Department of Education (CDE) recognizes the urgent need to connect educators with one another to enable them to collaborate and think more critically about their practice and to provide them effective tools as they attempt to close the achievement gap and raise overall student achievement across our large and diverse state.

Working with the K-12 High Speed Network (K12HSN), the CDE has established the *Brokers of Expertise* (BoE) initiative to embrace technology and provide effective tools and resources to schools and districts as they strive to reach ambitious goals for student achievement.

The BoE project will accomplish this by offering online resources that:

- Provide classroom tools and resources that are aligned to California Content Standards
- Provide resources that are searchable by grade, content level and demographic information [e.g. an inner city teacher working with predominantly English learner (EL) students will be able to find materials geared to her situation]
- Provide opportunities for creating and publishing high-quality content that has proven effective for teachers
- Facilitate communication and dialogue with educators across the state who have similar questions

### Team Structure:

The K12HSN is establishing a team structure to leverage the wealth of expertise around the state. Three teams will be established with specific areas of focus. These include a Technology Team, a Content Team, and a Pilot Team. Each team is expected to have from 6 to 10 participants representing a wide variety of stakeholders and expertise.

**The K12HSN is currently soliciting applications to serve on these visionary implementation teams. To the extent possible, these teams will include members representing K-12 entities with diverse populations and diverse needs.**

**Technology Team** – This team will develop and coordinate the project plan to implement the technical infrastructure to support the initiative. A specific focus will be on leveraging existing development from various organizations already engaged in this work.

**Content Team** – This team will develop and coordinate the project plan to identify, evaluate, and share appropriate content in the initiative. The initial focus will be on *Algebra 1* and *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade English Language Arts*, with an emphasis on *English Language Development (ELD)* and *Career Technical Education (CTE)*.

**Pilot Team** – This team will develop and coordinate the project plan to pilot the implementation of the BoE resources in a number of schools across California. This team’s role will be critical to understanding the effectiveness of the program and how best to modify and adapt to lessons learned in the field.

#### **Commitment Required:**

- Participation in Weekly Team Meetings** - These are expected to be 1-2 hours in duration and conducted via telephone or videoconference.
- Participation in Quarterly Strategic Planning Meetings** – These are expected to be a total of four (4) full-day meetings conducted face-to-face in San Diego, CA.
- Assistance with Project Implementation** – Team members will be assigned specific tasks related to the project plan. These individual assignments are expected to require a total of 6 to 10 days in aggregate over the current year.

#### **Compensation:**

The K12HSN will contract with the individual’s organization for the release time, travel, and related costs of participation. **This will be a flat amount of \$8,000 for service from September 2008 through June 2009.** No other reimbursement or compensation will be provided.

#### **Required Items:**

- Completed Application
- Professional Resume

**Completed applications must be received by August 29, 2008 to be considered.**

Submit all required information as directed below. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Teri Sanders at 760-312-6158 or [tsanders@icoe.org](mailto:tsanders@icoe.org).

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# Brokers of Expertise Implementation Team Application

## Part I

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

District / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate on which Implementation Team you feel you are best suited to serve?

Technology

Content

Pilot

## Part II

List any organizations or groups for which you serve in a leadership role or could otherwise secure authorization to formally represent in the work of the implementation teams (e.g. ACSA, TTSC, CTAP, CUE, CETPA, etc...).

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## Part III

1. In no more than one page, describe your interest in participating in one of the BoE Implementation Teams. Include a brief description of your experience with similar efforts.
2. Attach a current resume.

Please indicate by checking the box your interest, if any, in being involved in other ways if you are not selected as a member of an Implementation Team.

## Part IV

I certify that I have organizational support to meet the required commitments for the Brokers of Expertise Implementation Team assignment, to include the necessary release time to effectively participate.

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**Signature**

**Date**