

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #17-016

Title: Intensive Teacher Institute for Teachers of the Blind and Visually Impaired
(ITI-TVI)

Question and Answer

Program Questions:

1. Is \$310 per credit a firm number for tuition reimbursement for this grant?

As stated on page 6 of the RFP, the vendor may provide tuition reimbursement up to a maximum of the NYS resident tuition rate at State University of New York (SUNY)/City University of New York (CUNY). For information on these tuition rates, please refer to <http://www2.cuny.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-college-costs/tuition-fees/>. The current graduate rate is \$425 per credit hour, however this may change over the course of the contract as tuition rates for SUNY and CUNY schools are adjusted.

2. Will the New York State Education Department (NYSED) provide us with the necessary information and support to recruit students from high need areas?

Deliverable number one listed on pages 5 and 6 of the RFP indicates the expectations regarding recruitment of students for the program. The bidder is expected to develop recruitment strategies that will increase the number of certified individuals working in New York State as Teachers of the Blind and Visually Impaired and Orientation and Mobility Specialists. The vendor may contact NYSED after contract award to discuss recruitment strategies.

3. Will an individual who becomes employed by a non-profit agency that provides TVI and OMS services through a contract to a public or private school or early childhood program be considered a “qualified candidate”? Or, does the candidate need to be directly employed by a public or private school or early childhood program?

Yes, an individual who provides services through a contract with a public or approved private school or an early childhood program would also be considered a qualified candidate.