

**NYSED Request for Information
School Turnaround Office
Educational Services Provider/Lead Partner Resource list**

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is committed to supporting sustainable efforts to turn around chronically low performing schools identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). NYSED is collecting information about lead partners that are currently providing services to persistently low performing schools in New York State.

Lead partners are listed as a result of their commitment to an approved grant application submitted to the NYSED School Turnaround Office. The purpose of the list is to provide another resource for districts that choose to:

- Partner in the implementation of one of the four intervention models (Transformation, Turnaround, Restart, Closure) provided in the draft guidance for the use of Federal Title I 1003(g) funds;
- Partner in the implementation of one of the six School Improvement Fund frameworks:
 - College Pathways School Design,
 - Community-Oriented School (wrap-around services) Design,
 - Arts and/or Cultural Education School Design,
 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) School Design,
 - Virtual/Blended/Online School Design, or
 - Network School Design;
- Partner in the implementation of SSDST funds (District-Level Capacity Building, CCSS – ELA, CCSS – Math, DDI/Inquiry);
- Increase the academic achievement of all students attending the targeted school(s) as measured by the state’s assessment system; and
- Utilize the support and services from lead partners in their efforts to accomplish the above.

Lead Partners include educational service providers such as: Education Management Organizations, Charter School operators or Charter Management Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES), Other companies, groups or organizations that have a prior history of successfully raising student performance through service provided to public schools.

Lead Partners should be aware that any information provided becomes public information and the responsibility of removing or redacting proprietary information that the responder wants kept private is solely the responsibility of the responder prior to submission of information to NYSED.

In selecting a lead partner identified in a grant application, LEAs may enter into an agreement with one or more lead partners for services, in accordance with applicable procurement laws and Education Law §3012-c. These partnership agreement(s) will allow LEAs to collaborate directly with lead partners to develop and support the LEAs’ professional capacity to successfully

integrate strategic plans into district institutional plan/school educational plan. **NYSED will not be a party to or responsible for agreements between LEAs and lead partners. NYSED is not specifically endorsing any of the individual lead partners listed.**

Some lead partners listed here may charge a fee to purchase associated implementation support services, while others may not. Some providers also may offer optional services. Before selecting a lead partner, LEAs should contact providers directly (before negotiating use of such product) to discuss any costs associated with the product/service for implementation.

LEAs and Lead Partner/Partner Consortia will be required to submit an initial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) upon application and a final MOU by the end of the planning period of the grant application sought.

Funding past the planning period is contingent upon performance and a fully executed partnership MOU and NYSED approved performance agreement. Additionally, LEAs and partner organizations will be held jointly accountable for interim performance indicators and summative student performance metrics through an explicit performance agreement to be finalized and approved by NYSED.

MOU Guidance document:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/turnaround/documents/SIFGrantMOUTemplate.pdf>

Questions or comments regarding the list of lead partners may be sent to leadpartnerinfo@mail.nysed.gov. Relevant questions will be posted in the FAQ. Individual responses will not be provided.

NYSED Request for Information form:

NYSED has provided an opportunity for Lead Partners to apply for approval to be placed on the Educational Services Provider/Lead Partner Resource list. By submitting an RFI, NYSED is not specifically endorsing the Lead Partner. By submitting an RFI and being approved, simply allows for the Lead Partner to be placed on the resource list to then be reviewed by a LEA that may be interested in seeking out potential use of service/products for turnaround.

Lead Partners may submit an RFI by following the link provided:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dF8tR2VYcXhTQ01teXZISIB0dEI5RHc6MQ> (note here that this link was last updated on 2011 – if used we need to update the page)