# Announcement of Funding Opportunity

## My Brother’s Keeper Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOC) II

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Definitions of Important Terms

**Academic Year:** The two regular semesters, three trimesters, or required equivalent arrangement normally occurring between August and June.

**Community Based Organization (CBO):** a group or organization, typically not-for-profit, at the local level to meet the various needs of intended population of this RFP. Examples include, but are not limited to, houses of worship, historically black and brown fraternities and sororities, and local teacher associations that serve the targeted populations.

**Cost of Attendance:** For the purposes of ensuring full need packaging, the cost of attendance includes all costs associated with institutional attendance of a full-time student, including but not limited to additional fees, housing, meal plan, and associated ancillary costs.

**Domicile/Permanent Residence:** For the purposes of NYS residency determination for TOC II, a permanent residence or domicile shall mean the person’s legal home. A person may have more than one residence; however, they will have one domicile or permanent residence. The permanent residence or domicile (rather than the temporary residence) controls the jurisdiction for taxation and for the exercise of legal rights.

**Economically Disadvantaged:** For the purpose of TOC II, a student who is economically disadvantaged means a student who meets the criteria set forth in section 27-1.1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. A student is considered economically disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a household where the total annual income of such household is equal to or less than 185 percent of the amount under the annual United States Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines for the applicant’s family size. Federal poverty guidelines are published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register. [http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/](http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/)

- If utilizing economically disadvantaged as criteria for admission, institutions of higher education (IHEs) sponsoring TOC II Projects are expected to seek applicants whose life patterns are characterized by economic disadvantage. These Indicators may include evidence that the student and/or the student’s family has endured long-term economic deprivation, membership in a group underrepresented in higher education, a history of high unemployment rates, a record of inadequate schooling, and/or little or no accumulation of assets.
• All economic eligibility documentation for TOC II must be provided consistent with the information and documentation utilized for the preparation of the FAFSA and for consideration under the NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).
• The eligibility standards set forth in this section apply only at the time of admission as a first-time student in TOCII.
• Once admitted, a student may continue to receive supportive services as needed, even if the family income rises above the current eligibility standards. However, a student's economic status must be reviewed under a federally recognized needs analysis system each year and appropriate adjustments made in the student's financial aid package.
• Responsibility for Documentation - It is the joint responsibility of the TOC II project director and the institution’s chief financial aid officer to verify that all first-time program students who are not a member of an underrepresented group are economically eligible and that all of the appropriate documentation to verify this eligibility is on hand. The institution is responsible and will be held accountable for this documentation.
• Reference to the family income scale need not be made if the student falls into one of the following categories, and documentation is available:
  o The student's family is the recipient of: (1) Family Assistance Program Aid; or (2) Safety Net Assistance through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, or a county department of social services; or (3) family day care payments through New York State Office of Children and Family Services Assistance, or a county department of social services; or
  o The student is living with foster parents who do not provide support for college, and no monies are provided from the natural parents; or
  o The student is a ward of the State or a county; or
  o The student is enrolled or was enrolled in a New York State Sponsored Opportunity Program (i.e., Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK), College Discovery (CD)).

Eligible Applicants: eligible applicant means a New York State located public or independent degree-granting postsecondary institution (IHE) that offers a teacher preparation program approved by the NY State Education Department. For any proposal to receive consideration, the applicant for your TOC II RFP application must be the degree granting institution. The Application Cover Page should only list the degree granting institution as the applicant.

Eligible Student: To be eligible for TOC II, a student must be a resident of New York who is either from a group historically underrepresented in the teaching field, economically disadvantaged, or satisfies the requirements of the Third Priority found in Section VII. Participant Eligibility.
An eligible student must also demonstrate interest in and a potential for a teaching career and be enrolled part-time (for at least six credits) or full-time (for at least 12 credits) in a registered teacher preparation program at the undergraduate or graduate level. To be eligible, the student must also:

- Be a graduate of a recognized high school or have a state approved equivalency diploma.
- If a graduate student, be a graduate of a regionally accredited college or university.
- Be in good academic standing as defined by the IHE, enrolled in an approved program of study, as defined by the Regents (http://www.nysed.gov/heds/IRPSL1.html).

**Full-Time Equivalent (FTE):** is a way to measure a worker's involvement in a project, or a student's enrollment at an educational institution.

- **Staff:** Full-time equivalent for staff is defined as the percent effort for each activity and/or service provided by the worker. An FTE of 1.0 means that the person is equivalent to a full-time worker and spends 100% of his or her time on the project; an FTE of 0.5 signifies that the worker spends half-time of his or her time serving the project.

**Headcount:** Refers to the number of unduplicated student participants enrolled and receiving services in a program during any given fiscal year.

**Historically Underrepresented:** For the purpose of this RFP, historically underrepresented in the teaching field includes: American Indian and Alaskan Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander; Black/African American; and Hispanic/Latino.

**Institutional Match:** The total amount of funds that the institution contributes towards TOC II for the purposes of administering TOC II. The matching requirement may be met through the institution’s own resources, private sources, other government sources, and/or in-kind services. Other State funds may be used in this match, with the exception of state grant funds from another educational opportunity program but may not duplicate services provided.

**New York State Residency:** a resident of New York State according to the criteria found in NYS Education Law section 661(5).

**Partnership:** Each applicant IHE must have a Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) partnership agreement with at least one high school of an identified school district that has at least 50% of the targeted population (Priority I and/or Priority II) of this RFP and one community-based organization (CBO). The high schools may also be identified as Targeted Support and Improvement or Comprehensive Support and Improvement School building(s). A link to a listing of Targeted Support and Improvement Schools or Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools may be found in Attachment VIII.

**Program Year:** For purposes of these guidelines, expenditures and activities occurring between September 1 and August 31 of the following year constitute a program year.
Students with Disabilities: A student with any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, or working. “Substantially limited” generally means that a person is unable to perform a major life activity that the average person in the general population can perform. Mitigating or corrective measures such as medication or corrective lenses may be considered when determining whether a person is substantially limited.

TOC-SED: New York State’s primary coordination and administration unit for the Teacher Opportunity Corps II; housed under New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Higher Education.

TOC II Student: A matriculated and active member of a participating TOC II project. Active shall be defined as having applied for and been accepted in TOC II at the institution and participation in TOC II activities.

Description of Program

I. INTRODUCTION

The first Teacher Opportunity Corps was established under Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1987. The Teacher Opportunity Corps II (TOC II) was established under Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2016 as a component of the My Brother’s Keeper Initiative. These grant contracts will support and help recruit, retain, and train economically disadvantaged or historically underrepresented participants as certified public-school teachers to better address the needs of students placed at risk. Targeted activities will allow participants to improve their content knowledge and classroom practice in order to help students achieve academically.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of TOC II is to increase the participation rate of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged individuals in teaching careers. TOC’s intent is to provide training that:

- include instructional strategies designed to meet the learning needs of students placed at risk;
- incorporate the use of mentors and other high-quality support systems for pre-service and new teachers that are designed to ensure a lasting and positive effect on classroom performance;
- reflect current research on teaching and learning; culturally and linguistically relevant teaching; youth development; restorative practices; and STEM concentrations at the elementary, middle & high school levels;
- integrate a clinically rich pre-service model with a 10-month internship experience and includes partnerships with community-based organizations.
and high-needs schools to help prepare pre-service teachers to develop and implement culturally sustaining practices to address the learning needs of all students; and

- foster retention in teaching of highly qualified individuals who value diversity and equity to help address the shortage of teachers who are prepared to teach students in that have been placed at risk in severely underserved areas.

III. RATIONALE

In December 2019, NYSED published the *Educator Diversity Report* [http://www.nysed.gov/educator-quality/ensuring-equitable-access-high-quality-teachers-and-leaders](http://www.nysed.gov/educator-quality/ensuring-equitable-access-high-quality-teachers-and-leaders). The report highlighted teacher diversity throughout the state. According to this report “As New York’s student population has become increasingly diverse, the racial and ethnic composition of the teacher workforce has remained constant. Eighty percent—or a little over 170,000 of New York’s teachers—are White, and Latino and Black educators are under-represented. The number of Black or African American teachers has remained relatively steady at approximately 18,000, while the number of Hispanic or Latino teachers increased from 13,877 in 2011-12 to 16,078 in 2016-17. Teachers of color are underrepresented statewide, but the enrollment of students of color is not evenly distributed across districts. Higher percentages of teachers of color tend to be employed in regions and districts with higher enrollment of students of color. Nevertheless, there is a large gap in the number of teachers of color compared to student of color enrollment. New York City had the lowest average ratio, with 1 teacher of color for every 30 students of color, over the period 2011-2017. Over the same period, the ratio in the Big 4 cities was 1:64; and in the rest of the state, one teacher of color was available for every 129 students of color. In the 2016-17 academic year, more than 200 public school districts did not employ a single teacher of color.”

The report provides research findings on the impact of having educators of color in the classroom and education community. Findings include:

- **Benefits for all students.** Research suggests that having educators of color as professional role models in their school benefits all students in several ways, including reducing the likelihood that they will grow up to harbor implicit bias against individuals from other racial backgrounds. Scholars have found that, controlling for other factors, students rated Latino and Black teachers positively on measures of effective teaching, particularly: holding them to high academic standards, supporting their efforts, helping them organize content, explaining ideas and concepts clearly, and providing useful feedback.

- **Academic benefits for students of color.** Teachers of color have significant long-term positive effects on the academic success of students of color, including improved test scores, identifying more Black students as gifted and talented, higher graduation rates, and
greater college aspirations. In higher education, students of color have been shown to demonstrate the same increased achievement and satisfaction as P-12 students when greater diversity and cultural understanding is reflected and embodied in the faculty.

- **Other benefits for students of color.** Having a teacher of color is associated with lower rates of chronic absenteeism and suspension, particularly for boys of color. There are various explanations for this. For example, teachers of color may serve as advocates and “cultural translators” for students of color. Easton-Brooks (2019) has suggested that having a same race/ethnicity teacher is comforting at a subconscious level and relieves stress for students of color, thereby supporting their academic success.

- **Benefits for the education community.** Increasing teacher diversity may benefit the schools where they work in several ways. Research shows that the more frequently White teachers work with teachers of color—thus increasing their familiarity with colleagues from other backgrounds—the more likely they are to employ culturally-responsive practices in the classroom, particularly when further encouraged by their school building and district leader. Other teachers of color already in the workforce find improved job satisfaction and decreased turnover as a result of a more diverse profession. Studies have indicated that teachers of color are more likely to remain in the impoverished, urban schools with the highest proportions of low-income students of color where their presence is needed the most, and where just one teacher of color can have a lasting impact on students of color throughout their academic career.

The TOC II Grant is part of the State Education Department's effort to recruit and retain more people from underrepresented groups, particularly males of color into the teaching field. This initiative also helps to resolve the shortage of teachers who are both qualified and prepared to teach students in underserved areas.

IV. **MISSION AND PRINCIPLES**

High-quality training as envisioned here refers to rigorous and relevant content, as well as to strategies and organizational supports that foster the development of new teachers who will bring positive attitudes to the teaching and learning environment. Partnerships among schools and the communities they reside in, higher education institutions, and other entities are essential in developing these supports for teachers and prospective teachers and for fostering a commitment to life-long learning. Furthermore, training and development are likely to be most effective when part of a system-wide effort to prepare, recruit, select and retain teachers.

Effective TOC II projects will provide instructional and enrichment activities that:
• increase the participation rate of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged individuals in teaching careers, through successful recruitment, support, and retention;

• focus on the high performance of all students as the central measure of effective teaching;

• enable participants to develop content area expertise while implementing effective classroom strategies that address the needs of at-risk students;

• reflect the best available research and practices in teaching, teaming and leadership;

• provide participants with supplemental classroom experiences to plan strategies and to observe and teach students that have been placed at risk;

• cultivate support systems within and outside the school building that promote and sustain implementation of strategies to address the needs of students that have been placed at risk; and

• are planned and implemented in conjunction with participating eligible school and Community Based Organizations defined as defined in Section VI of this RFP.

Teacher Opportunity Corps services must include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Recruitment and retention of teacher program students who are from groups underrepresented in the teaching field.

• Tuition support.

• Relevant field placements and internships with schools outlined in Section VI. Partnership Agreements with a TOC II partnering memorandum of agreement. (This field placement does not include student teaching experiences required by the institution for the fulfillment of degree requirements unless approved by SED.)

• Collaboration with the partnering school and/or Community-Based Organization to provide mentoring during the first year of teaching after participation in the Corps.

• Courses which address pedagogy, motivation, and other factors related to teaching of students who are at risk, such as:
  o Counseling
  o Tutoring
  o Classroom management
  o School resource allocation

V. INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY
VI. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

Institutions of Higher Education

Each institution of higher education (IHE) applicant must establish formal cooperative agreements in the form of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with at least one high school of an identified school district that has at least 50% of the targeted population (Priority I and/or Priority II) of this RFP. The MOA is required as part of the application process. These schools may also be identified as Targeted Support and Improvement or Comprehensive Support and Improvement School building(s). A link to a listing of Targeted Support and Improvement Schools or Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools may be found in Attachment VIII. The MOA for each IHE must identify up to two professional educators who are based at the high school of the district partner to serve as the liaison and person responsible for co-coordinating the recruitment and induction activities with the IHE TOC II Director and the school district.

Community Based Organizations

A memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the applicant IHE and at least one Community Based Organization (CBO) is required as part of the application process. The CBO must either have the targeted population as listed in this RFP or strong relationships with the targeted population as listed in this RFP in order to effectively assist in the recruitment of said students.

Additional MOAs may be added after the award process is complete or as the program expands. AN APPLICATION THAT IS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED EXECUTED MOAs WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING. Each MOA must outline the roles, responsibilities, activities, specific services, materials, and/or fiscal resources that will make this endeavor successful. Sample and minimal requirements of MOAs are provided in Attachment VI and VII.

VII. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for TOC II, a student must be a resident of New York who is either from a group historically underrepresented in the teaching field, economically disadvantaged, or satisfies the requirements of the Third Priority found in this section. An eligible student must also demonstrate interest in and a potential for a teaching career and be enrolled in a registered teacher preparation program at the undergraduate or graduate level. To be eligible, a student must also be:
• A graduate of a recognized high school or have a state approved equivalency diploma.
• If a graduate student, a graduate of a regionally accredited college or university.
• All students must be in good academic standing, enrolled in an approved program of study, as defined by the Regents (http://www.nysed.gov/heds/IRPSL1.html).

Teacher Opportunity Corps II projects must recruit and serve participants in the following Priority order:

• **First Priority** given to individuals who have been historically underrepresented and underserved in the teaching profession. For the purpose of TOC II, these groups include individuals who are American Indian and Alaskan Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander; Black/African American; and Hispanic/Latino.

• **Second Priority** given to individuals who are economically disadvantaged, as defined above.

• **Third Priority** given to any other individual who is not historically underrepresented in teaching nor economically disadvantaged. Appropriate evidence of the rationale and justification for each applicant admitted to the Corps in this category must be provided by the institution and approved by TOC-SED. Institutional rationale/justification must include the following:
  • evidence of effectiveness and results of efforts to recruit Priority 1 and 2 participants,
  • a description of the recruitment and selection process for Priority 1 and 2 participants, and
  • a statement illustrating how the inclusion of Priority 3 participants will fulfill the legislative intent of the Teacher Opportunity Corps II.

VIII. **TOC II OBJECTIVES AND KEY STRATEGIES**

It is important to note that all funded projects must conduct the required objectives within the project period dates specified.

To meet these objectives, all TOC II projects must implement strategies that address the intent of the TOC II goals and priorities, consistent with RFP Section IV. Mission and Principles. These objectives and key strategies are to be explained in the charts provided in TOC II Attachment III. A chart is provided for each objective.

**Objective 1**: Develop collaborative relationships that increase the number of students from underrepresented groups who enroll in and complete teacher preparation programs. Plan for the recruitment of economically disadvantaged and/or historically underrepresented students who meet the eligibility as TOC II participants; institutional efforts to enroll more students in competitive programs of study leading to teacher certification; institutional plans improving TOC II participant academic success
& development; and plans for TOC II participant engagement, retention, and graduation. The completed proposal document should reflect a cohesive program.

**Objective 2: Provide sustained, intensive and high-quality instructional and enrichment activities addressing the needs of TOC II participants to become successful teachers for at-risk students.**

Plan, organize, and implement program models/components that enable TOC II participants to develop effective classroom strategies in assisting at-risk students to graduate from high school as college- and career-ready. Provide comprehensive in-school classroom training for all TOC II participants. Evaluate, replicate, and disseminate proven strategies that prepare, retain, and support teachers of students at risk. The completed proposal document should reflect a cohesive program.

**Objective 3: Provide strong academic content and effective strategies and practices that value equity and diversity and increase the ability of TOC II participants to meet the needs of students at-risk.**

Provide specific coursework that enables TOC II participants to acquire the academic content necessary to teach students at-risk and apply successful classroom methodologies that incorporate equity practices. Provide coursework and field experiences that focus on strategies to implement content materials and methods which remove all barriers that may limit student success. Provide coursework that reflects recent research in best practices, such as inquiry-based learning, brain compatible learning, etc. Provide a continuum of services that support TOC II participants in acquiring the skills, attitudes, and knowledge necessary to teach students at-risk. Provide field experiences and school partnerships that link mentors with all TOC II participants that continue upon completion of their program(s) of study and during the first year of full-time teaching assignment.

**Objective 4: Establish and maintain partnerships to maximize TOC II resources and increase student/program success.**

Identify and leverage other public and private resources available for the same purpose and with the same focus. Provide a forum to elicit input and feedback from graduates, mentors, and school personnel. Establish a planning agenda to address key issues, plans, strategies, and performance of the TOC II program and local teaching needs.

**IX. PROJECT EXPECTATIONS**

All institutions awarded a TOC II grant will:

- accomplish all project activities within the approved proposal period;
- outline and execute a plan to improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation of teacher preparation program students from groups underrepresented in the teaching field;
• outline and execute a plan to improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation of males in teacher preparation programs;
• provide the necessary training and supportive services that assist TOC II students in succeeding academically;
• prepare all TOC II participants to make the connection between coursework and classroom instruction, curriculum development, and alignment to support college and career readiness;
• help TOC II participants develop strategies to teach students with a broad range of cultural backgrounds, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and students with other special learning needs;
• prepare all TOC II participants to develop and implement curricula using materials and resources from a wide variety of cultures, learning styles, etc; and
• provide new teachers with ongoing support systems that promote strong classroom management skills and sustain life-long learning.

X. FUNDING LIMITATIONS

Institutions may submit more than one proposal only if the institution has two or more geographically separate and separately operating campuses, both of which will be operating a TOC II project.

The maximum amount of funding that may be requested in any one application will be determined by the minimum number of TOC II participants (headcount) the project commits to serve/and serves contractually on an annual basis. The number of students will be based on the “unduplicated count,” which is the number of eligible students participating in TOC II. Funding will be provided at a rate not to exceed $6,500 per student.

The maximum request for any TOC II project will be $325,000 per year, based upon a minimum TOC II head count of 50 students. The minimum request for any TOC II project will be $65,000 per year, based upon a minimum TOC II head count of 10 students. In the event that a Regent Higher Education Region does not have a passing application that meets the minimum student requirement of 10, NYSED will consider funding a project with less than 10 students.

All funding requests will be reviewed at the time of proposal submission. If certain costs cannot be supported by TOC II funds, the expenses will be removed from the proposed budget and the budget will be scored accordingly.

Budget (FS-10)

Applicants must submit an FS-10 budget with this application for the initial 12-month project period. The 12-month budget will be reviewed and scored.
The applicant must complete the FS-10 Budget Form. Budgeted costs must comply with applicable State and federal laws and regulations and the Department’s Fiscal Guidelines. These guidelines, as well as the FS-10 form, are available online at the [Grants Finance website](#). The FS-10 must bear the original signature of the Chief School/Administrative Officer.

Information about the categories of expenditures and general information on allowable costs, applicable cost principles and administrative regulations are available in the [Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Aided Grants](#).

The budget should be reasonable and appropriate to cover program expenses.

For more information, visit the [Grants Finance website](#)

**TOC II Budget and Composite**

Applicants must complete and submit a TOC II Budget and Composite, which provides details on all proposed resources used to support the TOC II project including the grant, institutional and other resources. See Attachment IV. This document is also posted on the website with the RFP materials.

**Budget Narrative**

Applicants must include a written narrative of all the expenditures included in the FS10 and TOC II Budget and Composite. The descriptions should match the codes listed on the FS10.

**Allowable Expenditures**

A. Use of Funds

1. Activities funded under a TOC II award will be administered according to a written agreement between the State Education Department and the participating institution.

2. Amendments to the proposal during the course of the year that involve changes in the manner in which TOC II funds are expended must have prior written approval from the TOC II-SED, and may require approval by the Office of the State Comptroller. Expenses for activities not included in the approved budget will not be reimbursed by the State.

B. Allowable Expenses

Allowable costs include, but are not limited to:
1. To reimburse the institution (IHE) for no more than 50 percent of the tuition and fees, including room and board, charged for the regular academic program billed directly by the IHE. Awardees may request tuition reimbursement on a schedule that is consistent with the institution’s standard tuition collection processes. For example, if an awardee collects tuition from students prior to the start of each semester, and after the end of the previous semester, that institution will request tuition reimbursement for that particular semester during that same time period. Budgeted tuition costs must be based upon the actual student FTE of TOC II students currently enrolled in the institution for that semester. Tuition Assistance (including room and board) should be recorded on the FS-10 budget form under category Code 40 Purchased Services.

2. Program services such as professional and nonprofessional salaries, summer salary for faculty, and stipends to teacher mentors who are classified as staff should be recorded appropriately under Code 15 or Code 16. Costs of consultants, stipends to teacher mentors who are not classified as staff, and other academic or school clinical contractual services should be recorded under Code 40 Purchased Services. The rate for fringe benefits cannot exceed the actual rate paid by the institution for each employee and should be recorded under Code 80 Employee Benefits.

3. TOC II-related travel expenditures for project personnel and TOC II participants for the purposes of clinical field experiences, and recruitment and retention activities should be recorded under Code 46 Travel Expenses.

4. Teacher licensing examination fees and preparation classes needed for such examinations should be captured under category Code 40 Purchased Services.

5. Supplemental Financial Assistance to include: Textbooks, and other instructional materials for TOC II participants only, with a limitation of $1,000.00 per year, should be recorded under Code 40 Purchased Services.

6. Administrative and instructional supplies and materials (including textbooks and instructional materials, instructional or administrative computer software and computers, lab equipment, etc.) recorded under Code 45 Supplies and Materials.
   a. When durable goods (to include computer equipment) are purchased with TOC II-SED funds, it is the responsibility of the institution to ensure that the Equipment Inventory Form is completed and that a copy is submitted to the TOC II-SED.
   b. If a program closes, any durable goods purchased with TOC II-State funds must be released for transfer to another TOC II program so that the durable goods continue to support TOC II students.
   c. TOC II-SED staff will assist College staff in arranging the transfer of such durable goods.

7. Indirect costs at no more than 8% are allowed.

C. Non-Allowable Expenses
1. Funds are not available for rental of office or meeting space, storage facilities, equipment, fixtures, or communication costs already covered by the institution (phone, postage, and/or electronic communication cost).
2. Funds cannot be used for items which previously had been assumed by the institution. The purpose of a TOC II award is to supplement rather than supplant monies previously or presently allocated to TOC II related activities.
3. TOC II funds are intended to establish new efforts or to enrich or expand existing ones. They may not be used to supplant funding of other existing efforts.
4. TOC II funds cannot be used to pay for the salary or stipend of the TOC II Director’s Supervisor.
5. Funds may not be used for purposes other than those described in the approved grant contract.
6. Funds may not be used for cultural enrichment or other social activities.
7. State TOC II funds cannot be used for organizational dues or items not specifically allowed under the categories identified above.

D. Transfer of Funds

1. Budget transfers of more than 10 percent in any category must be submitted as a budget amendment. Form FS-10-A: Proposed Amendment for a Federal or State Project must be used to request a budget amendment and must be submitted to TOC II-SED for review. All FS-10-A forms must be submitted anytime between the start date of any funding year and July 31st of that year. Funds should not be expended until the budget amendment has been approved in writing. If the amount of the modification is equal to or greater than ten percent of the total value of the contract, the modification will require the prior approval of the Office of the State Comptroller.

2. Funds up to 10 percent of line categories may be transferred between approved line categories without prior written approval. However, TOC II-SED must be informed in writing of all amendments made to an approved budget within 30 days of each occurrence, but no later than July 31st of the program year.

E. Institutional Funds

1. Matching Funds

A minimum 15 percent match of the approved TOC II grant is required. The matching requirement may be met through the institution's own resources, private sources, other governmental sources, and/or in-kind services. Other State funds may be used in this match, with the exception of state grant funds from another educational opportunity program but may not duplicate services provided. All matching contributions must be used for activities related
Exclusively to the TOC II project, and institutional accounts must be structured to reflect this contribution by the appropriate line item.

2. Program Support

The institution must provide sufficient space and other resources for the effective operation of the program.

3. Institutional Obligation

Institutions approved for funding will have an obligation to honor the institutional amount committed in support of the program in each budget category. This obligation will be reflected in the approved budget agreed to by the State Education Department and the institution. The budget may be amended during the year following the procedures stated in Section XIV. Budget: E. Transfer of Funds.

**Reporting and Monitoring**

Grantees must submit an annual performance report at the end of each grant period but no later than the first Friday in October of each year of the grant. The performance report should demonstrate that substantial progress has been made toward meeting the project goals and the program performance indicators. Additional information about the annual performance report will be made available to grantees by SED after grant awards are made. Grantees who do not demonstrate adequate performance may be discontinued.

**Requirements for Funding**

Payee Information Form/NYSED Substitute W-9 – The Payee Information Form is a packet containing the Payee Information Form itself and an accompanying NYSED Substitute W-9. The NYSED Substitute W-9 may or may not be needed from your agency. Please follow the specific instructions provided with the form. The Payee Information Form is used to establish the identity of the applicant organization and enables it to receive federal (and/or State) funds through NYSED.

**Entities’ Responsibility**

Projects must operate under the jurisdiction of the local board of education, or other appropriate governing body, and are subject to at least the same degree of accountability as all other expenditures of the local agency. The local board of education, or other appropriate governing body, is responsible for the proper disbursement of, and accounting for, project funds. Written agency policy concerning wages, mileage and travel allowances, overtime compensation, or fringe benefits, as well as State rules pertaining to competitive bidding, safety regulations and inventory control must be followed. Supporting or source documents are required for all grant-
related transactions entered into the local agency’s recordkeeping systems. Source documents that authorize the disbursement of grant funds consist of purchase orders, contracts, time and effort records, delivery receipts, vendor invoices, travel documentation and payment documents.

Supporting documentation for grants and grant contracts must be kept for at least six years after the last payment was made unless otherwise specified by program requirements. Additionally, audit or litigation will “freeze the clock” for records retention purposes until the issue is resolved. All records and documentation must be available for inspection by State Education Department officials or their representatives.

For additional information about grants, please refer to the Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Aided Grants.

Accessibility of Web-Based Information and Applications

Any documents, web-based information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the contract or procurement, will comply with New York State Education Department IT Policy NYSED-WEBACC-001, Web Accessibility Policy as such policy may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that state agency web-based information, including documents, and applications are accessible to persons with disabilities. Documents, web-based information and applications must conform to NYSED-WEBACC-001 as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing will be conducted by NYSED employee or contractor and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to NYSED before web-based information and applications will be considered a qualified deliverable under the contract or procurement.

Contract Terms and Conditions

Grant awards will require that the awardee enter into a grant contract, the form of which is contained in an attachment to this RFP. In addition to being signed by the awardee and NYSED Counsel, the contract will need to be submitted for review and approval by the NYS Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller. All provisions of this RFP are subordinate to the terms and conditions of the grant contract. The contents of this RFP, any subsequent correspondence related to final contract negotiations, and such other stipulations as agreed upon may be made a part of the final contract developed by NYSED.

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation Goals Pursuant to Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law
The following M/WBE requirements apply when an applicant submits an application for grant funding that exceeds $25,000 for the full grant period.

All forms referenced here can be found in the M/WBE Documents section at the end of this RFP.

All applicants are required to comply with NYSED’s Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) policy. Compliance can be achieved by one of the three methods described below. Full participation by meeting or exceeding the M/WBE participation goal for this grant is the preferred method.

M/WBE participation includes services, materials, or supplies purchased from minority- and women-owned firms certified with the NYS Division of Minority and Women Business Development. Not-for-profit agencies are not eligible for this certification. For additional information and a listing of currently certified M/WBEs, see the [NYS MWBE Directory](#).

The M/WBE participation goal for this grant is 30% of each applicant’s total discretionary non-personal service budget each year of the grant. Discretionary non-personal service budget is defined as total annual budget, excluding the sum of funds budgeted for:

1. direct personal services (i.e., professional and support staff salaries) and fringe benefits; and
2. rent, lease, utilities and indirect costs, if these items are allowable expenditures.

The M/WBE Goal Calculation Worksheet is provided for use in calculating the dollar amount of the M/WBE goal for this grant application.

All requested information and documentation should be provided at the time of submission. If this cannot be done, the applicant will have thirty (30) days from the date of notice of award to submit the necessary documents and respond satisfactorily to any follow-up questions from the Department. Failure to do so may result in loss of funding.

METHODS TO COMPLY

An applicant can comply with NYSED’s M/WBE policy by one of three methods:

1. **Full Participation** - This is the preferred method of compliance. Full participation is achieved when an applicant meets or exceeds the participation goals for this grant.

   COMPLETE FORMS:
   - M/WBE Goal Calculation Worksheet
   - M/WBE Cover Letter
   - M/WBE 100 Utilization Plan
   - M/WBE 102 Notice of Intent to Participate
2. **Partial Participation, Partial Request for Waiver** - This is acceptable only if good faith efforts to achieve full participation are made and documented, but full participation is not possible.

COMPLETE FORMS:
- M/WBE Goal Calculation Worksheet
- M/WBE Cover Letter
- M/WBE 100 Utilization Plan
- M/WBE 101 Request for Waiver
- M/WBE 102 Notice of Intent to Participate
- M/WBE 105 Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

3. **No Participation, Request for Complete Waiver** - This is acceptable only if good faith efforts to achieve full or partial participation are made and documented, but do not result in any participation by M/WBE firm(s).

COMPLETE FORMS:
- M/WBE Goal Calculation Worksheet
- M/WBE Cover Letter
- M/WBE 101 Request for Waiver
- M/WBE 105 Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS**

Applicants must make a good faith effort to solicit NYS certified M/WBE firms as subcontractors and/or suppliers to achieve the goals for this grant. Solicitations may include, but are not limited to: advertisements in minority and women-centered publications; solicitation of vendors found in the [NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises](#); and the solicitation of minority and women-oriented trade and labor organizations.

Good faith efforts include actions such as setting up meetings or announcements to make M/WBEs aware of supplier and subcontracting opportunities, identifying logical areas of the grant project that could be subcontracted to M/WBE firms, and utilizing all current lists of M/WBEs who are available for and may be interested in subcontracting or supplying goods for the project.

Applicants should document their efforts to comply with the stated M/WBE goals and submit this with their applications as evidence. Examples of acceptable documentation can be found in form M/WBE 105, Contractor's Good Faith Efforts. NYSED reserves the right to reject any application for failure to document “good faith efforts.”

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER**
When full participation cannot be achieved, applicants must submit a Request for Waiver (M/WBE 101). Requests for Waivers must be accompanied by documentation explaining the good faith efforts made and reasons they were unsuccessful in obtaining M/WBE participation.

NYSED reserves the right to approve the addition or deletion of subcontractors or suppliers to enable applicants to comply with the M/WBE goals, provided such addition or deletion does not impact the technical proposal and/or increase the total budget.

All payments to Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise subcontractor(s) should be reported to the NYSED M/WBE Program Unit using the M/WBE 104G Quarterly M/WBE Compliance Report. This report should be submitted on a quarterly basis and can be requested at MWBEGrants@nysed.gov.

NYSED’s M/WBE Coordinator is available to assist applicants in meeting the M/WBE goals. The Coordinator can be reached at MWBEGrants@nysed.gov.

**Equal Employment Opportunity Reporting (EEO)** **Pursuant to Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law**

Applicants must complete and submit form EEO 100: Staffing Plan.

**NYSED’s Reservation of Rights**

NYSED reserves the right to: (1) reject any or all proposals received in response to the RFP; (2) withdraw the RFP at any time, at the agency’s sole discretion; (3) make an award under the RFP in whole or in part; (4) disqualify any bidder whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the RFP; (5) seek clarifications of proposals; (6) use proposal information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the state’s investigation of a bidder’s qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency’s request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the RFP; (7) prior to the bid opening, amend the RFP specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available; (8) prior to the bid opening, direct bidders to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent RFP amendments; (9) change any of the scheduled dates; (10) waive any requirements that are not material; (11) negotiate with the successful bidder within the scope of the RFP in the best interests of the state; (12) conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible bidder, should the agency be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected bidder; (13) utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received; (14) unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, every offer is firm and not revocable for a period of 90 days from the bid opening; (15) require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an offerer’s proposal and/or to determine an offerer’s compliance with the requirements of the solicitation; (16) request best and final offers.
Debriefing Procedures

All unsuccessful applicants may request a debriefing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving notice from NYSED. Bidders may request a debriefing letter on the selection process regarding this RFP by submitting a written request to the Fiscal Contact person at:

NYS Education Department  
Contract Administration Unit  
89 Washington Avenue  
Room 501W EB  
Albany, NY  12234

The Fiscal Contact person will arrange with program staff to provide a written summary of the proposal’s strengths and weaknesses, as well as recommendations for improvement. Within ten (10) business days, the program staff will issue a written debriefing letter to the bidder.

Contract Award Protest Procedures

Applicants who receive a notice of non-award or disqualification may protest the NYSED award decision subject to the following:

1. The protest must be in writing and must contain specific factual and/or legal allegations setting forth the basis on which the protesting party challenges the contract award by NYSED.

2. The protest must be filed within ten (10) business days of receipt of a debriefing or disqualification letter. The protest letter must be filed with:

   NYS Education Department  
   Contract Administration Unit  
   89 Washington Avenue  
   Room 501W EB  
   Albany, NY 12234

3. The NYSED Contract Administration Unit (CAU) will convene a review team that will include at least one staff member from each of NYSED’s Office of Counsel, CAU, and the Program Office. The review team will review and consider the merits of the protest and will decide whether the protest is approved or denied. Counsel’s Office will provide the bidder with written notification of the review team’s decision within seven (7) business days of the receipt of the protest. The original protest and decision will be filed with OSC when the contract procurement record is submitted for approval and CAU will advise OSC that a protest was filed.
4. The NYSED Contract Administration Unit (CAU) may summarily deny a protest that fails to contain specific factual or legal allegations, or where the protest only raises issues of law that have already been decided by the courts.

**Workers’ Compensation Coverage and Debarment**

New York State Workers’ Compensation Law (WCL) has specific coverage requirements for businesses contracting with New York State and additional requirements that provide for the debarment of vendors that violate certain sections of WCL. The WCL requires and has required since introduction of the law in 1922, the heads of all municipal and State entities to ensure that businesses have appropriate workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage prior to issuing any permits or licenses, or prior to entering into contracts.

Workers' compensation requirements are covered by WCL Section 57, while disability benefits are covered by WCL Section 220(8). The Workers' Compensation Benefits clause in Appendix A – STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS states that in accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, a contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the contractor provides and maintains coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the WCL.

Under provisions of the 2007 Workers' Compensation Reform Legislation (WCL Section 141-b), any person, or entity substantially owned by that person: subject to a final assessment of civil fines or penalties, subject to a stop-work order, or convicted of a misdemeanor for violation of Workers’ Compensation laws Section 52 or 131, is barred from bidding on, or being awarded, any public work contract or subcontract with the State, any municipal corporation or public body for one year for each violation. The ban is five years for each felony conviction.

**PROOF OF COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The Workers’ Compensation Board has developed several forms to assist State contracting entities in ensuring that businesses have the appropriate workers' compensation and disability insurance coverage as required by Sections 57 and 220(8) of the WCL.

*Please note – an ACORD form is not acceptable proof of New York State workers’ compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage.*

**Proof of Workers’ Compensation Coverage**

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL, the Workers’ Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a State contract submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or
contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate workers’ compensation insurance coverage:

- **Form C-105.2** – Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers, or **Form U-26.3** issued by the State Insurance Fund; or

- **Form SI-12** – Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance; or **Form GSI-105.2** Certificate of Participation in Workers’ Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or

- **CE-200** – Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers’ Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

**Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage**

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL regarding disability benefits, the Workers’ Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a State contract must submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate disability benefits insurance coverage:

- **Form DB-120.1** – Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance; or

- **Form DB-155** – Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or

- **CE-200** – Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

For additional information regarding workers’ compensation and disability benefits requirements, please refer to the [New York State Workers’ Compensation Board website](http://www.ny.gov). Alternatively, questions relating to either workers’ compensation or disability benefits coverage should be directed to the NYS Workers' Compensation Board, Bureau of Compliance at (518) 486-6307.
Submission Instructions

Interested institutions must submit one original and two copies of the application for funding as well as one electronic copy of the complete application on a USB flash drive containing all application and M/WBE materials. **The original must be clearly identified and signed.** An application for funding requires the original signature of the Chief Executive Officer (or designee) of the institution on the Application Cover Page (Attachment II). **Applications for funding must be postmarked on or before June 3, 2021** to:

New York State Education Department  
ATTN: Doris Waiters  
Office of Family and Community Engagement  
89 Washington Avenue/ Room 960 EBA  
Albany, NY 12234

An application for funding meets the deadline requirement if it has a legible postmark, shipping label, invoice or receipt from the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial carrier bearing the date of June 3, 2021 or earlier. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of meeting the required deadline. Hand delivered applications must be received at the TOC II-SED office by 5:00 p.m. on or before June 3, 2021.

Proposals that do not meet the deadline requirement will not be considered.

A complete application for funding consists of the following items in the order indicated:

A. Application Checklist (Attachment I)  
B. Application Cover page (Attachment II)  
C. Table of Contents  
D. Narrative that covers, in order, the information requested in this section  
E. Objectives Matrix (Attachment III)  
F. TOC II 2021-2022 TOC II Proposed Budget and Composite (Attachment IV)  
G. Budget Narrative(Written)  
H. FS-10 budget form (Attachment V)  
I. Completed Payee Information Form, if applicable (Attachment V)  
J. Signed Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) (Attachment VI &VII)  
K. Completed M/WBE forms and documentation (Attachment IX) (adjustments to these forms may be required based upon the final award)

Page Limits and Formatting Specifications

The Proposal Narrative and Budget Narrative are to be submitted on single-spaced 8.5” x 11” pages with one-inch margins. Charts/tables are not required to adhere to this standard. Use a Times Roman or Arial font in a 12-point size. If the Proposal Narrative
and Budget Narratives exceed the page limit, the excess pages will not be read by the reviewers. Do not include any attachments or addenda.

Proposal Narrative – no more than 25 pages  
Budget Narrative – no more than 3 pages

Proposal Narrative (80 points)

Provide a comprehensive description of the proposed project. Be clear, precise and adhere to the required format outlined in this section. The narrative will be reviewed in accordance with the following points and according to the Proposal Narrative Rubric.

1. Executive Summary (0 points, but required)
2. Organizational Background (6 points)
3. Completion of the previous TOC II grant cycle (4 points)
4. Need and Cooperative Relationships (10 points)
5. Program Objectives, Strategies, Services and Performance Measures (36 points)
6. Recruitment (19 points)
7. Project Staffing and Management (5 points)

Form FS-10 Budget and Narrative (20 points)

Using the Form FS-10 Budget Form, provide an itemized budget and brief narrative of how the requested funds will be used for the first year of the project.

Budgeted items must be reasonable in cost and necessary for the project in order to receive the maximum points. SED staff will eliminate any unallowable or unreasonable items in the budget. Grantees will not be allowed to substitute new items for those that have been eliminated.

Budgeted costs must comply with applicable State and federal laws and regulations and the Department’s Fiscal Guidelines. These guidelines, as well as the FS-10 form, are available online on the Grants Finance website. The FS-10 must bear the original signature of the Chief School/Administrative Officer.
Information about the categories of expenditures and general information on allowable costs, applicable cost principles and administrative regulations are available in the Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Aided Grants.

The proposal narrative should describe the 2021-2026 proposed activities in full detail, including the overall goals, planning, implementation, and evaluation of all proposed activities. **It should not be more than 25 double-spaced pages in a minimum 12-point font**, and all information requested in this section (excluding resumes, memoranda of agreement, course descriptions and the FS-10) should be contained within the narrative portion of the proposal. The narrative should present a cohesive document, with each individual section related to all other sections, and should adhere to the format indicated below. The name of the institution should appear in the top right corner of each page. A specific format is required for the information requested in Attachment III. This information should be provided on Attachment III and be included in the 25-page limit. Single-spacing may be used on Attachment III provided that the typeface or font is at least 12-point size. Failure to adhere to these guidelines or to include required information may be reflected in the scoring.

A. Application Cover Page

B. Executive Summary (1 page max)

   This section summarizes the proposal’s purpose, scope, outcomes and methodology used.

C. Organizational Background (Who section):

   This section should include:
   - An overview and brief description of the applicant institution.
   - This section should explain why your organization is qualified to be a TOC II institution.
   - A brief history, accomplishments, qualifications, and experience in preparing teachers from underrepresented groups and serving the needs of underrepresented and at-risk populations.

D. Completion of the previous TOC II grant cycle

E. Need and Cooperative Relationships (Why section)

   This section should include:
   - Identify the need explaining why the institution seeks to operate TOC II and the students it is seeking to recruit.
   - Why does your institution want to be a part of TOC II?
   - Community description, poverty, education, and other information that describes or relates to your target population and the objectives of your proposal.
   - Provide a description of the roles and responsibilities of local education agencies, school district(s), CBOs, and all other parties who will participate in the project. Specify how each collaborating party will contribute to the project.
o Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that describe collaborations must be attached. (See Attachment VII)
  • Describe the institution's plans to coordinate and integrate Teacher Opportunity Corps activities into a systematic approach of enhancing teacher preparation programs.
  • Describe each partner school and CBO role in providing support to students.
  • Describe any cooperative relationships with other departments within the institution that will provide services to TOC II students.

F. Program Objectives, Strategies, Activities, Services and Performance Measures/Data Sources (How section)

Use the forms provided in Attachment II: Program Objectives, Strategies, Activities, Services and Performance Measures/Data Sources

Objective 1: Develop collaborative relationships that increase the number of students from underrepresented groups who enroll in and complete teacher preparation programs.

Objective 2: Provide sustained, intensive, and high-quality instructional and enrichment activities addressing the needs of TOC II participants to become successful teachers for at-risk students.

Objective 3: Provide strong academic content and effective strategies and practices that value equity and diversity and increase the ability of TOC II participants to meet the needs of at-risk students.

Objective 4: Establish and maintain partnerships to maximize TOC II resources and increase student/program success.

For each objective, be sure to address the following:

  o Objectives and Strategies
    o List specific objectives to be accomplished. Objectives must support the TOC II objectives and key strategies and should be measurable. Objectives should be focused on improving the preparation of teachers of students who are at-risk, and on increasing the number of individuals from historically underrepresented groups who enter teaching careers. Each of the TOC II objectives listed should be addressed.
  
  o Activities and Services
    o List and describe each activity and service that supports the achievement of each objective. Expectations for project activities and services are described in RFP Section V. Mission and Principles. Include required, TOC II-specific courses, the level of each course, and the credits provided. (Courses identified should not include those that have
traditionally been required by the institution to fulfill degree and/or teacher certification requirements.)

- **Staff Responsible:** Indicate staff responsible for the implementation of each activity or service.
- **Timeframe:** Indicate the start and end dates, the timeframe, and the duration of each activity or service.
- **Measures/Data Sources:** For each objective, describe the performance measures/data sources that will assess its efficacy. Indicate the populations to be served and the tools and instruments that will be used.

G. Recruitment

1. Describe all strategies and activities that will be used to recruit and select participants at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Include a description of the population that is anticipated to participate in the TOC II program and a plan to prioritize recruitment into TOC II consistent with the priorities of the RFP as described in Section VII. Participant Eligibility.

2. A plan to improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation of teacher preparation program students who have been historically underrepresented in the teaching field. For previously funded projects, describe how the institution will increase the number of underrepresented individuals, particularly males of color;

3. A plan to improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation of individuals in teacher preparation programs who are economically disadvantaged;

4. A plan to improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation of individuals in teacher preparation programs who are **not** historically underrepresented or economically disadvantaged;

5. A plan that identifies retention mechanisms to provide necessary training and supportive services that assist TOC II students in succeeding academically;

6. A plan that identifies retention mechanisms to prepare all TOC II participants to make the connection between coursework and classroom instruction, curriculum development and alignment to support college and career readiness

7. A plan that identifies retention mechanisms help to develop strategies to teach students with a broad range of cultural backgrounds, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and students with other special learning needs, and to develop and implement curricula using materials and resources from a wide variety of cultures, learning styles, etc.

8. A plan that identifies retention mechanisms that provide new teachers with ongoing support systems that promote strong classroom management skills and sustain life-long learning.
H. Project Staffing and Management

1. Describe a management plan that will assure the effective completion of project activities given the fiscal and other resources available.

2. Provide an organization chart which indicates the management structure of the program within the institution and the reporting line for the project director and all other staff.

Note: TOC II programs must operate under the aegis of departments, schools or divisions of education. Direct involvement of education faculty is required.

3. Briefly describe all professional staff positions (full-time and part-time, paid and volunteer) that will be assigned directly to the project. Define role and scope of designated positions. Include the TOC II staff positions that have coordinating responsibilities for the major components of the program (e.g., admissions, financial aid, counseling, tutoring, evaluation, budgeting, reporting).

4. List the names and titles of all full-time and part-time professional and instructional staff for the project. Provide current resumes for all professionals in the project.

I. Budget and Budget Narrative

1. Indicate the proposed expenditures for the project on Attachment IV Excel document: TOC II 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. The attachment must provide complete information and indicate all proposed expenditures from TOC II, institutional and other source funds. The document is posted on the MBK Website. Complete all tabs on the Excel document. Budget narrative expenditures descriptions (including descriptions of institutional and other source contributions) must follow the general format of Attachment IV: TOC II 2021-2022 Proposed Budget using the same sequence of categories and code numbers as the FS10. The budget justifications must be clear and appropriate. Please also submit a completed FS-10: Proposed Budget for a Federal or State Project with this application. See Attachment V for additional information. The budget must be appropriate, consistent with the scope of services, reasonable, cost effective and the staffing pattern is appropriate for the services to be offered.

2. Each salaried position is identified by title, anticipated salary amount and the time contribution to the TOC II Program. Indicate the per diem or hourly rate for each consultant identified under the Purchased Services Category. Provide the unit rate or estimate for all services or items.
3. The proposal demonstrates how the expenditures and activities are supplemental to and do not supplant or duplicate services currently provided.

J. Memoranda of Agreement

A SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) IS REQUIRED FOR AT LEAST ONE PARTNER SCHOOL AND AT LEAST ONE CBO. THE MOAs MUST BE PROVIDED AS A PART OF THE INITIAL APPLICATION. AN APPLICATION THAT IS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE SIGNED MOA WITH AND FOR ALL REQUIRED PARTNERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.

Method of Award

The funds in the appropriation will be distributed to successful applicants according to the process indicated below. The proposals will be rated numerically, with a maximum possible score of 100 points: 80 points for the Narrative Application and 20 points for the Budget/Budget Narrative. Scores are recorded to two decimal places.

A. Awarding of Funds

1. The Narrative Application scores will be determined by two reviewers.
2. The budget and budget narrative of each application will also be reviewed and scored by both reviewers.
3. The final score used for rank ordering the applications will be the average of the two reviewers’ scores for the total of the narrative application and the budget/budget narrative.
   a. If, however, the two reviewer’s scores show a discrepancy of more than 15 points, the proposal will go to a third reviewer. After the third review, the mathematical average of all three reviewer’s scores will be the final score.
   b. The final application score must be at least 60 points for an application to be considered for funding. Failure to meet this requirement will disqualify a proposal from further consideration.
   c. In the event of a tie score, the tie breaker will be the highest score on the Program Objectives, Strategies, Activities, Services And Performance Measures/Data Sources section of the scoring rubric in the Narrative Application.
   d. If the scores remain tied after this step, a second tiebreaker will be the highest score on the Recruitment and Retention section of the scoring rubric in the Narrative Application.
4. New York State is divided into ten Regents Higher Education Regions (found here: [http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/regentsregions2009-2.pdf](http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/regentsregions2009-2.pdf)). The highest-ranking applicant in each region with a passing score will be funded at the amount of their request, pending modification of the budget if it includes unallowable expenses. In the event that a Regents
Higher Education Region does not have a passing application that meets the minimum student requirement of 10, NYSED will consider funding a project with less than 10 students.

5. The remaining funds will be pooled into a single statewide sum to be awarded to the remaining eligible unfunded applicants in rank order by final application statewide score. This process should result in at least one program per region and should also support those meritorious applications competing on a statewide basis.

6. If there are funds remaining that will not fully support funding the next highest application in the statewide ranking, that applicant will be given the opportunity to receive a partial award. If an eligible applicant chooses not to accept the partial award, the next eligible applicant will be contacted.

**Funding Amounts**

If new or additional funding becomes available, and NYSED chooses to distribute this funding to applicants of this current RFP, NYSED will allocate the funds in this order by:

1. Making whole any funded programs that have received a partial award;
2. Approving awards, in rank order, for eligible applicants who received passing scores, but who did not rank high enough to receive the initial funding; and
3. Allocating additional funds among already awarded programs. Maximum request amounts will be established by distributing funding proportionally (based on total annual budget) to those currently funded projects.

Such plan will be subject to review and approval by the Office of the State Comptroller.

A decrease in funding for any subsequent funding year will result in a proportional reduction to all funded projects based on total annual budget.

**Shortfalls in enrollment goals**

In program years 2 through 5, the TOC II award recipient institution will furnish TOC II-SED with a roster of students enrolled in its program as of February 15. This roster is due March 15. The number of students listed in this roster will be compared against the number of students proposed to be served in the RFP’s 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. If the current roster is less than 95% of the number set forth in the proposed budget, the grantee’s budget will be proportionally diminished by the amount of the percentage of the deficiency from the proposed budget. For example: if the actual roster is 94% of the projected number, the grantee’s budget will be reduced by 6% in the year of the deficiency.
Required Terms and Certifications

Attachment 1: Application Checklist
Attachment 2: Application Cover Page
Attachment 3-8: Required Program Specific Forms
Attachment 9: M/WBE Goal Calculation Worksheet
  M/WBE Cover Letter
  M/WBE Utilization Plan (M/WBE 100)
  M/WBE Subcontractor/Suppliers Notice of Intent to Participate
    (M/WBE 102)
  M/WBE Contractor Good Faith Efforts Certification (M/WBE 105)
  M/WBE Contractor Unavailable Certification (M/WBE 105A)
  Request for Waiver Form (M/WBE 101)
  Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan (EEO 100) Instructions
Attachment 10: Proposal Evaluation Rubric
## Application Checklist (Attachment I)

Listed below are the required documents for a complete application package, in the order that they should be submitted. Use this checklist to ensure that your application submission is complete and in compliance with application instructions.

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| M/WBE Documents Package (original signatures required)                             |                    |               |
|                                                                                  | □ Full Participation | □ Request Partial Waiver | □ Request Total Waiver |
| **Forms Required**                                                               |                    |               |
| Type of Form                                                                     |                    |               |
| Calculation of M/WBE Goal Amount                                                 | ☐                  | ☐             |
| M/WBE Cover Letter                                                              | ☐                  | ☐             |
| **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan                                                   | ☐                  | ☐             |
| **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate                                    | ☐                  | ☐             |
| **M/WBE 105** Contractor’s Good Faith Efforts                                    | N/A                |                |
| **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver Form and Instructions                           | N/A                |                |
| EE0 100 Staffing Plan and Instructions                                           | ☐                  | ☐             |

**SED Comments:**

Has the applicant complied with the application instructions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SED Reviewer: ___________________________ Date: _____________
## Application Cover Page (Attachment II)

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### I hereby certify that I am the applicant’s chief school/administrative officer and that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I further certify, to the best of my knowledge, that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, application guidelines and instructions, Assurances, Certifications, terms and conditions of the Master Contract for Grants, and that the requested budget amounts are necessary for the implementation of this project. It is understood by the applicant that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by the NYS Education Department or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement. It is also understood by the applicant that immediate written notice will be provided to the grant program office if at any time the applicant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

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## [My Brother’s Keeper Teacher Opportunity Corps II]
Program Objectives (Attachment III)

Instructions for Completing Program Objectives, Strategies, Activities, Services and Performance Measures/Data Sources

1. Each of the 4 identified TOC II Objectives should be addressed. Complete one sheet for each objective.

2. Provide all the information requested in each column of the Objectives, Strategies, Activities Matrix

3. Funded projects should include strategies that are currently used as well as any new strategies proposed for 2021-2026.

4. Definitions:
   • **Strategies:** Describe the process or method TOC II projects will use to achieve the TOC II objective indicated on the form (how).
   
   • **Activities/Services:** Indicate what TOC II project will do to accomplish the TOC II objective indicated on the form (action/work).
   
   • **Staff Responsible:** Indicate the staff who will be responsible. Use the title(s) for individuals listed.
   
   • **Performance Measure:** Indicate measurable elements that will indicate accomplishment of the TOC II objective listed on the form.
   
   • **Data Source:** Indicate where the data elements are located/drawn from.
   
   • **Timeframe:** Indicate the timeframe(s) for each item listed.
**Objective 1:** Develop collaborative relationships that increase the number of students from underrepresented groups who enroll in and complete teacher preparation programs.

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**Objective 2:** Provide sustained, intensive and high-quality instructional and enrichment activities addressing the needs of TOC II participants to become successful teachers for at-risk students.

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**Objective 3:** Provide strong academic content and effective strategies and practices that value equity and diversity and increase the ability of TOC II participants to meet the needs of at-risk students.

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**Objective 4:** Establish and maintain partnerships to maximize TOC II resources and increase student/program success.

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2021-22 RFP TOC II Budget Narrative (Attachment IV)

The Request for Proposal Budget Narrative and Composite Excel document can be found on the website with the posted materials at [http://www.nysed.gov/NYSMBK](http://www.nysed.gov/NYSMBK)
Applicants must submit a FS-10 budget with this application, for the initial 12-month project period of September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022. The 12-month budget will be reviewed and scored.

The applicant must complete the FS-10 Budget Form. Budgeted costs must be in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations and the Department’s Fiscal Guidelines. These guidelines, as well as the FS-10 form, are available online at the following URL: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe. The FS-10 must bear the original signature of the Chief School/Administrative Officer.

Information about the categories of expenditures and general information on allowable costs, applicable cost principles and administrative regulations are available in the Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Aided Grants at http://www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe/guidance/guidelines.html.

The budget should be reasonable and appropriate to cover program expenses.

For more information, visit the website http://www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe/guidance/faqs.html

**Complete a Payee Information form/NYSED Substitute W-9 as necessary**

Payee Information Form/NYSED Substitute W-9 – The Payee Information Form is a packet containing the Payee Information Form itself and an accompanying NYSED Substitute W-9. The NYSED Substitute W-9 may or may not be needed from your agency. Please follow the specific instructions provided with the form. The Payee Information Form is used to establish the identity of the applicant organization and enables it to receive federal (and/or State) funds through the NYSED. A Payee Information (or PI) form is required from grant/Request for Proposals applicants that have not previously received grant funding from the Department. The form is submitted with the grant application. A new form must also be submitted when an agency's payment address changes. The form may also be found at: http://www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe/forms/.
Attachment VI

SAMPLE TOC MOA- Partner School (Attachment VI)
(Insert Name) College and (Insert Name) School
Teacher Opportunity Corps Service Agreement

This cooperative agreement reflects the overall commitment as well as the specific responsibilities and the roles of the (insert Name) College Teacher Opportunity Corps and (insert name) School to enhance the preparation of prospective teachers. The purpose of this partnership is to prepare and support educators to help all students achieve high standards of learning and development.

Up front Planning Activities: __________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The partnership of the (Insert Name) College and the (insert name) School entails the following:

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<td>• Identify a TOC II Director/Coordinator, whose responsibilities include but are not limited to manage the activities between the college, the CBO and/or the school district.</td>
<td>• Identify up to two professional educators to manage the activities between the college, the CBO and/or the school district.</td>
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<td>• Offer at least one education course or workshop/training per semester that addresses the needs of the at-risk student</td>
<td>• Identify and recommend certified teachers to host pre-service TOC II students during 10-month internship.</td>
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<td>• Obtain teacher input in the planning of professional development activities</td>
<td>• Provide release time for above-identified individuals to participate in TOC II instructional activities.</td>
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<td>• Prepare and recommend TOC II students for Internship placements</td>
<td>• Assist the college by providing such services as mentoring, classroom observation, etc. for TOC II students.</td>
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<td>• Consult on a regular basis with appropriate school personnel about the progress of each TOC II participant</td>
<td>• Provide college staff access to classrooms to track the improvement in instructional practices and procedures.</td>
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<td>• When distributing, promoting, or publicizing TOC II activities, attribute sponsorship and provision of grant funds to NYSED-Office of Access, Equity, and Community Engagement Services</td>
<td>• Provide designated space for project activities.</td>
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Name of Institution___________________   Signature _________________Date__________
PLEASE NOTE THAT MOATHE AGREEMENT FOR YOUR PROGRAM SHOULD REFLECT THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR PROGRAM AND YOUR PARTNERS. ALL ACTIVITIES/SERVICES, ETC. THAT ARE PERTINENT TO YOUR PROJECT SHOULD BE INCLUDED.
Attachment VII

SAMPLE TOC MOA-CBO (Attachment VII)
(Insert Name) College and (Insert Name) CBO
Teacher Opportunity Corps Service Agreement

This cooperative agreement reflects the overall commitment as well as the specific responsibilities and the roles of the (insert Name) College Teacher Opportunity Corps and (insert name) CBO to enhance the recruitment of teachers of color, particularly males of color.

Up front Planning Activities: ___________________________________________________
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SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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<td>• Coordinate with the CBO to identify and recruit targeted populations</td>
<td>• Identify and recommend individuals who meet the TOC II targeted populations to the TOC II Director/Coordinator</td>
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<td>• Periodically offer at least one open-house/Provide informational sessions per quarter on the TOC II initiative with the CBO and prospective students on college access and pathways to teacher certification in targeted locations</td>
<td>• Assist the college in gaining access to other community organizations with relationships with targeted populations</td>
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<td>• Obtain prospective student and CBO input in the planning of workshops and activities.</td>
<td>• Provide college staff access to facilities for recruitment activities</td>
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<td>• Plan joint visits and recruitment events with CBO</td>
<td>• Consult on a regular basis with appropriate college personnel about the progress of recruitment efforts</td>
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<td>• Offer professional learning opportunities to staff of CBO</td>
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Attachment VIII

**TSI and CSI Schools List (Attachment VIII)**

*Link to Targeted Support and Improvement and Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools.*


*Each institution of higher education (IHE) applicant must establish formal cooperative agreements in the form of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with at least one high school of an identified school district that has at least 50% of the targeted population (Priority I and/or Priority II) of this RFP. These schools may also be identified as Targeted Support and Improvement or Comprehensive Support and Improvement School building(s).*
**Project Name:** TEACHER OPPORTUNITY CORPS (TOC II) A New York State My Brothers’ Keeper Initiative 2021-2026

**Applicant Name:** ____________________________________________________________

The M/WBE participation goal is 30% of each grantee’s total discretionary non-personal service budget. Discretionary non-personal service budget is defined as the total budget, excluding the sum of funds budgeted for direct personal services (i.e., professional and support staff salaries); fringe benefits; the portion of the budget in purchased services representing stipends, student tuition, and financial assistance; indirect costs; room and board, if these are allowable expenditures.

Please complete the following table to determine the dollar amount of the M/WBE goal for this grant application.

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This form is only for use with the 2021-2026 TEACHER OPPORTUNITY CORPS (TOC) Program. It may not be used with any other grant program.
# M/WBE COVER LETTER  Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements

**NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM**

**NAME OF APPLICANT**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 15-A of the NYS Executive Law, 5 NYCRR Parts 140-145, Section 163 (6) of the NYS Finance Law and Executive Order #8 and in fulfillment of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) policies governing Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation, it is the intention of the New York State Education Department to provide real and substantial opportunities for certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises on all State contracts. It is with this intention that NYSED has assigned M/WBE participation goals to this contract.

In an effort to promote and assist in the participation of certified M/WBEs as subcontractors and suppliers on this project for the provision of services and materials, the bidder is required to comply with NYSED’s participation goals through one of the three methods below. Please indicate which one of the following is included with the M/WBE Documents Submission:

- [ ] Full Participation – No Request for Waiver (PREFERRED)
- [ ] Partial Participation – Partial Request for Waiver
- [ ] No Participation – Request for Complete Waiver

By my signature on this Cover Letter, I certify that I am authorized to bind the Bidder’s firm contractually.

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M/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: All bidders/applicants submitting responses to this procurement/project must complete this M/WBE Utilization Plan unless requesting a total waiver and submit it as part of their proposal/application. The plan must contain detailed description of the services to be provided by each Minority and/or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) identified by the bidder/applicant.

Bidder/Applicant’s Name ________________________________ Telephone/Email: ___________________/_______________________
Address ____________________________________ Federal ID No.: __________________________________________
City, State, ZIP ____________________________________ RFP No.: __________________________________________

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PREPARED BY (Signature) ______________________________________________________________________________ DATE_________________________________

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# M/WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers

## Notice of Intent to Participate

**Instructions:** Part A of this form must be completed and signed by the Bidder/Applicant unless requesting a total waiver. Parts B & C of this form must be completed by MBE and/or WBE subcontractors/suppliers. The Bidder/Applicant must submit a separate M/WBE Notice of Intent to Participate form for each MBE or WBE as part of the proposal/application.

**Bidder/Applicant Name:** ________________________________________________________________  
**Federal ID No.:** _____________________________________

**Address:** _____________________________________________________________________________  
**Phone No.:** _________________________________________

**City______________________________________ State_______ ZIP Code___________  
**E-mail: ___________________________________________________**

**Signature of Authorized Representative of Bidder/Applicant’s Firm**  
**Print or Type Name and Title of Authorized Representative of Bidder/Applicant’s Firm**  
**Date: ________________**

**PART B - The undersigned intends to provide services or supplies in connection with the above procurement/application:**

**Name of M/WBE:** ______________________________________________________________  
**Federal ID No.:** _______________________________

**Address:** _____________________________________________________________________  
**Phone No.:** ___________________________________________________________________

**City, State, ZIP Code ___________________________________________________________  
**E-mail: _____________________________________**

**Brief description of services or supplies to be performed by MBE or WBE:**

**Designation:**  
- ____MBE Subcontractor  
- ____WBE Subcontractor  
- ____ MBE Supplier  
- ____WBE Supplier

**PART C - Certification status (check one):**

- _____ The undersigned is a certified M/WBE by the New York State Division of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (MWBD).  
- _____ The undersigned has applied to New York State’s Division of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (MWBD) for M/WBE certification.

**The undersigned is prepared to provide services or supplies as described above and will enter into a formal agreement with the Bidder/Applicant conditioned upon the Bidder/Applicant’s execution of a contract with the NYS Education Department.**

**The estimated dollar amount of the agreement**$_____________  
**Signature of Authorized Representative**
M/WBE CONTRACTOR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS CERTIFICATION (FORM 105)

PROJECT/CONTRACT #_______________________________

I, ______________________________________________________________________________________
(Bidder/Applicant)
_____________________________________ of ______________________________________________
(Title)    (Company)
______________________________________________________ (_____)________________________
(Address)     (Telephone Number)
do hereby submit the following as evidence of our good faith efforts to retain certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises:

(1) Copies of its solicitations of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises and any responses thereto;

(2) If responses to the contractor's solicitations were received, but a certified minority- or woman-owned business enterprise was not selected, the specific reasons that such enterprise was not selected;

(3) Copies of any advertisements for participation by certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises timely published in appropriate general circulation, trade and minority- or women-oriented publications, together with the listing(s) and date(s) of the publication of such advertisements;

(4) Copies of any solicitations of certified minority- and/or women-owned business enterprises listed in the directory of certified businesses;

(5) The dates of attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the State agency awarding the State contract, with certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises which the State agency determined were capable of performing the State contract scope of work for the purpose of fulfilling the contract participation goals;

(6) Information describing the specific steps undertaken to reasonably structure the contract scope of work for the purpose of subcontracting with, or obtaining supplies from, certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises.

(7) Describe any other action undertaken by the bidder to document its good faith efforts to retain certified minority - and women-owned business enterprises for this procurement

Submit additional pages as needed.

_______________________________________________
Authorized Representative Signature

_______________________________________________
Date

M/WBE 105
M/ WBE CONTRACTOR UNAVAILABLE CERTIFICATION

RFP#/ PROJECT NAME ________________________________

I, ________________________________________   ______________________   __________________________________________________ ________
(Authorized Representative)   (Title)   (Bidder/Applicant’s Company)

__________________________________________________________________ (____)___________________________________
(Address)      (Phone)

certify that the following New York State Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprises were contacted to obtain a quote for work to be
performed on the abovementioned project/contract.

List of date, name of M/WBE firm, telephone/e-mail address of M/WBEs contacted, type of work requested, estimated budgeted amount for each quote
requested.

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<th>M/ WBE NAME</th>
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, said New York State Certified Minority/Women Business Enterprise contractor(s) was/were not selected,
unavailable for work on this project, or unable to provide a quote for the following reasons: Please check appropriate reasons given by each
MBE/WBE firm contacted above.)

_______ A. Did not have the capability to perform the work
_______ B. Contract too small
_______ C. Remote location
_______ D. Received solicitation notices too late
_______ E. Did not want to work with this contractor
_______ F. Other (give reason) ____________________________________________________________

________________________________________________   ____________________________________________________________________
Authorized Representative Signature                           Date                                             Print Name

M/ WBE 105A
REQUEST FOR WAIVER FORM

BIDDER/APPLICANT NAME: 
ADDRESS: 
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 

TELEPHONE: 
EMAIL: 
FEDERAL ID NO.: 
RFP#/PROJECT NO.: 

INSTRUCTIONS: By submitting this form and the required information, the bidder/applicant certifies that Good Faith Efforts have been taken to promote M/WBE participation pursuant to the M/WBE goals set forth under this RFP/Contract. Please see Page 2 for additional requirements and document submission instructions.

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Subcontractor/Supplier Name: _______________________________  Date of application filing: _______________________________

PREPARED BY (Signature): ___________________________________________  DATE: _______________________________

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NAME OF PREPARER: 
TITLE OF PREPARER: 
TELEPHONE: 
EMAIL: 

FOR AUTHORIZED USE ONLY

REVIEWED BY: _______________________________  DATE: _______________________________  
WAIVER GRANTED □ YES □ NO 
□ TOTAL WAIVER  □ PARTIAL WAIVER 
□ ESD CERTIFICATION WAIVER  □ NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY 
□ CONDITIONAL WAIVER 
COMMENTS: 

M/WBE 101
REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

When completing the Request for Waiver Form, please check all boxes that apply. To be considered, the Request for Waiver Form must be accompanied by documentation for items 1-11, as listed below. If a Waiver Pending ESD Certification is requested, please see Item 11 below. Copies of the following information and all relevant supporting documentation must be submitted along with the request.

1. A statement setting forth your basis for requesting a partial or total waiver.

2. The names of general circulation, trade association, and M/WBE-oriented publications in which you solicited certified M/WBEs for the purposes of complying with your participation goals.

3. A list identifying the date(s) that all solicitations for certified M/WBE participation were published in any of the above publications.

4. A list of all certified M/WBEs appearing in the NYS Directory of Certified Firms that were solicited for purposes of complying with your certified M/WBE participation levels.

5. Copies of notices, dates of contact, letters, and other correspondence as proof that solicitations were made in writing and copies of such solicitations, or a sample copy of the solicitation if an identical solicitation was made to all certified M/WBEs.

6. Provide copies of responses made by certified M/WBEs to your solicitations.

7. Provide a description of any contract documents, plans, or specifications made available to certified M/WBEs for purposes of soliciting their bids and the date and manner in which these documents were made available.

8. Provide documentation of any negotiations between you, the Bidder/Applicant and the M/WBEs undertaken for purposes of complying with the certified M/WBE participations goals.

9. Provide any other information you deem relevant that may help us in evaluating your request for a waiver.

10. Provide the name, title, address, telephone number and email address of the Bidder/Applicant's representative authorized to discuss and negotiate this waiver request.

11. Copy of notice of application receipt issued by Empire State Development (ESD).

NOTE: Unless a Total Waiver has been granted, Bidder/Applicant will be required to submit all reports and documents pursuant to the provisions set forth in the procurement and/or contract, as deemed appropriate by NYSED, to determine M/WBE compliance.
**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - STAFFING PLAN**

**Applicant Name:**

**Address:**

**City, State, ZIP:**

**Telephone:**

**Federal ID No.:**

**Project No.:**

Report includes:

- [ ] Work force to be utilized on this contract OR
- [ ] Applicant’s total work force

**Enter the total number of employees in each classification in each of the EEO-Job Categories identified.**

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**PREPARED BY (Signature):**

**DATE:**

**NAME AND TITLE OF PREPARER:**

**TELEPHONE/EMAIL:**
STAFFING PLAN INSTRUCTIONS

General Instructions: All Bidders/Applicants in the proposal/application must complete an EEO Staffing Plan (EEO 100) and submit it as part of the package. Where the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State contract/project can be separated out, the Bidder/Applicant shall complete this form only for the anticipated work force to be utilized on the State contract/project. Where the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State contract/project cannot be separated out, the Bidder/Applicant shall complete this form for Bidder/Applicant's total work force.

Instructions for Completing:
1. Enter the Project number that this report applies to, along with the name, address, and federal ID number of the Bidder.
2. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the work force being reported is just for the contract/project or the Bidder/Applicant's total work force.
3. Check off the appropriate box to indicate if the Bidder completing the report is the contractor or subcontractor.
4. Enter the total work force by EEO job category.
5. Break down the total work force by gender and race/ethnic background and enter under the heading Race/Ethnicity. Contact the M/WBE Coordinator, mwbe@nysed.gov, if you have any questions.
6. Enter the name, title, phone number and email address for the person completing the form. Sign and date the form in designated areas.

RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION

For purposes of this form NYSED will accept the definitions of race/ethnic designations used by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), as those definitions are described below or amended hereafter. (Be advised these terms may be defined differently for other purposes under NYS statutory, regulatory, or case law). Race/ethnic designations as used by the EEOC do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. For the purposes of this report, an employee may be included in the group to which he or she appears to belong, identifies with, or is regarded in the community as belonging. The race/ethnic categories for this survey are:

- Hispanic or Latino - A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
- White (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- American Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino) - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino) - All persons who identify with more than one of the above five races.
- Disabled - Any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.
Evaluation Rubric (Attachment X)

| Applicant: |
| Reviewer’s Initials: | Review Completed: | Funding Requested: | Score: |

**Evaluation Process**
Reviewers are asked to evaluate each technical component as listed in the RFP on a scale provided for each component. In all sections, raters may choose to give a score between any two listed numbers if they feel that a score falls between those two numbers. Reviewers will review applications independently and keep applications and scores confidential. Reviewer comments are required to support the score given in each section.

**Rating Guidelines:**

**Excellent-** Specific and comprehensive. Complete, detailed and clearly articulated information as to how the criteria are met. Well-conceived and thoroughly developed ideas.

**Good-** General but sufficient detail. Adequate information as to how the criteria are met, but some areas are not fully explained and/or questions remain. Some minor inconsistencies and weaknesses.

**Fair-** Sketchy and non-specific. Criteria appear to be minimally met, but limited information is provided about approach and strategies. Lacks focus and detail.

**Poor-** Does not meet the criteria, fails to provide information, provides information that requires substantial clarification as to how the criteria are met.

**Not Found (N/F)-** Does not address the criteria or simply restates the criteria.
### Organizational Background (6 points)

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| The Proposed Budget, FS-10, and Budget Narrative provide complete information and indicate all proposed expenditures from TOC II, institutional and other source funds. The budget is appropriate and consistent with the scope of the services. | 5 | 3.75 | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0 |
| Proposed expenditures are reasonable and cost effective. | 5 | 3.75 | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0 |
| Each salaried position is identified by title, anticipated salary amount and the time contribution to the TOC II Program. Indicate the per diem or hourly rate for each consultant identified under the Purchased Services Category. Provide the unit rate or estimate for all services or items. | 5 | 3.75 | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0 |
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