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Absolute Priority: 1

Competitive Preference Priorities: 1- 4

Invitational Priorities: 1:

Requested Total Award Amount: \$2,508,818

Project Description:

The University of Minnesota (UMN) is seeking funding to create an undergraduate registered apprenticeship program that consists of system-wide efforts at the UMN to improve and establish partnerships in Special Education Teacher Preparation programs across several campuses (Duluth, Morris, and Twin Cities) and addressing both rural and urban student needs with multiple LEA partners. The eligible partnership will create three cohorts of 20 candidates with a Tier 3 license in Special Education, who will represent the diverse demographics of the LEA partners.

Project Expected Outcomes:

This program will build a more diverse teacher workforce through an approved apprenticeship model, prepare Tier 3 special education teachers, retain graduates as teachers of record in high-needs schools in the partner LEAs for at least three years, and ultimately improve student achievement.

Project Special Features:

Apprenticeship Model created for multiple universities and LEAs across Minnesota serving urban, suburban and rural communities.

Project Partners:

This project is sponsored by the University of Minnesota (Duluth, Morris, and Twin Cities campuses) which are institutions of higher education (IHE), together with a consortium of local educational agencies (LEAs): Richfield Public Schools, Hopkins Public Schools, and Columbia Heights Public Schools. Additional LEAs that will finalize partnerships in the planning stage are Duluth Public Schools, Morris Public Schools and North St. Paul - Maplewood -Oakdale.