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Absolute Priority: 1

Competitive Preference Priorities: 1 – 4

Invitational Priority: 1 and 2

Requested Total Award Amount: \$9,558,547

Project Description:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Miami Dade College (MDC) are set to reimagine their undergraduate Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) with the aim of enhancing educator diversity, supporting a varied educator workforce, and promoting educational equity. The goals of the Edu-PARTNERS initiative (Preparation, Apprenticeship, Residency, Teaching, New Educator Readiness, and Support) are to expand and improve recruitment efforts through traditional, nontraditional, and Grow Your Own Pathways and enhance teacher quality through structured mentoring support for retention. Edu-PARTNERS will revamp the undergraduate EPP curriculum in collaboration between MDC and M-DCPS.

Project Expected Outcomes:

Edu-PARTNERS will revise curriculum to improve the delivery of content knowledge and teaching methods, enhance clinical placement and candidate performance, and elevate the quality of program performance management. Edu-PARTNERS aims to have 180 pre-service teachers graduate from Miami Dade College's program, increase professional certifications in high-need areas, increase recruitment of high-quality educators, hire 180 preservice teachers, achieve employment retention goals, and establish and offer two new microcredentials through the program.

Project Special Features:

This partnership strives to break the cycle of teacher shortages and ensure graduates are exceptionally well-prepared to work in high-need schools, ultimately improving student success.

Project Partners:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Partner Local Education Agency), Miami Dade College (Partner Institution of Higher Education), Miami Dade College's School of Education, Miami Dade College's School of Engineering, Technology and Design, Miami Dade College's School of Science, and nine high-need schools within the district.