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SUBJECT: Request for Application Announcement
New Jersey Early Intervention System
Service Coordination

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), as lead agency for the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS), is pleased to announce the release of a competitive Request for Application (RFA) for early intervention service coordination for eligible children and their families. This is a competitive process, open to current grantee agencies as well as any other Not-for-Profit and public agencies. Agencies intending to submit an RFA are requested to submit a notice of intent to assist in ensuring that applications provide statewide coverage. A technical assistance session will be held on May 1, 2009. Please refer to the attached RFA for details.

The intent of the RFA is to provide an opportunity for agencies to propose creative, seamless approaches to ongoing service coordination, while ensuring that the models are fiscally sound and responsive to the needs of families. Agencies may apply to provide service coordination in one or more counties. The system point of entry for referrals and eligibility determination will remain with the Regional Early Intervention Collaboratives (REICs).

Current grants for State Fiscal Year 2009 have been extended through March 31, 2010 to allow for the release of the RFA and prepare for a smooth transition of services, in the event there is a change in service coordination model or provider agency in a given geographic area. The project period resulting from the RFA is from April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. After the first grant year, applicants that successfully implement service coordination activities will be eligible for a multi-year grant award.

Additional information on New Jersey Early Intervention System including state and federal requirements can be found at <http://nj.gov/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml>.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to receiving applications with new approaches to ensuring timely and quality early intervention services for children and families in New Jersey.