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One2OneMate Stimulus Grant Writing

One2OneMate stimulus grant writing services provide opportunities for school districts across the country to submit requests for funds in several areas, including improving student achievement. If you are interested in applying, **now** is the time to start holding discussions in your district about the possible grant opportunities and identify those that are of interest as well as holding preliminary discussions about possible projects.

If your school or district is looking for a cost effective, one-to-one, portable computing solution with laptop features, curriculum and assessment at a total cost of ownership not prohibitive to your school, consider including the purchase and utilization of StudentMate™ in your stimulus project. The StudentMate™ features a color touch screen, wireless and Ethernet connectivity, Flash enabled web browser, Word and Excel compatible applications, and e-mail. The StudentMate™ is designed to offer teachers and students the means through which affordable technology can be available and adapted to today's ever changing environment. Simple to use and compatible with all computers, StudentMate™ offers every student a portable computing hardware and software solution, allowing for learning to occur anytime and anywhere.

If you are interested in applying for stimulus grants, you will probably need the following information to put into a proposal:

1. A description of your project.
2. Goals and objectives for your project related to improving student achievement and teacher effectiveness.
3. Current student achievement scores for your students who will be involved in the project.
4. A detailed budget for your project with costs included.
5. Information about how many jobs will be created and/or retained as a direct result of your project.

Keep in mind that stimulus grants are one time funding and most, if not all, of the stimulus funds will need to be spent within the next 12-24 months. Also, the submission deadlines for these grants may be quite soon after they are announced.

If you need grants assistance, please contact Deborah Ward, M.A., CFRE, at 408-375-7880. Ms. Ward is a nationally recognized proposal writing consultant for education and nonprofit clients and has her own business, Ward and Associates. She provides grant development services which include: project development, prospect research (federal, state, corporate and foundation funding sources); RFP analysis; writing and editing of proposals; proposal submission; and evaluation of grants programs. Her clients have included school districts, education service agencies, foundations, higher education institutions, education, vendors, local governments and nonprofit organizations including a museum, an EMS organization, a hospital, arts organizations, and a leadership program.

Ms. Ward is a contributing monthly columnist for *eSchool News* and a former columnist for *Education Grants Alert*. Her articles have appeared in *Pro Principal*, *Board and Administrator*, *School Planning and Management*, *Technology and Learning*, *T.H.E. Funding Source*, and *Principal*. She has been interviewed for several publications including *Education Week* and *Advancing Philanthropy*. In 2005, her book, "Writing Grant Proposals that Win, 3rd Edition" was published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers. She is currently working on her second book about effective grants management with an expected publication date this fall.



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How to Get Started:

Please email the below information to perfect@gate.net

1. Contact Information:

- Contact Name:
- School Name:
- Department:
- Position:
- Address1:
- City:
- State:
- Zip:
- Telephone:
- Email:

2. Answers to the below listed questions.

- What kind of project do you want to implement?
- What need(s) will this project address?
- Who will benefit from the project?
- What will be the goal of the project? (i.e., in terms of student achievement, skill acquisition)
- Do you have a budget for the project?
- Will your district be providing any financial support for the project?
- Have you included training?
- Who will carry out the project?
- How does this project fit with the strategic plan of your district?
- What are your plans to sustain the project after the funding period ends (typically a 12 month period)?

Upon receiving the above completed information, a One2OneMate Grant Writing specialist will contact you for any follow up.