

TO: Superintendent Addressed

FROM: Susan Bohan, ESC VI TRC-M Project Director

 Lindsey Picone, ESC VI TRC-M Secretary

DATE: November 4, 2010

SUBJECT: **ESC VI Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching**

The Education Service Center, Region VI Math/Science Fee Service is applying for continuation of the Texas Regional Collaborative for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching Grant for the 2011-2012 school year. This partnership will improve mathematics achievement by continuously stimulating teachers’ intellectual growth and upgrading teachers’ knowledge and skills through activities that are founded on scientifically based research and aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Mathematics.

The long range goals of the TRC-M include:

* Enhance the quality of mathematics teaching
* Increase the number of qualified mathematics educators
* Impact teachers’ knowledge, their performance in the classroom, and student achievement

The following professional development opportunities will be offered:

* State Modules for all Levels K-12: MTC, MTR, TMT3 (rotating basis)
* Fostering Thinking 6-10: Algebraic, Geometric
* Assessing Children’s Thinking Elementary: Measurement, Algebra, Fractions
* Developing Mathematical Ideas K-8
* Elementary-School Students in Texas Algebra Ready
* Young Mathematicians at Work: K-3, 3-7

The Mathematics Teacher Mentors component will be emphasized. Training and mentoring entails 85 hours each year over the course of two years for a total of 170 hours. This project will continue to build leadership capacity and support professional learning across campuses and districts.

* Elementary Mathematics Teacher Mentors
* Secondary Mathematics Teacher Mentors

District expectations for participation may include but are not limited to:

* Administrative support
* Recognition for teacher leadership
* Substitutes and travel to allow participation in TRC-M activities during instructional days
* Time to conduct mentoring
* TAKS data analysis

Your signature signifies support of intensive, sustained professional development and mentoring for your district. Please fax this signed document to 936.435.8478. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at sbohan@esc6.net , 936.435.8211 or lpicone@esc6.net, 936.435.8364. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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Thomas Poe, ESC VI Executive Director Date