

**Notice of Intent to Issue:**  
**A Request for Proposals for**  
**Speech-Language and Bilingual Speech-Language Personnel Development Center**

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Special Education will be issuing a request for proposals for the establishment of a Speech-Language and Bilingual Speech-Language Personnel Development Center to increase the number of New York State (NYS) certified teachers of students with speech and language disabilities (TSSLDs) and TSSLDs with bilingual extensions for employment in New York City (NYC) public schools. This work is expected to begin January 1, 2020. NYSED will evaluate proposals on their alignment with the requirements established in the forthcoming Request for Proposals (RFP).

**Services Being Solicited**

Final product requirements will be established in the coming weeks and NYSED will be soliciting proposals from vendors to provide coursework leading to initial and/or professional NYS certification in Speech and Language Disabilities, including supervised clinical practicum placements (i.e., supervised clinical experience) for individuals residing or working in the NYC metropolitan area—including individuals who work full-time and need to complete program requirements in the evening and/or on weekends—to prepare them for work in NYC public schools.

The requested services may include:

- Recruitment of new candidates
- Providing coursework leading to certification in Speech and Language Disabilities and Speech and Language Disabilities with bilingual extension
- Providing scholarship monies
- Providing clinical practicum supervision

Eligible applicants: NYS public or private institutions of higher education (IHEs) with registered graduate education programs leading to Speech and Language Disability certification, Local Education Agencies (LEAs), not-for-profit organizations and for-profit organizations.

**The RFP Process**

NYSED expects to issue the RFP in Summer 2019. The RFP will be posted on the NYSED website at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/comcontracts/comcontracts.html>. Specific submission requirements will be delineated in the RFP itself.