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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #203-22**

DATE: September 9, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Advancing Computer Science Education (ACSE) Competitive Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) - Fiscal Year 2023**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the Advancing Computer Science Education (ACSE) competitive grant request for proposals (RFP).

The 2022 Appropriation Act, in an effort to promote the advancement of computer science education for all students and support the high demands of the Commonwealth's workforce, has provided state funding for computer science grants up to \$1.35 million dollars for FY23, and \$1.35 million for FY24. An additional \$1.35 million dollars in FY23 will be released in a separate Superintendent's Memo to support pilot grants and those criteria.

Individual school divisions or consortia of school divisions are eligible to submit proposals with partnering organizations to meet the intent of the RFP document, available as **Attachment A** of this memorandum.

There are two types of project proposals established through the ACSE program:

- 1. School to Work Partnerships:** Intended to support strategic partnerships between community business, and local school partnerships in order to increase work-based learning experiences for high school students.

2. **Regional Partnerships:** Intended to provide funding that allows regions to build both teacher and student knowledge, and interest in computer science grades PK-12.

All proposals must address (A) the development of learning experiences, instructional resources, and strategic partnerships that meet the ACSE program goals, and (B) measurement of outcomes through high-quality research informed practices and proven evaluation logic models to document deliverables, outcomes, and impacts.

A **pre-proposal webinar** will be conducted at **1 p.m. September 16, 2022**. You must click the link to register for the webinar in order to attend.

Completed proposals are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022, and must be submitted via email to the Office of STEM and Innovation at vdoe.stem@vdoe.virginia.gov. The subject line of the email should read “FY2023 Advancing Computer Science Education Competitive Grant.” Applicants will receive notification of award status on or about November 1, 2022.

For more information

Questions related to the Advancing Computer Science Education grant may be directed to Keisha Tennessee, Computer Science Coordinator, Office of STEM and Innovation by email at Keisha.Tennessee@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3489.

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- A. Attachment: [Advancing Computer Science Education](#) (DOCX)