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**CENTRAL PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTING EARLY
CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
FTF-RC017-10-0054-00
FACT SHEET**

**WHAT IS THE CENTRAL PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL INNOVATIVE
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTING EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS
RFGA?**

The Central Pima Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation to provide high quality, best practice, and community-based professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of those working with children birth through age five. As well as supporting professional development opportunities that bring subject matter experts (i.e. visiting faculty, published authors, researchers, etc.) to the Central Pima Region's early childhood educators, with potential for cross-regional collaboration. These professional development opportunities have the goal to be tied to college credit with academic support and consultation by an early childhood higher education representative affiliated with (or ties to) a higher education institution, such as a local university or community college. The Central Pima Regional Partnership Council is proposing innovative professional development opportunities, through use of Communities of Practice for early childhood professionals who work with children ages birth to five. The intent is to offer early childhood professions a continuum of education that is long-term and cohort-based tied to college credit.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$584,500 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be September 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 8, 2009	RFGA available on-line
April 28, 2009	Pre-Application Conference City of Tucson – Sentinel Building 320 North Commerce Park Loop Tucson, AZ 85745 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
May 22, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 9:00 a.m.
September 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 8, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **FTF-RC017-10-0054-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.