



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Barbara T. Bowman**  
Chief Officer

March 31, 2008

Dear Agency Director:

The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is anticipating funds during the next legislative session to continue our early childhood initiatives. In preparation for the 2008-2009 program year, we are asking agencies to apply for funding with the understanding that final approval will depend on state allocations. The Office of Early Childhood Education (OECE) is seeking to subcontract with community agencies wishing to provide services to preschool children.

The application and all forms necessary for completing the process for the Chicago Public Schools' Community Partnership programs are on the Chicago Public Schools Web site. You may also reference the Illinois State Board of Education Web site for program history and additional information. Program Guidelines will be reviewed at the Bidders' Conference and are also available on the CPS Web site ([www.ecechicago.org](http://www.ecechicago.org)). Please note that agencies wishing to be considered for participation must submit their application to the Program Office no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, May 23, 2008.

A Bidders' Conference is scheduled to review proposal guidelines and selection criteria for agencies wishing to participate in the Subcontracting Program. The conference for new agencies will be held:

**Date:** Friday, April 25, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
**Place:** 1<sup>st</sup> District Police Station  
Community Room  
1718 South State Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60616

If you are planning to attend the Bidders' Conference, please call Yanet Rodriguez at (773) 535-3245. Attendance at a Bidders' Conference is recommended but is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Ryan at (773) 535-3245.

Sincerely,

Barbara T. Bowman

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Enclosures

c: Paula A. Cottone  
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