

Request For Proposals 2012-2013
HATS STEDTRAIN K-12 Education Seed Grants

ATTENTION: K-12 School Superintendents

Principals
Teachers
Technology Directors
Technology Coordinators
Facilitators
Parents

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The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies (HATS) and its Science and Technology Education and Training (STEDTRAIN) Committee are pleased to announce continuation of its Seed Grant Program for K-12 schools in Jackson, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Limestone Counties in Alabama and Lincoln County in Tennessee.

For the past twenty-four years, the HATS STEDTRAIN education seed grants ranging from \$200 to \$1000 have been awarded to **area** schools for innovative projects that will help promote student interest in scientific and technical subjects. Some confusion has existed in the past as to the meaning of "Seed." "Seed" as used for the Seed Grant Program is meant to be taken figuratively, not literally. We normally do not fund planting vegetable or flower seeds unless the activity is part of a valid hands-on botany project. We fund innovative projects that "seed" an enthusiasm in students for science and technology education. Proposals that obviously seek to obtain just hardware - technology without a good program are rated low. See the Guidelines for other restrictions.

HATS **respectfully but earnestly** requests that you announce this opportunity and encourage teachers, students, and parents to jointly prepare proposals for an award of a grant. Grant guidelines and grant application are available online.

- Proposals, via the official online fill-in Application Form, must be completed and submitted by the lead teacher and approved by the lead teacher's principal before 4:30 PM, April 1, 2011. The Official Application Forms are available at the HATS STEDTRAIN web page <http://www.stedtrain.org/>. An example application can also be accessed from this site.
- Proposal submittal attempts **after the deadline will not be accepted by the server.**
- Recipient Notification: on or about July 31, 2012.
- Awards: Saturday morning, August 25, 2012.

Please communicate and share this HATS grant opportunity with your Teachers. HATS STEDTRAIN Member Contacts: Woody Williams, 256.837.5172, Dr. Mike Baran, **256.656.5975**, or Dr. Philomena G. Grodzka, 256.536.8638. We look forward to numerous **innovative** responses to this Request for Proposals and thank you for your attention and cooperation.