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To: Persons Interested in State Funding for Alternative Certification Programs, Including the District Intern Program

From: 
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Re: Funds Available to Local Education Agencies to Create or Expand Internship Programs

The 1993-94 State Budget includes \$2 million to support alternatives to a conventional university training program for individuals interested in obtaining a teaching credential. In California, internships have been an essential component of teacher preparation, providing innovative ways to prepare teachers, while meeting the needs of districts with shortages, and expanding the pool of qualified teachers to include persons who might not otherwise enter teaching. Internship programs allow individuals with specialized skills, particularly in selected subject areas, along with maturity and life experiences, to obtain teaching positions while completing their teacher preparation. These positions are full- or part-time paid positions in participating school districts. For the first time this year, the State will provide funds to local education agencies to address the need for certificated personnel through internships.

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The Commission will administer the \$2 million fund, providing grants to school districts or county offices of education that propose to create or expand a teacher internship program. In September of 1993 the Commission will send a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local education agencies. The RFP will invite proposals from school districts or county offices for the creation or expansion of District Intern Programs (operated pursuant to Education Code Section 44325 and following) or University Intern Programs (operated pursuant to Education Code Section 44450 and following).

Under pending legislation to govern distribution of the \$2 million for alternative certification (AB 1161, Quackenbush), only school districts and county offices of education may submit funding proposals for internship programs; however, these agencies may work collaboratively with colleges, universities, teacher associations or others to develop or implement internships. AB 1161 allocates \$1500 per intern per year for purposes of providing instruction, support and assessment. Participating districts will receive two-year grants, and are expected to provide similar in-kind contributions unless this would cause a hardship. Finally, AB 1161 specifies that the Commission, with the assistance of educators and others, shall establish criteria for selecting grant applications for funding, with such criteria being limited to:

- (a) Geographic distribution of grant recipients;
- (b) Demonstrated need for increasing the number of certificated personnel;
- (c) The number of participants to be served by the proposed program;
- (d) The quality of the curriculum, instruction, support and assessment; and
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

For additional information regarding this opportunity for state funding--

- please contact Dr. Michael McKibbin, Consultant in Professional Services, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, at (916) 445-4438; or
- complete the attached form indicating you would like a copy of the Request for Proposals and return it to the Commission.

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**Request for Proposals
Response Form**

Directions: Please print or type the requested information and return this form to the Commission.

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Please print or type the following information.

Your Name: _____

Your Title: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

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Number and Street or P. O. Box

City, State and Zip: _____