



The Endeavour Academy



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C A L L F O R P A R T I C I P A T I O N

The Technological Research & Development Authority (TRDA) seeks participation from traditional and non-traditional teacher training entities, including public and private universities, museums, professional development experts, research installations, large and small businesses, aquariums and zoos, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and individuals to participate as course providers for The Endeavour Academy. The professional development programs presented through the Academy will provide practical math, science, reading and technology content, with a focus on specific topics taught by professionals and researchers using engaging, hands-on techniques. The Endeavour Academy will offer workshops for K-12 teachers that result in the use of innovative hands-on teaching methods and materials.

The program goal is to assist schools in the development and retention of teachers and enhance student interest and performance in science, mathematics, reading and technology disciplines by:

- Expanding the mathematics, science, reading and technology knowledge base of K-12 teachers
- Introducing teachers to industry examples of math, science, reading and technology theories and practices
- Providing materials and instruction in the use of innovative and hands-on methods of teaching mathematics, science, reading and technology
- Supplying teachers with turnkey systems to use in the classroom

Selected workshop providers will be included in The Endeavour Academy catalogs. This is an ongoing solicitation to develop year round Academy offerings. All workshops will be marketed directly to teachers, school district staff development professionals, and schools.

This is not a grant program. Workshop providers will offer programs through The Academy and receive compensation based on contracted rates and costs. The Endeavour Academy will provide financial support to participating teachers and school districts to ensure that they have access to the quality programs offered through the Academy. Depending on the course costs, materials requirements and other incidental costs, support may include reduced course rates, stipends, and materials for use in the classroom.



The Academy will administer registration, marketing, bookkeeping and workshop assessments. Cash and in-kind matches on the part of providers are strongly encouraged. Workshop providers are welcome to engage in marketing activities, however, marketing materials must be approved by the Academy and those costs will not be covered through the contract with The Endeavour Academy.

The Endeavour Academy seeks to provide teachers and school districts with a measure of confidence in the training programs that are offered through the Academy, and therefore encourages submission of only high-quality, innovative programs. The Academy provides certain resources for distance learning and computer-based courses through partnerships. Workshop sites may vary. Participants are welcome to use facilities at school districts, those made available through the Academy, or workshop-specific sites of their choosing. To discuss programs or concepts and gauge their relevance to the Academy or to inquire about available resources, **please call 866.263.9564 or email your question(s) to Proposals@TheEndeavourAcademy.com**

Workshop proposals will be evaluated on quality of curriculum, innovation, appeal to teachers, practicality of implementation and assessment, and relevance to Sunshine State Standards for mathematics and science. (The complete Sunshine State Standards are available at www.firn.edu/doe/menu/sss.htm). The Academy seeks to develop a catalog of quality, hands-on courses for teachers in the areas of math, science, reading and technology that will be offered throughout the year. Programs receiving positive assessments will be renewed for subsequent years.

Workshop Proposals

Each proposal should clearly demonstrate how the course adheres to The Endeavour Academy Workshop Guidelines, included at the end of this Call for Participation. The following outline should be used to prepare proposals. Proposals are limited to 15 pages.

- **The Endeavour Academy Cover Form**, completed and signed by an agent of the organization. *If through Web site, click here.*
- **Workshop Overview:**
 - Include a detailed, hourly agenda for the workshop (with any meal arrangements)
 - Describe the topic(s) covered and the method(s) of instruction used (i.e. inquiry-based, lecture, small group activities)
 - Explain use of hands-on components and what teachers are expected to learn
 - List the materials teachers will use during the workshop
 - List the materials included in the “take-home” kit that will go back to the teachers’ classrooms
 - Identify the workshop goals and how they relate to the Sunshine State Standards
 - Include a five sentence summary of the workshop for the catalog
- **Course Logistics:**
 - Describe the facilities required for the course (indicate if The Endeavour Academy must secure the facility on provider’s behalf)
 - Indicate whether or not teachers need to bring information, special materials or equipment for the workshop from their classroom



- **Results:**
 - Describe any past successes in presenting the course or anticipated results for offering the course
- **Qualifications: (only if new to teaching for The Endeavour Academy)**
 - Provide resume/qualifications of the organization and instructor
 - Include a list of previous workshop participants and contact information (if available).
- **Budget:**
 - Instructor fee is an hourly fee determined by The Endeavour Academy based on the instructor qualifications
 - \$40/hour- State Certified Teacher
 - \$50/hour- Professional Development Specialist
 - \$65/hour- Institutional Expert/PhD.
 - \$65-\$100/hour- Corporate- Minimum 5 years experience in field
 - Consumable Equipment is equipment used during the workshop. Original receipts will be required. List the following for each:
 - Item name
 - Item cost
 - Number of that item required per teacher
 - Supplier and phone number
 - Take-Home Equipment is equipment given to the teachers to take back to their classroom (not to exceed \$100/teacher). List the following:
 - Item name
 - Item cost
 - Number of that item required for a class of 30 students
 - Supplier and phone number
 - Miscellaneous must be detailed with explanation

The proposal must not exceed 15 single-spaced, 8- x 11-inch single-sided pages, including all sections covered in the outline above. All pages must be numbered. Body text must be printed in no less than 12-point type and within one-inch margins. All proposals must include the TRDA Endeavour Academy Cover Form. The Cover Form will not be counted in the 15-page limit.

Inquiries

Inquiries regarding The Endeavour Academy and this Call for Participation may be made by calling 866.263.9564 or via email to proposals@TheEndeavourAcademy.com.

Submission

Submission of responses to this Call for Participation should be sent through email.

Email to: proposals@TheEndeavourAcademy.com

Subject Line: Call for Participation – The Endeavour Academy



Selection

Workshops will be selected on the merits of the professional development program as described in the proposal submitted to The Endeavour Academy. Reviewers will gauge the relevance, potential effectiveness and appeal of the course; the qualifications of the proposing organization; and the cost-effectiveness of the program according to the complete and concise information provided in the proposal. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the proposal outline provided.

Workshop selections will be announced according to the above selection schedule through correspondence and an official award list on The Endeavour Academy website at www.TheEndeavourAcademy.com. A negotiated agreement resulting from the accepted proposal will be developed between the proposing entity and the TRDA. Renewal options will be considered contingent upon availability of funding and performance under the initial contract.

A formal assessment may be conducted by an independent organization commissioned by TRDA.

The TRDA is an independent special district of the state of Florida created to promote technology education and economic development programs. More information about the agency can be found at www.TRDA.org. The TRDA presents this opportunity as part of contracts with the Florida Department of Education and the United States Department of Education.

WORKSHOP GUIDELINES

- Workshops must cover math, science, reading and technology subject matter taught by Florida K-12 teachers and conform to all Sunshine State Standards. Please visit www.firn.edu/doe/menu/sss.htm for a complete list of standards.
- Workshops should be designed to address specific grade ranges: K-2; 3-6; 7-8; 9-12 or K-12 in special cases.
- Workshops must provide teachers with a classroom “kit” or the necessary equipment/materials to conduct hands-on experiments or activities in the classroom. (Catalogs and equipment references are available at no cost through the TRDA for instructors needing said equipment.)
- Workshops must include at least one hour for teachers to customize curriculum for their classroom. Summer session workshops may involve longer timeframes.
- Instructors must commit to a minimum six-month follow-up period for workshop participants to contact the instructors with questions, either through email, phone, or US postal service.
- Instructors must include the participant evaluation portion of their workshop for submission to The Endeavour Academy following completion.
- If the proposed workshop is accepted, the instructor will be required to agree and adhere to the Instructor guidelines prior to instructing any workshops. All pertinent information will be provided when appropriate.

Guidelines are subject to change in future Calls for Participation.



