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**Abstract Narrative – Project Title: Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South**

The goal of Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South (CMIT South) is to provide science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) focused learning in order to spark interest in STEM awareness and careers while preparing students for college and work force. CMIT South will be a replica of Chesapeake Math and IT Academy (CMIT Academy) which has been successfully serving in Northern Prince George's County since 2011.

CMIT South will enroll students through an admission lottery system governed by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), a school community with a diverse student population from urban, suburban, and rural areas. PGCPS is comprised of 95.5% of the underrepresented minorities (64.7 % African American, 2.8% Asian, 4.5% Caucasian, 25.8% Hispanic/Latino, and 2.2% Other).

CMIT South will open its doors in August 2014 in a former PGCPS school facility. During the first year of operation, the permanent facility will be renovated and ready for the second school year. We are requesting the CSP grant funds for the initial implementation and then furnishing the permanent school facility during the second and third years.

We are requesting \$617,120.00 over three years in DOE CSP grant funds. This grant will ensure successful implementation of a STEM Secondary School that will make a huge difference for the PGCPS students and families.