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NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

**ROLLING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED THROUGH THE HHS
ACCELERATOR SYSTEM**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - School Based Health Center Services (SBHC)
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The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has issued the SBHC Rolling Request for Proposals (RFP) through the HHS Accelerator system. This RFP is issued through the HHS Accelerator system *only* to those organizations prequalified in the relevant service areas. Likewise, proposals must be submitted through the HHS Accelerator system in the manner set forth in the 'Procurements' section of the system by those same prequalified organizations. Go to www.nyc.gov/hhsaccelerator to learn more.

School Based Health Centers were established by Chapter 198 of the NYS Laws of 1978 “to improve the accessibility and availability of quality comprehensive and preventive physical and mental health services to preschool, elementary, middle and secondary school students in high risk areas of New York State. As a result of this Law, NYS Department of Health approves, licenses and monitors every SBHC in NYS. School Based Health Centers are medical health centers within the schools. They help students manage their illnesses during the school day. Because of the location, School Based Health Center are an easy health care option for busy students with busy parents who cannot always make it to their doctor’s office. School-Based Health Centers have been providing primary care to students in NYC schools for over 30 years. It’s been proven that School-Based Health Centers lower school absences and parents’ time away from work. They also lower the chance of an emergency room or hospital visit. If a child has a chronic illness, or suddenly gets sick, a School-Based Health Center at their school can assist the child with needed care.

SBHCs represent a collaborative relationship between the school community, parents and health care providers, all of whom share a common goal of providing comprehensive services in school settings. This collaboration helps to ensure students have access to the services and supports necessary to address some of the critical health, social, and mental health problems that make it difficult for them to learn. Services rendered in the school setting not only provide more immediate access for students and their families, they also allow ongoing communication and coordination with school personnel regarding educational goals and student achievement.

For further information on the New York City public schools, please visit the Department of Education website at <http://schools.nyc.gov>.