

**Denver School of Science and Technology, Inc.**  
Abstract Narrative

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**Project Title:** Denver School of Science and Technology, Inc. Expansion & Replication Project  
**Total Requested Amount:** \$15,000,000

Denver School of Science and Technology, Inc., aka DSST Public Schools (DSST), is experienced in operating high-quality, high performing public charter schools within the Denver Public Schools (DPS) district. With the mission to transform urban public education by eliminating educational inequity and preparing all students for success in college and the 21<sup>st</sup> century, DSST is a unique charter school network offering a distinctive value proposition based on serving diverse students, a 100% four year college acceptance track record, and high student growth. DSST has been a committed partner with the district since its inception in 2004, working to make it the leading urban public school district in the nation by providing a diverse student population with a world-class liberal arts education, focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

With support from the Charter Schools Program of the Department of Education, DSST's will serve more students in Denver by expanding and replicating our highly successful model through opening seven more schools serving 3,440 additional students by 2021. Opening more high-performing schools will give more Denver students the opportunity to enroll at DSST, consistently rated among the top-performing schools in Colorado and providing a high-quality education in Denver's highest-need communities. By creating powerful learning communities centered on core values and a shared commitment to academic excellence, DSST will increase the number of underrepresented students who attain college degrees and who are prepared to be our future leaders.

The Project has four objectives with performance measures to assess progress over the 5-year grant period.

- Objective 1: DSST will expand three currently established schools and replicate to establish four new DSST campuses by the end of the CSP Replication/Expansion grant's five-year grant period.
- Objective 2: DSST schools expanded and established through the CSP Replication/Expansion grant will implement policies and programs based on the successful DSST Model.
- Objective 3: Students at DSST schools expanded or established through the CSP Replication/Expansion grant will progress and achieve to meet high standards.
- Objective 4: All schools created with CSP Replication/Expansion grant will support students in preparing for, enrolling and participating in post- secondary education.

This project addresses Absolute Priority 1 and Competitive Priorities 2 and 3.