2010-2011 RAMP UP TO READINESS AWARD COMPETITION

I. Ramp-Up to Readiness Grant Program Purpose

To help University colleges, departments and offices launch new or enhance existing partnerships with preK-12 schools and systems to increase the number and diversity of students who graduate with the knowledge, skills and habits for success in higher education. All funded projects had to engage but were not limited to students from backgrounds that are underrepresented in higher education.

University of Minnesota, Rochester
Through a series of activities conducted with John Adams Middle School in Rochester, UMR will provide seventh graders with no family experience in higher education with an understanding of, and interest in, a college/university education.

University of Minnesota, Morris
Through a targeted program for students in grades K-3, UMM and the Morris Area Public Schools will enhance students’ literacy, academic, personal and social readiness skills and put students early on the road to higher education.

University of Minnesota, Crookston
This partnership will bring students from Norman County East High School to the Crookston campus to gain exposure to higher education and learn about the components of college and career readiness.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
• Medical School – Department of Neuroscience
  This project will evaluate the impact that the Department of Neuroscience’s Brain Awareness Week program has on learners’ perception of their own intelligence and potential to excel in school.

• CEHD – Curriculum and Instruction
  This project will provide professional development to help a Minneapolis middle school integrate the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program with a Spanish language immersion program targeted at students from groups that are underrepresented in higher education.

• Academic Support Resources – One Stop Student Services
  This project will expand One Stop Student Services’ existing outreach efforts to provide all high school seniors in the Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools with information on paying for college.
• **Institute of Technology**
  This project will enable IT to develop partnerships with five urban high schools to interest students of color in pursuing an undergraduate major in a STEM discipline.

• **College of Education and Human Development**
  This project will incorporate college readiness goals into the current curriculum of the White Earth Academy of Math and Science. This project will include visits to the Crookston campus.

• **College of Liberal Arts – Theatre Arts and Dance**
  This project will provide scholarships for low-income students to participate in the annual summer residential workshop offered by the Department of Theater Arts and Dance.

• **Law School – Student Services Division**
  This project will support a Summer Legal Institute that engages students in classroom sessions, field trips to law firms and courthouses, simulation exercises and sessions on college readiness to interest students in the legal profession and higher education.

• **College of Liberal Arts – Department of Chicano Studies**
  This project will support partnerships with Edison High School, El Colegio charter school and the non-profit organization La Escuelita to increase the admissions, academic and career readiness for students of Latino students.