



Chemical and Waste Management Pilot Program for an Urban K-12 School District

Today, public school districts are asked to meet increasing educational demands with diminishing financial resources. At the same time, high-profile hazardous material incidents in schools have made improved chemical management a priority for leaders of school districts, state agencies, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). While cleaning out years of accumulated laboratory and other chemicals used in and around schools is an urgent need, school districts need long-term management systems to ensure that the problem does not recur in the future.

In 2005, the EPA, General Motors, and the Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP) launched a pilot project with the Lansing School District to demonstrate that a school district's supply chain can be transformed to help improve chemical and waste management. As an outcome of this project, Lansing was the first school district to ever contract for bundled chemical and waste management services.

Lansing's service provider supplies all chemicals (from classrooms to facility maintenance and cleaning), as well as improved chemical and waste management services. In addition, Lansing receives assistance in substituting less toxic products, managing business and environmental data, inventorying, eliminating chemical accumulation, and training staff. All of these products and services are delivered at a lower total cost to the district.

(For more information on the Lansing program, visit www.chemicalstrategies.org/Lansing.pdf).

Based on the success demonstrated at Lansing, the US EPA and CSP are working to promote the model at school districts nationwide.

CSP has been fully funded to work with a large urban school district and is currently seeking interested candidates.

Overview

The Challenge: School districts are asked to meet increasing educational demands with diminishing resources. At the same time, there is growing recognition that hazardous materials in schools represents a risk that must be reduced. Meeting this critical need without depleting funds desperately needed for educational programs represents a significant challenge for districts nation-wide.

The Opportunity: We are seeking a large urban school district to participate in this EPA-funded pilot program to assess the ability of a Chemical and Waste Management Services provider to reduce these risks at *no additional cost to the district.*

Anticipated benefits include:

- ✓ Chemical and solid waste cost savings
- ✓ Reduced chemical use, storage and risk
- ✓ Reduced waste, increased recycling
- ✓ Improved compliance

To Participate: For more information on how your district can participate and benefit from this *fully-funded* project, please contact:

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About CSP

The Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP) is a non-profit consulting, education and research organization. CSP's mission is to reduce chemical use, waste, risks and cost through transforming the chemical supply chain and redefining the way chemicals are bought, sold and used.

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