



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

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Dear Colleague:

The Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) is hosting a pre-conference professional development workshop at the 2012 National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) annual conference. The all-day workshop will be held March 28 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, IN from 8 AM to 4 PM.

This pre-conference event will feature classroom practitioners sharing effective science instructional practices for English Learners (ELs). A major challenge for ELs in mastering science content is acquisition of the academic language reflected in science texts and other science instructional materials. The workshop is geared toward middle- and high school science teachers seeking to learn techniques for teaching inclusive lessons for English Learners, as well as administrators wishing to share this information with their teachers.

We hope you will be able to join us or pass this letter on to a colleague who may be interested in this professional development workshop.

If you would like to register to attend this pre-conference session, please visit <http://bai-register.com/nsta2012/> in order to reserve your spot. If you have any immediate questions, you may contact Crystal via email at (Crystal.Martinez@ed.gov) or by phone at 202-401-2712.

Sincerely,

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