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RFA – A Look Ahead

Four 2013-14 RFAs have been released under the unifying framework of Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy. They reflect the administrative fixes mandated by SB1402 and SB1070 as was discussed by Chancellor Harris:

1. **Regional Consortia Grants**, due March 18, 2013;
2. **Sector Navigator Grants**, due March 18, 2013;
3. **Centers for Excellence for Labor Market Research Grants (Technical Assistance Provider)**, due April 17, 2013;

Over the next few months, watch for eAlerts on these additional RFAs:

- The **Carl D. Perkin’s Funded Technical Assistance RFA** has an estimated release of April, 2013. The total funds available will be $525,000.
- The **Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives (IDRC) RFA** has an estimated release date of April, 2013. The total funding available is $3,800,000.
- The **Governor’s Career Technical Education Pathways Program (SB1070) RFA**, or series of RFAs are estimated to be released beginning in May, 2013. Total funds available will be approximately $30,000,000.

Once awarded, Sector Navigators, Regional Consortia Chairs/Vice Chairs, Technical Assistance Providers, and the Chancellor’s Office will begin working together as an extended operations team to provide support for the vital role that community colleges play in jobs and the economy.

In-region, Deputy Sector Navigators will work with their Regional Consortia, interested college faculty/employers/K-12/other partners to align sector partnerships with priority and emergent sectors. Their work will be supported and coordinated by the extended operations team.
In the next eUpdate: Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and Economy works innovates a *LaunchBoard Beta 1.0* in response to college practitioners' need for easier access to comprehensive decision-enabling data sets around CTE programming.

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**USDoL Industry Competency Model Clearinghouse**

Need help developing curriculum or talking to employers about the skills needed in their industries? The U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) [Competency Model Clearinghouse](https://www.doleta.gov/competencies website) provides validated industry competency models and tools that can be used as the basis of educational programs and curricula for a variety of industry sectors. The models illustrate the crosscutting competencies that are essential for success in an industry or industry sector. These FREE resources can serve the foundation for sector partnership conversations on career ladders, lattices and stackable credentials.

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**Impact of Sequestration on Perkins**

The US Department of Education has just posted estimated FY 2013 CTE State grant allocations with the 5.0% reduction based on sequestration. Although California has received an estimated allocation, it has not yet been determined what the distribution will be between K-12 and the community college systems. Hence, the final amount of each college’s allocation is to be determined and announced within the next two weeks or so. Until then, please use the 5% reduction for planning purposes only. Note: October 1 awards comes from advance-appropriated FY 2014 funds, which are not subject to the sequester.