



DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Division of Workforce and Economic Development

\$250M in Winners of California Career Pathway Trust Announced

The California Department of Education (CDE) announced the [40 consortia winners](#) of the California Career Pathway Trust (CCPT) grants totaling \$250M. The CCPT was spearheaded in last year's state budget by Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, and shaped by CDE in collaboration with the California Community Colleges (CCCCO) and the California Workforce Investment Board.

All [40 consortia](#) grant recipients are tasked with creating sustained career pathways programs that connect businesses, K-12 schools, and community colleges to better prepare students for the 21st century workplace. The work of these consortia impact hundreds of thousands of students across California "to help students stay in school and moving toward college and high-demand fields," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced.

"The CCPT exemplified the cooperative spirit at all levels of California including its state agencies to create better options for students in terms of career pathways aligned with tomorrow's workforce needs," states CCCCCO Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development Van Ton-Quinlivan.

GO-Biz Announces SoCal Named National Manufacturing Community

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) announced that Southern California has been designated a national 'Manufacturing Community' by Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker as part of the federal Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. "Southern California's designation as a national manufacturing community further underscores California's place as the U.S. leader in manufacturing companies, jobs and output," said GO-Biz Director Kish Rajan.

Eleven federal agencies with \$1.3B in economic development funds will be able to use the designees' plans to make targeted investments in demonstrably strong public-private partnerships to strengthen regional manufacturing.

[Jose Anaya, Sector Navigator for advanced manufacturing](#), explains, "AMP SoCal will prepare a workforce from technicians to engineers with a focus on advanced manufacturing technologies. The program will incorporate stackable certificates as well as identify and promote ladders of opportunity for veterans, youth, and the unemployed to become technicians and for technicians to become engineers." The California Community Colleges supported the successful application as part of its [Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and Economy](#) framework.

The effort to designate Southern California as a national manufacturing community was led by the University of Southern California Center for Economic Development. [Read more »](#)

Manufacturers in California account for 10.6 percent of the state's output and employ 8.3 percent of the workforce. And for the first time in over a decade, California enjoyed three consecutive years of manufacturing job growth, adding jobs in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Regards,

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