Invitation to Apply for California’s $250 Million Career Pathways Trust Grants

California is taking a major step toward helping to keep more students in school and better prepare them for careers and well-paying jobs as schools and education agencies across the state can now apply for grants from the state’s new $250 million California Career Pathways Trust fund. The request for applications for programs designed to build seamless pathways between schools, higher education, and careers was announced yesterday by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg.

“We want every student in California to graduate prepared for college and careers,” Torlakson said. “We need students to be able to seamlessly transition between high school and post-secondary education, training programs, and gainful employment. Partnerships between our schools, community colleges, and businesses have the potential to make that happen.”

“These grants will help K-12 and community college students progress through strengthened job training programs that will lead them to employment in industries that are in need of skilled workers,” California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice Harris said. “This initiative builds on the California Community Colleges strategic approach for narrowing the skills gap in our state and accelerating the economic recovery.”

Technical assistance is being provided by the California Department of Education, and the California Community College Chancellors Office is providing additional resources open to all. Community college districts are among the list of eligible applicants. Read more and find resources »

In Person Technical Assistance Workshops

- February 5, 2014, 9-11 AM
  Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA

- February 7, 2014, 1-3 PM
  Health and Human Services Auditorium, 1500 Capital Avenue, Sacramento, CA

- February 12, 2014, 9-11 AM
  Los Angeles County Office of Education, Education Center Room 100, 9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA

Additional Webinars

Avoiding Islands of Data – Leverage the LaunchBoard tool for grant data collection. High school graduation is not the end of a student’s educational journey. Some level of postsecondary credential or degree is the new baseline. Avoid islands of data in reporting on the performance of grants by joining this webinar and learn the common task platform used by most community colleges and a significant number of high schools.

February 4, 2014, 11:00AM PST - Click here for details »
Tools that help link employers with work-based learning and internships – Make it easier for employers to braid work-based learning and internships for your students by eliminating payroll management. The Foundation for California Community Colleges provides services that can jump-start your employer endeavors. The CalJobs portal through the CACareerCafe can be a resource for employers to list both internships and jobs. Hear functionalities available to you at this joint webinar.

February 13, 2014, 10:00AM PST - Click here for details »

Workforce: The Regional Reality - New Video

This recently released video speaks to the criticality of collaborating regionally for workforce training and education. Watch here »

Partnership Resources with the California Community Colleges

This 2 page document quickly summarizes useful partnership tools newly made available for current and future partnerships. Download the pdf »

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