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VIA E-MAIL

TO: Chief Executive Officers
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FROM: Pamela D. Walker, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor, Educational Services

SUBJECT: Request for Application (RFA) for New Grant Awards in the California Community Colleges Basic Skill Partnership Pilot Program

The California Community College Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the creation of the *Basic Skills Partnership Pilot Program* in response to the need for pre-collegiate coursework in the California State University system and in recognition of the extensive instructional and student services infrastructure in the California Community College system. In 2015-16, the program provides \$10 million in Proposition 98 funds to be used by California community colleges in collaboration with school districts and public universities to provide efficient and effective basic skills instruction to California State University (CSU) students through California Community Colleges (CCC). Attached is a Request for Application (RFA) to fund five regional grants to develop programs for such collaborations.

The purpose of these grants is to enable colleges receiving the award to develop pilot programs of efficient and effective methods of coordinating remediation instruction and services between the CCC and CSU systems to better meet the needs of students.

This is to be achieved through the implementation of partnerships between community college districts or districts in consortium, and, to the extent possible, school districts with high schools using evidence-based remedial education development, instructional re-design, or program expansion. Colleges are required to collaborate with at least one CSU campus.

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Based on a review of the distribution of CSU students needing some pre-collegiate coursework, the Chancellor has established three regional zones defined by CSU campuses need: Southern, Central, and Northern. These three zones are identified in the RFA. Based on the concentration of these students in the state, two zones—Southern and Central—will be awarded two regional projects each, and the Northern zone will be awarded one regional project. Community colleges are encouraged to form consortia with other community colleges in the regional zones to serve multiple CSU campuses.

Funding can be used for the following items:

1. Collaboration between community colleges and CSU campuses to develop and provide effective instruction in basic skills at CSU campuses and/or community colleges/other sites.
2. Processes and procedures for identifying and directing students from one system to the other.
3. Integrating CCC instruction with programs at CSU campuses.
4. Identification of fiscal impact for the CSU campus.
5. Use of effective evidence-based instructional strategies and practices.
6. Faculty involved in the development of the plan.
7. Use of student success data, including high school course completion data, to inform the delivery of basic skills instruction.
8. Better articulation of English and mathematics instruction between high schools, community colleges and CSU campuses.

Deadline for the Application: Monday, April 4, 2016, at 5:00 PM
Last day to submit clarifying questions Monday, March 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will announce the selected grant projects on April 8, 2016.

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To assist colleges with the technical aspects of the application, the Chancellor's Office is presenting a Basic Skills Partnership Pilot Program Bidder's Webinar via CCCConfer on **Friday**, March 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Participation in the webinar is voluntary and will not be considered during scoring of applications.)

Webinar Details

Title: Basic Skills Partnership Pilot Program Bidder's Webinar

Meeting Type: Webinars

Meeting Link: <https://www.cccconfer.org/GoToMeeting?SeriesID=0a6956ef-fb61-4dee-8888-ae431143fcf6>

Meeting Passcode: **468352**

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