

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION

**PART ONE OF A TWO-PART
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA # 17-056)**

SOLICITATION OF INTEREST

**For the management of the California Community Colleges
Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program
(CCC TechConnect)**



***PART ONE: SOLICITATION OF INTEREST**

The purpose is to determine which districts are interested in participating in a competitive application process (i.e., RFA) for a five year grant award for the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program (CCC TechConnect). Responses are due by 5:00pm, February 16, 2017.

PART TWO: ACTUAL RFA PROCESS

The Chancellor's Office will conduct a standard competitive process for the award of the above-noted grant. The participants in this process will be limited to the community college districts which respond in the requested manner to Part One.

Document Change Log

This section shows the changes made to the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Project (CCC TechConnect) Solicitation of Interest document. Distribution date: February 2, 2017.

Change #	Version	Date	Item and Change
1	1	02/02/2017	Removed Professional Learning Network service/product
2	1	02/02/2017	Revised dates under Additional Information

Grant Duration

The grant, which will be awarded upon completion of the Request for Applications (RFA) process, is for a period of up to 5 years, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 with the option of up to four annual renewals, for a total of 60 months. After the first year, subsequent annual renewals will follow the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Background

The Chancellor's Office Technology, Research and Information Systems Division governs the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Project (CCC TechConnect), which is guided by the provisions of the strategic technology plans developed by the Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee (TTAC).

The strategic technology plans have the following objectives:

- Protect the state's prior technology investments
- Expand and improve student services
- Utilize current technology to leverage existing infrastructure

The goal of TTIP (CCC TechConnect) is to provide secure, scalable, and integrated technology solutions for the California Community Colleges that take advantage of economies of scale and which are facilitated by governance from the colleges themselves.

TTIP (CCC TechConnect) has developed and manages a variety of system wide technology projects, in addition to the following duties:

- Providing project leadership
- Providing technology services
- Disbursing funds
- Managing contracts
- Developing external funding resources
- Publicizing the progress of the projects

TTIP (CCC TechConnect) is currently managed by, funded to and operated by the Palomar Community College District. A primary focus of the TTIP (CCC TechConnect) is statewide communications and access projects. It manages and operates centralized projects that leverage technology and has moved the system toward a more integrated approach to providing video and streaming content, video conferencing, online teaching, and staff training.

Current TTIP (CCC TechConnect) services and products include:

3C Media Solutions

Video on Demand/Streaming Video, Event Coverage, Video Conferencing

3C Media Solutions uses Amazon S3 cloud storage to offer unlimited system-wide digital storage of videos and files, and currently hosts more than 50,000 videos. In addition, 3C Media offers colleges their own channel of on-demand video streaming and video conferencing services which assist colleges in connecting older legacy video conferencing systems to current web conferencing software. 3C Media Solutions also offers Production and Post Production services and event capture including bi-monthly production and webcast of the CCC Board of Governors meetings.

System-wide e-Conferencing, CCC Confer

CCC Confer provides no cost, system-wide audio and electronic Internet-based conferencing services to all college staff and faculty. This project provides support for a comprehensive, coordinated e-conferencing tool to complement the decentralized infrastructure of the California Community Colleges. Initially supporting meetings, the success of CCC Confer eventually prompted a separate grant to encourage and expand the use of e-conferencing technologies in the classroom. CCC Confer currently supports over 5,000 meeting and instructional classes per month.

System-wide Technology Training for Faculty and Staff (@ONE)

With an effort to enhance instruction through technology, the @ONE project offers free and/or low-cost training for the faculty and staff of the California Community Colleges, thereby providing them with a substantial cost savings for high quality professional development. Instructors provide face-to-face training, online and self-paced courses, webinars, accessible archives, and downloadable materials. @ONE provides training and technology resources in partnership with Mt. San Jacinto College.

In response to high demand, @ONE offers:

- An Online Teaching Certification Program;
- Online courses which provide training delivered in a virtual setting to participants over the Internet;
- Desktop Webinars, which are Virtual seminars that explore a variety of educational technology such as: Computer Basic & Advanced Tools, New Software Applications and Educational Technology;
- Trainer's Bureau, which is customized face-to-face and virtual training offered at a college or venue and delivered to a large group of faculty or staff by @ONE approved trainers; Through a partnership with the CCC Online Education Initiative, training in specific technologies (screen recording) and instructional delivery practices (video-based content production).

Online Teaching Conference

TTIP (CCC TechConnect) sponsors, manages and supports the Online Teaching Conference. With more than 1,000 attendees and 70 breakout sessions, the Online Teaching Conference is an inter-segmental conference focused on curriculum, pedagogy and technology to improve online instruction and learning. The Online Teaching Conference is a yearly conference which attracts attendees and exhibitors from throughout California and adjoining states.

Chancellor’s Office Functions

The Chancellor’s Office will perform the key functions, listed below:

- Support BOG in providing appropriate leadership and oversight
- Monitor college/district performance in administration of this grant and its related products

Grant Overview

This grant, which will be for a maximum period of five years or 60 months, will be awarded to satisfy the program requirements of the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program (CCC Tech Connect). Award recipient will be responsible for continuing the current program as well as improving services as technologies evolve. Grantee will be required to ensure program continuity with minimal overhead.

Scope and Responsibilities

The grantee will work closely with the Chancellor's Office, designated advisory committees and colleges to perform the activities required to develop and manage a comprehensive program to enhance existing and planned telecommunications and technology infrastructure efforts.

Funding

This grant will receive up to \$5 million annually with annual renewals for the subsequent grant years.

Additional Information

Solicitation of Interest Release:	December 20, 2016
Response to Solicitation of Interest Due:	January 20, 2017
Response to Amended SOI due:	February 16, 2017
RFA Release:	February 17, 2017
RFA Response Due:	March 17, 2017
RFA Intent to Award	April 3, 2017
Protest Period Ends	April 14 th 2017

Certification of Intent to Participate
in a Competitive Application Process for management of the
California Community Colleges
Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program (CCC TechConnect)

I hereby certify that the _____ Community College District in support of _____ College as the proposed program host, intends to be an applicant in the competitive application process (i.e., Request for Applications, "RFA") to select a program host for California Community College Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program (CCC Tech Connect). Program host responsibilities begin July 1, 2017. The program will be eligible for annual renewals up to 4 years, for a total of 5 years (60 months). After the initial 12 month period, subsequent annual renewals will follow the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

Information relevant to program host responsibilities is detailed on the preceding page.

I understand that the RFA will be limited to the districts/colleges that certify this form with the required signatures and return it to the Chancellor's Office in a timely manner. I also understand that if only one district/college submits this certification, that entity will still be subject to the same evaluation as would be used in the standard RFA for multiple applicants.

The following District and College staff members must sign this form:

District/College Chief Executive Officer

Date

District/College Chief Business Officer

Date

Return this form to:
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This form must be received by the Chancellor's Office no later than 5:00pm Thursday, February 16, 2017.