June 1, 2012

To: SB 70 Workforce Innovation Partnership (WIP) Project Directors

From: Ray York, Dean
Economic and Workforce Development Program

Subject: 2012-13 SB 70/SB 1133 Career Technical Education Workforce Innovation Partnerships (WIP) Grants

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Governors approved the renewal of your district/college SB 70 grants for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Funding will be contingent upon the availability of funds from the California state budget and subsequent approval of the SB 70 Annual Expenditure Plan by the Department of Finance. It is anticipated that the funding for 2012-13 will remain the same as the 2011-12 funding cycle.

A 2012-13 application, including four grant agreement face sheets and a budget summary page will be emailed to you during the month of June. You will also receive under separate email passwords to access the online system. To renew your grant, project directors must complete this application found at https://misweb.cccco.edu/path/PATHLogin.aspx, sign four copies of the grant agreement face sheet and four copies of the budget summary page with original signatures, and return the complete package to:

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This renewal is based on the 2010-11 competitive grant specifications. As such, the Grant Agreement Legal Terms and Conditions (Article I, Rev. 05/12 and Article II, Rev. 04/08) as set forth in the RFA Instructions are incorporated into this grant by reference.

New for the 2012-13 fiscal year are reporting criteria that may include identifying a group of students in SB 70 funded programs or courses who receive services, and reporting outcome measures associated with common metrics. WestEd will provide technical assistance with the new reporting requirements. More information and details will be provided at a later date.
If your grant involves the development of new college curriculum, grantees should adopt a skills panel process when responding to labor market needs that informs the following (unless determined not applicable):

- curriculum model definition and review;
- definition of how the curriculum articulates into a career pathway(s) or system of stackable credentials, including contextualized basic skills where relevant;
- mapping to a career readiness assessment; and,
- development of an associated career guidance module or use of www.CACareerCafe.com for community college students and www.WhoDoUWant2B.com (for high school students).

Skill Panels are a regionally-based, industry-focused partnership of employers and public and non-profit sector services and systems that acts as a focal point for industry’s critical workforce needs. This panel serves employers, workers, and organizations whose missions relate to education, training, and economic growth. They identify the gap of workers in a specific industry needed to fill current and projected employment needs as well as to identify the needed knowledge and skills. They do not replace existing agencies, but rather serve to address the workforce challenges and solutions within a region. More information about skill panels can be found on the Washington state website at: http://www.wtb.wa.gov/Documents/skillpanel2005faq.pdf.

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SB 70 is in the process of being reauthorized, and 2012-13 is the final year of the current program. SB 1070, the reauthorization bill, proposes new accountability language. If passed, SB 1070 would be in effect 2013-2018. Beginning with the 2013-14 fiscal year, funding for SB 1070 would be competitive, and the grant requirements would align with the language of the bill. We will continue to keep you updated on SB 1070.

You will receive more information on the 2012-13 application and requirements in a future email. Should you have immediate questions, please contact Katie Gilks at kgilks@cccco.edu.