

Proposition 39 Clean Energy RFA FAQs

- We do not have a Project Director on board yet as an employee or contractor with the District. Could we have our CTE Dean sign in this capacity?
YES
- What type of documentation will be sufficient in terms of third-party certification?
Copy of certification, with student name, etc. You may have to contact students to get this information.
- The CEO Cover letter template refers to this as a three year grant. Is that correct?
No, it is incorrect; it is only a one (1) year grant unless we receive additional funding.
- Does the application need to specify how those funds will be used by the colleges receiving them?
Not yet, but we will want reports on how funds are spent must be specific. If you have specific goals for the funds, please indicate them in the application if possible.
- Will the Project Director need to track how the funds are spent by the individual colleges or just distribute the funds to the colleges based on the allocation formula?
Best option will be for Project Director to collect this information and provide it in the final report. Questions on expenditures should be cleared up in advance (October/November/December 2014).
- Will the individual colleges need to report or otherwise be accountable as to how they've expended the Program Improvement Funds?
Yes, but can send report to Project Director for inclusion in final report.
- Do we have to use the "Letter of Intent" provided by the Chancellor's office or can we create our own that goes into more detail?
More detail is good, ok to use your own.

- Will the fiscal agent (director) have local control over setting the award rates for program improvement funds based on eligible schools and total participation? Basically, are we able to create a fair formula not to exceed you “maximum award” amounts?
Maybe. Need more clarification on the question. Most likely the CCCCCO will set a percentage amount if needed.
- Is it the intent that the Program Improvement funds would be distributed to individual colleges by the fiscal agent based on the student certificates awarded, as per the formula in the RFA?
Yes.
- Are the program improvement funding allocated to the region, to be used as the collaborative determines?
Intent is for the Program Improvement funds to go directly back to the college that earned them.
- Will this workforce funding will be available for each of the five years of Prop 39 – either through this RFA or through new RFAs?
Maybe, we must show success and ask for more \$\$\$.
- Does a student who has an apprenticeship position also have to be enrolled in EDD’s CalJobs system?
Yes, in order to be counted (John can help with this discussion)
- What specific TOP Codes are eligible?
We’re working on that and will provide more information soon.
- Can Program Improvement Funding be pooled by colleges? Can they have completers from 4 programs and decide to pool and improve just one of the programs?
Why? Let’s discuss this off line and then will provide a full answer to all.
- How do we get other non-listed programs/occupations considered? E.G Smart-Grid Information Technology, Building Automation Software etc.
List them in the application with a good rationale and we will review.

- Will all regional colleges with programs are allowed to apply for program improvement funding regardless of their commitment to participate in the proposal? As long as they follow the CalJobs etc. requirements?
They should be in the application or added soon after the awarding, cannot show up in October to receive funding without working with the rest of the Regional Group.
- Regarding 3rd party credentials? Some industry recognized 3rd party credentials are only 10 hours (OHS 10) so do those count? Do they have to be from a third party to recognize or can they be school provided certificates. Some programs have created certs based on industry advisory committees therefore they are industry recognized but not third party.
These are not “portable” to other areas of the state. A cert must be able to be recognized by employers outside of the local advisory. Send more information if needed.
- Will non-credit certificate programs be counted?
No but you can use funds to create a credit from non-credit.
- Colleges on quarter system may not have #'s by July 1, how do we fix that?
Indicate this on the proposal and we will adjust/provide extra time to gather that information. Essentially, as long as the certificate is achieved by July 1, there is time to report it after that date.
- Shared Regional Certificates- what if we find out that students are already taking courses at several colleges and then finishing the certificate at a single college. Do the others get any credit?
Not on the first round but CCCCCO will provide more guidance and leadership in this area moving forward.
- What kind of work based learning opportunities are you looking for?
Internships, either local or through the Foundation here at the Chancellor’s Office. Work Experience is an option also, might be found in Apprenticeship programs.
- Will the Program Improvement Funds provide for indirect costs for the fiscal agent to use to offset accounting /administrative costs for disbursing the funds to the

participating colleges or are those costs to be funded out of the \$350,000 Program Operations budget?

Indirect may only be taken for the Fiscal Agent out of the \$350,000 Program Operations budget.

- Will Program Improvement Funds provide indirect funds to colleges or are they expected to fund only direct costs?

Those are expected to fund only direct costs, to be put back into the Energy Efficiency program from which the funds were counted.

- What level of program improvement award is an 18 unit certificate? The RFA says under 18 is \$500 and over 18 is \$1000—

Should be 18+ = \$1,000

- Will locally approved certificates 6-17 units be recognized for program improvement funds? (In other words, these certificates are not in the CCCCO database -- and may not be by June 2014).

We are discussing this and will respond ASAP.

- Can you tell me if the \$ amount will be uniform for ALL certificates completed, or if it will vary depending on program and region? How is this determined?

Certificates (approved) under 18 units will be paid at \$500 and certificates of 18+ paid at \$1,000. Program and region should not change the payout.

- How do we get other non-listed programs/occupations considered? E.G Smart-Grid Information Technology, Building Automation Software etc.

Submit them to [John Dunn](#) and he will add to the list of programs to consider and provide a list soon of approved/maybe/not approved programs/certifications.

Possible list of approved 3rd Party Certifications (still to be determined):

- WECA ET modules
- Multi Craft Core Curriculum (MC3)
- NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research)
- USGBC/LEED Green Associate training/certification
- Workshops and training by the PG&E Pacific Energy Center.
<http://www.pge.com/pec/> or at the Stockton Energy Training Center
- BPI training http://www.bpi.org/professionals_already.aspx - or recertification (if needed)
- HERS training/certification <https://www.calcerts.com/>
- ASHRAE conference, training - <https://www.ashrae.org/>
- OSHA: 10, 30, 510, etc.
- NABCEP
- Journeyman certificate (upon completion of a DAS registered Apprenticeship program)