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TO: Chief Executive Officers  
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SUBJECT: 2013-14 WEDD Grant Augmentations

From EWD fund carryover, we will have the opportunity to invest in the following:

- Shovel ready projects that are driven by our Sector Navigators in four industry sectors of focus that will move the needle.

- Additional grant funding for Industry-Driven Regional Collaboration (IDRCs) to Distressed Regions, including funding for three previously unfunded IDRC grant applications from colleges serving some of our most economically distressed regions.

To seize this opportunity, we will work collaboratively to augment existing grants and execute new grants in a very short timeframe to encumber and spend unexpended 2013-14 funds. Two informational webinars will be held:

1. The session for Regional Consortia, IDRCs and miscellaneous Perkins (listed above) will occur on CCCConfer, **Thursday, June 5 at 10 a.m.** (Session 1). Invitation will occur under separate email.

2. The shovel-ready projects that move metrics will occur **Friday, June 6 at 8 a.m.** via CCCConfer (Session 2). Again, invitation will occur through separate email.

Session 1 will be essential for 2013-14 IDRC applicants. The WEDD will be requiring the previously unfunded IDRC applicants to work collaboratively with their Regional Consortia to develop revised applications (e.g., workplans, objectives, associated performance outcomes through Momentum Points and activities). We will work with you as a team to address all questions as we develop the process and respond to questions from the field. We just wanted to take this early opportunity to make sure you were apprised.