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FROM: Sheneui Weber, Vice Chancellor
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CC: Chancellor's Office Staff

RE: Request for Applications – California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) High Road Training Partnerships (HRTP)

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the availability of Proposition 98 funding for phase one of a two-phase grant program. Phase one is a short-term planning grant to expand on existing High Road Training Partnerships (HRTP), an initiative and framework for industry-led regional partnerships first developed by the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB). Each grantee may receive up to \$125,000.

Purpose:

In this first phase, community colleges that are already participating in a HRTP funded by the CWDB may apply for funds to strengthen and advance existing HRTPs. In addition, community colleges with a CWDB-funded HRTP in their region that wish to establish a partnership with the HRTP may apply. Besides strengthening and advancing existing HRTPs, the planning grant phase is intended to be used to plan for phase two of the RFA, which will provide funds for the direct implementation of new and innovative apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs based on needs identified by the HRTP in phase one.

Please note that another CAI Apprenticeship/Pre-apprenticeship RFA will be forthcoming for those entities that are not associated with an HRTP, and wish to apply for the CAI New and Innovative Grant Program to create new and innovative apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships.

Application Information:

The CAI HRTP Request for Applications (RFA) Instructions, which includes eligibility and application requirements, can be found on the Workforce and Economic Development (WEDD) RFA website at the following link: <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Workforce-and-Economic-Development/WEDD-RFA>.

A pre-recorded Bidder's Conference presentation will be posted to the [WEDD RFA website](#) on July 1, 2021.

Questions about the application may be submitted via email only to apprenticeship@cccco.edu up to 5:00 p.m. on July 16, 2021. Questions received by the submission deadline will be answered via a FAQ, also posted to the [WEDD RFA website](#).

Application Deadline:

Applications must be submitted electronically via NOVA (www.nova.ccccco.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021.