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**To:** Regional Consortium Chairs & Sector Navigators

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**Cc:** Centers of Excellence,  
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**Subject:** Strong Workforce Program Planning Timeline: Important dates for Round 2

Dear Regional Consortium Chairs & Sector Navigators,

With Round 1 (2016-17) of the Strong Workforce Program [regional and local plans now certified](#) (10 colleges remain uncertified), we know you are busy implementing these plans with your local colleges and collaborative partners to reach the Strong Workforce outcomes, and to access the [Positive Incentive](#) portion of the funding that is required under legislation.

In Round 2, we ask the regions to incentivize and leverage Industry Sector Projects-in-Common, and encourage the use of the [Regional Program Recommendation: Labor Market Data Request](#) to move innovative projects forward.

The following information is to share with your regional partners as you begin to convene summer collaborative meetings this summer:

- The Round 2, 2017-18 allocation, which is another \$200 million (or perhaps more in the FY17-18 state budget) will commence with the new fiscal year, pending the Governor's approval.
- Round 2 planning schedule and due dates were adjusted to better follow college planning timelines and the campus calendar year and to facilitate a transition to carrying out planning prior to beginning expenditures. In order to facilitate prior-year planning, colleges and regions can plan for the current year (2017-18) and the subsequent year (2018-19) during year 1 of the Round 2 - 4-year cycle. This will allow for subsequent year plan updates for a particular year of funding occurring in the year preceding the year of expenditures.

- Colleges and regions can assume the same funding levels for the current year and subsequent years.
- To best position for the 17% Positive Incentive, always prioritize labor market needs and projects that can deliver better student success with workforce outcomes (see your Launchboard).

### **Planning Timeline: Important dates for Year 1 of Round 2**

1. Allocations for 83% of Year 1 of Round 2 funds will be published to the web in July 2017 and formally approved by the Board of Governors (BOG) in September 2017
2. Allocations for the remaining 17% of Year 1 of Round 2 will be published in December 2017 and formally approved by the BOG in January 2018
3. Regional and Local planning template available for input on August 1, 2017. Templates will remain open according to Deadlines below.
4. Colleges/Regions are welcome to input and certify plans earlier than deadlines, assuming proper diligence is conducted to adhere to statute's intent for "more and better CTE". Upon certification, college/regions can proceed to execute on projects; no Chancellor's Office action is needed.

An integrated reporting system for both regional and local expenditures and outcomes is currently under development for the fall, and will include elements of a risk monitoring process for use by regions, colleges and fiscal agents. More information will be available soon.

### **Deadlines**

- Progress Reports: Progress reports on execution of certified projects and Regional Plans are due from regions December 1 of each year, since the Chancellor's Office summary is due to the Legislature on January 1 of the following year.
- Round 2 Regional Plans: We assume you will be revisiting the plans developed in Round 1, making changes to reflect Round 2 decisions. Updated Regional Plans should be posted to your website by January 31, 2018. The links should be provided to Dean Matthew Roberts concurrently.
- Round 2 Regional Certified Projects: Regions certified projects for Year 1 (2017-18) and Year 2 (2018-19) of Round 2 are due January 31, 2018, with a modification window through March 31, 2018.
- Round 2 Local Certificate Projects: Local certified projects for Year 1 (2017-18) and Year 2 (2018-19) of Round 2 are due no later than June 1, 2018, however colleges may complete these as early as August 1, 2017 when the online template is released. Colleges are encouraged to certify and Colleges can proceed to execute on projects upon certifying their project, assuming the proper diligence is completed to ensure project meets labor market needs and will result in "more and better CTE."