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RE: Request for Application Release – K12 Strong Workforce Program Round Six

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office), in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE), is pleased to announce the release of the Request for Applications for K12 Strong Workforce Program (K12 SWP). Beginning in 2018-2019, Education Code §§ 88827 establishes the K12 component of the Strong Workforce Program appropriating \$150,000,000 in annual, ongoing Career Technical Education funding to strengthen students' pathways from secondary to post-secondary education. K12 Strong Workforce Program funds will create, support, and/or expand high-quality career technical education programs at the K12 level that are aligned with the workforce development efforts occurring through the California Community Colleges Strong Workforce Program and regional priorities.

The goal of the K12 Strong Workforce Program is to increase the levels of college and career readiness among students which will support their successful transition from secondary to post-secondary education and, ultimately, to career.

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August 25, 2023

Eligible K12 local education agencies are encouraged to submit applications for K12 SWP funds to create, support, and/or expand high-quality CTE course sequences, programs, and pathways at the K-12 level that are aligned to regional workforce efforts occurring through the Strong Workforce Program.

Application Information:

The K12 Strong Workforce Program Grant RFA Instructions, application requirements, and other materials are available online and may be accessed at the [Chancellor's Office website](#). Eligible applicants must submit their application via the Chancellor's Office [NOVA system](#) by October 6, 2023, 5:00 P.M. New NOVA users can [create an account](#) to access the application.

Application Bidder's Conference:

Interested applicants are encouraged to view the pre-recorded Bidder's Conference posted on the [Chancellor's Office website](#) on August 31, 2023.

Any questions about specifications in the Request for Applications must be submitted in writing and received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2023 via email to: K12SWP@cccco.edu.