



California Community Colleges

Regional Collaboration & Coordination

Field learnings and upcoming Request for Application (RFA)

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Objectives for today's session

1. **Introduce the Regional Collaboration & Coordination (RC&C) Grant**
2. **Share regional collaboration field learnings** that informed the grant design
3. **Preview vision, activities, outputs, and outcomes** for the Regional Consortia as part of the RC&C Grant
4. **Share upcoming RC&C Grant Request for Application (RFA)** milestones and next steps

Meet your Chancellor's Office presenters for this session



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Introduce the Regional Collaboration & Coordination Grant

Statewide Strategy |

California is poised to unlock transformative progress in education and workforce development



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Vision 2030

A living vision and roadmap for advancing equity in access, success, and supports for students, including equitable workforce outcomes



The Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant strengthens alignment of Regional Consortia with statewide priorities, positioning them as key strategy drivers

Grant Context | The Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant marks an important opportunity to elevate the work of Regional Consortia

Regional Consortia were initially tasked with **reviewing and approving new CTE programs**, in collaboration with college leaders, to keep proposals aligned with labor market needs.

With the launch of the Strong Workforce Program and additional funding through Economic and Workforce Development and Perkins, the Regional Consortia assumed **fiscal agent responsibilities**, building capacity to **support regional career technical education (CTE) strategy and employer engagement**.

Over time, the Regional Consortia evolved into **broader system intermediaries**, now **fostering collaboration across colleges and external partners, scaling employer engagement, and aligning dual enrollment and career pathways** while supporting statewide priorities (e.g., Vision 2030).

The Regional Collaboration & Coordination Grant provides an opportunity **to formalize and strengthen this evolution**, better aligning the Regional Consortia with statewide efforts. The grant will support the **Regional Consortia as strategic regional leaders** – responsive to local needs while helping achieve California's education and workforce goals.

Overview | Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant

Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant is designed to strengthen the role of the Regional Consortia in **advancing career education and workforce development**. It comprises **four funding streams**:



Strong Workforce Program (SWP) Regional Share



Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) – Employer Engagement



Perkins V: Title 1-B



K-12 Strong Workforce Program (K-12 SWP)

(direct pass-through to K-12 LEAs, with 1% retained for Regional Consortia admin costs)



Regional Consortia aim to drive measurable impact by coordinating the funding streams, supporting statewide priorities, and strengthening partnerships that expand career pathways and meet labor-market demand

Share regional collaboration field learnings that informed the grant design

Input from 40+ regional and State stakeholders highlighted successes and opportunities for the Regional Consortia



Regional Consortia Chairs



College / District Leaders



K-14 Technical Assistance Providers



Workforce Leaders



K-12 Pathways Coordinators



Jobs First Conveners



Employer Engagement Specialists



K-16 Collaboratives



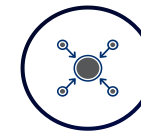
Community-Based Organizations



Economic Development Organizations



Centers of Excellence Directors



Chancellor's Office Leaders



A Working Group comprising education and workforce leaders provided additional input to clarify the role of the Regional Consortia

Showcasing Success | Regional Consortia have demonstrated success with employer engagement, developing holistic and tailored regional models

Non-exhaustive



Regional Consortia are tasked with leading employer engagement in regions (e.g., developing partnerships, expanding work-based learning programs), and **meet this charge in effective ways**, including...



Deploying tailored engagement models for employer liaisons, assigning liaisons by industry, geography, or strategy area, to support targeted outreach and consistent employer touchpoints regionally



Streamlining employer engagement through shared tools (e.g., CRMs¹, regional directories) with clear entry points to reduce duplication and create a consistent, reliable employer experience



Developing employer relationships in regional priority sectors, informed by labor market intelligence to expand work-based learning and align student opportunities with employer needs / programs

Learnings & Opportunities | Conversations revealed opportunities to strengthen the Regional Consortia across three areas

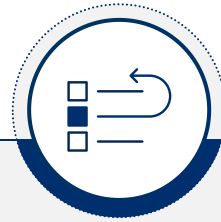
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Shared vision and guiding expectations

Define clear vision and expectations for Regional Consortia to anchor their work in statewide imperatives while reflecting regional realities

Creates greater alignment across regions and the Chancellor's Office, while empowering the Consortia to tailor delivery to local needs



Clarity on roles and responsibilities

Provide additional clarity on Regional Consortia roles and responsibilities to strengthen coordination across colleges and regional partners

Improves the Consortia's ability to drive differentiated impact, reduce duplication, and ensure accountability for results



Consistent and impactful outputs and outcomes

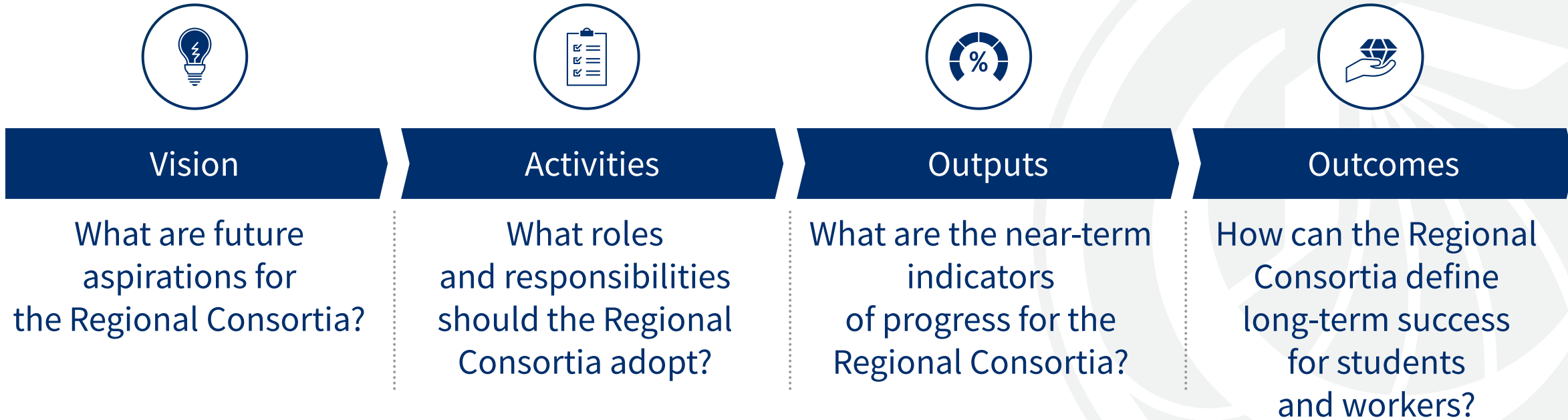
Establish a streamlined, consistent set of outputs and outcome measures tied to core regional activities and statewide priorities


Enables the Regional Consortia to better demonstrate impact, build trust with partners, and focus efforts on priority areas

Preview vision, activities, outputs,
and outcomes for the Regional
Consortia as part of the RC&C Grant

Key questions to reinforce and catalyze the role of the Regional Consortia to drive ongoing priorities

The RC&C Grant reflects on four questions to amplify the impact of the Regional Consortia:





The Chancellor's Office acts as a strategic thought partner, supporting the Regional Consortia in advancing student and system priorities

The **vision empowers**
Regional Consortia as
leaders and
intermediaries across
education and
workforce systems



Serve as a lead voice & represent community colleges on CTE, workforce development, and associated system-wide priorities in regional convenings and conversations with the Chancellor's Office



Partner with college / district leaders to build unity around Vision 2030 and regional goals, equitably deploying supports and resources for collective success



Coordinate funding streams within and across systems (e.g., Strong Workforce, K-16, WIOA) to bolster collaborative efforts



Institutionalize workforce / employer partnerships to facilitate collaboration with system partners and streamline the entry points for employers into the Community College system



Track and measure success, monitoring regional CTE and workforce development outputs and outcomes, using clear and consistent metrics

Clarified roles for the Regional Consortia help translate the vision into action

Non-exhaustive

Vision component	Key role
 <p>1. Serve as a lead voice & represent community colleges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead workforce strategy, support regional CTE and K-16 workforce development, and convene colleges across system-wide priorities (in partnership with other influential regional players)
 <p>2. Partner with college/district leaders to build unity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form regional governance structures, such as voting and advisory councils, for collective decision-making around fund usage; Lead and support workgroups of diverse stakeholders for key focus areas
 <p>3. Coordinate funding streams across grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure regional investments for each funding stream are aligned to the Regional Consortia's core outputs; Coordinate resources across / between funds to amplify impact towards these outputs
 <p>4. Institutionalize workforce/ employer partnerships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate employer engagement across stakeholders (e.g., WDBs, EDOs); Support employers with developing regional partnerships and programs (e.g., apprenticeships, curriculum advisory committees)
 <p>5. Track success, monitoring regional outputs & outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish annual workplans and routinely report progress against desired metrics (e.g., annually report the Strong Workforce Program CTE metrics)

Outputs and outcomes will measure execution and impact, strengthening role clarity and effectiveness of the Regional Consortia

Outputs

Near-term indicators that demonstrate effective execution of Regional Consortia's role as part of their day-to-day activities



Example outputs (non-exhaustive):

- ☐ Number of **students completing 9+ CTE units within the academic year**
- ☐ Number of students **completing a noncredit CTE or workforce prep course**
- ☐ Number of **employers engaged** for local programs / events **through Regional Consortia employer engagement liaisons or a centralized relationship management system**

Outcomes

Longer-term measures of student and workforce impact that Regional Consortia activities aim to influence



Example outcomes (non-exhaustive):

- ☐ Percent of students **earning a degree, certificate, or apprenticeship status**
- ☐ Percent of exiting students **attaining a living wage**

*Continuous collaboration to enhance tracking will **builds the infrastructure needed to consistently capture critical metrics** (e.g., job placements, wages)*

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Bi-Directional Communication

Proactively share information to ensure Regional Consortia are **positioned to act as thought partners and conduits to colleges**



Enablement and Operational Support

Provide **support to carry out key responsibilities**, especially with building stronger partnerships and tracking data



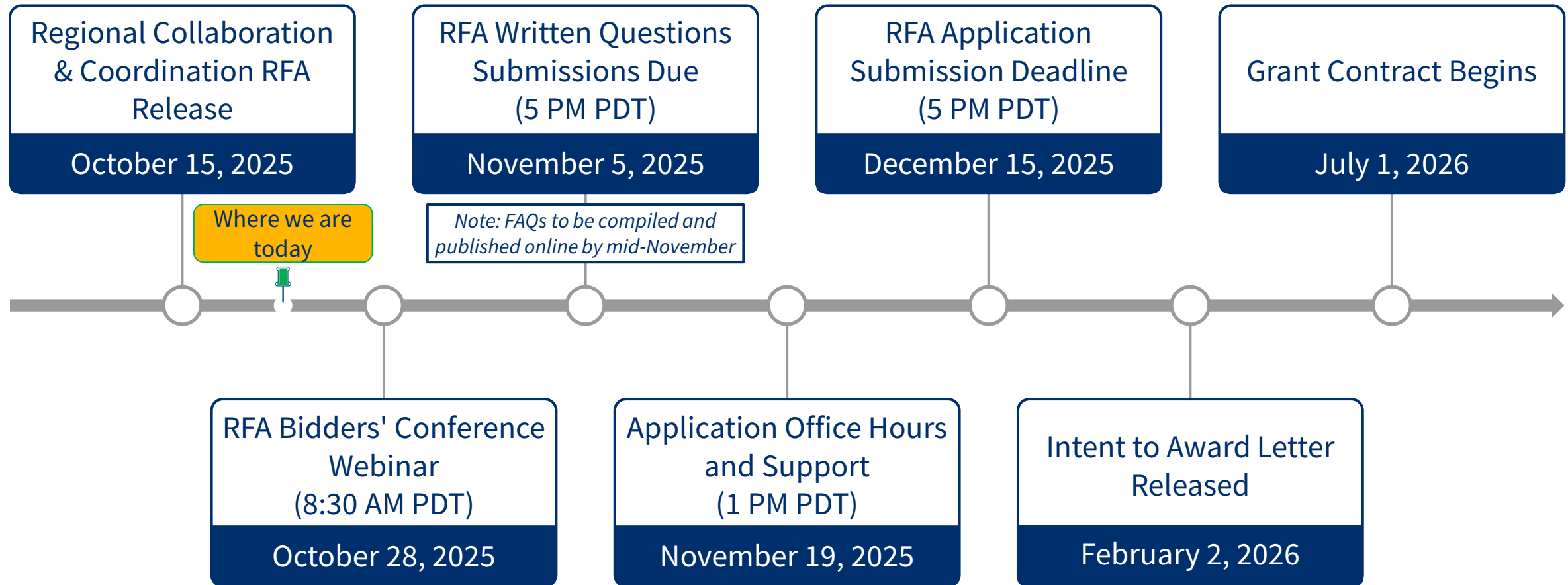
'System Leader' Positioning

Boost Regional Consortia credibility and influence by **embedding their work in Chancellor's Office** messaging and decision-making

Share upcoming RC&C Grant
Request for Application (RFA)
milestones and next steps

Timeline | Key milestones for RFA submission, notification, and award

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Thank you for your
engagement and
attention today!

As we conclude, a few housekeeping items:

- 1 **The Regional Collaboration & Coordination RFA is available** on the [WEDD RFA website](#)
- 2 **A recording of this presentation will be posted online** for those who could not attend or may wish to revisit
- 3 For **questions on the Regional Collaboration & Coordination RFA**, reach out to RegionalCoordination@CCCCO.edu
 - **Answers to FAQs will be posted mid November** on the [WEDD RFA website](#) following the RFA Bidders' Conference on October 28th



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Thank you!

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