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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this Letter of Interest from Coast Community College District on behalf of two of our colleges: Golden West College and Orange Coast College. Both colleges are well positioned to be valuable members of the Community-of-Practice, each contributing expertise in the areas of Makerspace set-up, partnership development, and STEM/STEAM instructional content and strategies.

Additionally, Coast Community College District office hosts the Orange County SB1070 Career Technical Education Pathways Program. This region-wide grant project founded faculty learning communities in Advanced Manufacturing/Engineering, ICT/Digital Media, Health, and Biotechnology, and convened regional communities-of-practice for counselors and internship/career center professionals. We offer experience and success in recruiting stakeholders, organizing and facilitating large group meetings and events, and producing results that positively impact all participating organizations. The District office team will be supporting Golden West College and Orange Coast College in their efforts for the InnovationMaker Investment 3 project.

We look forward to the release of the Request For Applications. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this exciting project!

Sincerely,

Gene Farrell
Interim Chancellor

Attachment

The following survey is intended to solicit your interest and capacity. A multi-college Letter of Interest is highly encouraged although single-college applicant is welcomed. Please submit a separate Section B for EACH interested community college associated with the lead applicant. Only community college districts are eligible. All letters received will be posted on the web page associated with this Solicitation. Colleges may still participate in the RFA without submitting a Letter of Interest, although submission of a Letter of Interest is highly encouraged.

Please direct any question to: innovationmaker@cccco.edu

Thank you!

SECTION A

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SECTION B

Please respond to the following questions so we can better understand the demand level:

0	Name of College:	Golden West College
1	Describe where your college stands in the process (please check your stage of adoption)	
	Our college has interest in exploring or is in the process of exploring how better to connect to the Maker movement.	
	Our college has already explored and has made a commitment to the Maker movement through formal action (e.g., resource commitment, Trustee vote, etc.).	X
	Our college has explored, committed to, and has already set up a Makerspace.	
	Our college has a team consisting of at least a STEAM/STEAM faculty paired with a CTE faculty to champion this program on our campus.	X
	Other: Preliminary conversations with major industry and university collaborators have	

	established that Golden West College will be able to assemble a regional team with national influence capable of responding to the upcoming IMI RFA with a winning industry/academia partnership.	X
2	Expertise You Can Contribute to the Community-of-Practice <i>(please check all that applies)</i>	
	My college can help others explore, commit to, and set up a Makerspace.	X
	My college can help others develop partnerships with industry/business/iHubs in order to 1) generate work-based learning opportunities for students and/or 2) secure financial support.	X
	My college can help others form/develop partnership with grade 9-12 institutions to facilitate early career exploration.	X
	My college can help others consider instructional strategies, including but not limited to 4C skills as well as technical skills, and how those strategies relate to community college courses, certificates, and programs.	X
	My college can help others bring together STEM/STEAM and CTE faculty to champion the program.	X
	Other: My college can help in bringing professional experts and businesses to the table to support the Entrepreneurial Mindset and provide complete start-up surround services for bringing goods and services to market.	X
3. Please add any comments relevant to this intent survey --		
Golden West College is ready and willing to play a significant lead role in the Innovation Makerspace Movement to help create jobs, create companies, prepare workers, and, ultimately, help meet the needs of the regional and state economy.		

0	Name of College:	Orange Coast College
1	Describe where your college stands in the process <i>(please check your stage of adoption)</i>	
	Our college has interest in exploring or is in the process of exploring how better to connect to the Maker movement.	
	Our college has already explored and has made a commitment to the Maker movement through formal action (e.g., resource commitment, Trustee vote, etc.).	
	Our college has explored, committed to, and has already set up a Makerspace.	X
	Our college has a team consisting of at least a STEAM/STEAM faculty paired with a CTE faculty to champion this program on our campus.	X
	Other:	

2	Expertise You Can Contribute to the Community-of-Practice <i>(please check all that applies)</i>		
		My college can help others explore, commit to, and set up a Makerspace.	X
		My college can help others develop partnerships with industry/business/iHubs in order to 1) generate work-based learning opportunities for students and/or 2) secure financial support.	
		My college can help others form/develop partnership with grade 9-12 institutions to facilitate early career exploration.	X
		My college can help others consider instructional strategies, including but not limited to 4C skills as well as technical skills, and how those strategies relate to community college courses, certificates, and programs.	X
		My college can help others bring together STEM/STEAM and CTE faculty to champion the program.	X
		Other: OCC has a strong, ongoing partnership linking faculty in different disciplines with secondary teachers in STEM/STEAM through the OC Career Pathways Trust Grant, aligned with Project Lead the Way. OCC is an official HTEC (Hass Technical Education Center) and recently hosted and co-sponsored the 2016 Technical Education and Teacher Conference, featuring demonstrations and educator resources in manufacturing, robotics technology, and maker space models and educational partnerships.	
3. Please add any comments relevant to this intent survey --			