

FAQ's 2017-2018 Renewal Applications

Q1. Since EWD metrics have been removed and will not be included until 2018/19, how do SNs/DSNs report if their workplan does not report on student outcomes? Our sector works primarily with the regional businesses and as a result connects students to those businesses. In short, we do not keep track or report on student outcomes outlined in the most recent SWP metrics so how do you suggest we report how many businesses we served, job retention, growth in sales, etc?

A1. Beginning in Program Year 2017/18, the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) metrics will replace all prior EWD performance accountability outcome measures, as detailed in Senate Bill 66 (Leyva). The SWP metrics will be automatically populated in the LaunchBoard so that grantees do not need to collect or report data for these metrics. Although no longer required for reporting to the Governor and the Legislature, the Chancellor's Office will maintain the requirement for grantees to report on the performance measures in the "Summary of Activities Conducted in the Quarter" contained within the current grant reporting system for Program Year 2017/18. Continuing to collect data on these measures will allow the Chancellor's Office to communicate the story of EWD grantees' work to interested stakeholders until new employer engagement metrics can be implemented. In Program Year 2018/19, the grant reporting system will be fully revised to reflect the shift to the SWP metrics and include the forthcoming Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)-aligned employer engagement measures.

Q2. When is the workplan for sector projects in common due?

A2. The Sector Projects in Common work plans are separate from the work plans provided in Appendix B. The work plans in Appendix B must entail the development of Sector Projects in Common that are submitted with the application on May 19th, 2017. A template for the Sector Projects in Common will be forthcoming. Additionally, with the template the Chancellor's Office will be providing an opportunity to access funding for Sector Navigators to coordinate with Deputy Sector Navigators for the development of proposals. Proposals will be for the consideration of colleges and Regional Consortium for the investment of SWP funds. We anticipate the template and additional guidance to be provided in May 2017. The Sector Projects in Common work plans are due June end 2017.

Q3. Please provide the chart/matrix with alignment of previous metrics and how they are now aligned with WP/WIOA.

A3. The chart/matrix is provided on the website at <http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/WorkforceandEconDev/WEDDRFAs/RFARenewals.aspx>

Q4. Are Sec 88600, 66610 and 88631 of the EDC amended? I cannot see that in SB66

A4. Senate Bill 66 (Leyva) only amends section 88650 of the Education Code, which details the reporting requirements of EWD.

Q5. As a CACT Director training unemployed and incumbent workers via Not-for-Credit training programs, how do the SWP metrics effect the CACT workplans?

A5. Although Not-for-Credit participants are not included in the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) metrics at present, the programmatic goals of the SWP metrics do translate to Not-for-Credit programs (e.g., employment and earnings outcome measures). In your workplan, please select SWP metrics that best correspond to the goals of your work. At this time, you should continue to report on the performance measures in the "Summary of Activities Conducted in the Quarter" contained within the grant reporting system.