



MEMORANDUM
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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Business Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Career Technical Education Deans
Regional Consortia Chairs
Nursing Directors

FROM: Sandra Sanchez, Interim Vice Chancellor
Workforce and Economic Development Division

CC: Dr. Aisha Lowe, Executive Vice Chancellor
Office of Equitable Student Experience, Learning and Impact
Lynda Phan, Dean
Workforce and Economic Development Division

RE: Request for Applications for Statewide Career Mobility Accelerator Center and Collaborative for Regional Effectiveness, Action, Transformation, and Equity (Regional Centers of Excellence)

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) is pleased to announce the release of two Request for Applications (RFA):

1. **Statewide** Career Mobility Accelerator Center (formerly Statewide COE HUB) RFA and
2. Collaborative for **Regional** Effectiveness, Action, Transformation, and Equity ("*Regional Centers of Excellence*", formerly Centers of Excellence) RFA.

Background and Purpose

The Chancellor's Office is focused on a broad-based approach to post-pandemic workforce recovery by targeting regional investments to serve greater numbers of diverse populations in California. The Chancellor's Office is interested in making investments that expand and enhance proven workforce training models and support systems that focus on equity, access, inclusion, and deeper participation by individuals and employers.

Statewide Career Mobility Accelerator Center:

The goal of this RFA is to solicit applications from eligible organizations for a five-year grant to serve as the Statewide Career Mobility Accelerator Center. A primary function of the Career Mobility Accelerator Center will be to work with the Chancellor's Office to provide leadership of the regional network of eight unique Regional Centers of Excellence located across California by facilitating leadership support and development to help them accomplish their goals related to

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community college student and adult learners' retention and completion, employers, career mobility, and transition to the workforce.

Regional Centers of Excellence:

The goal of this RFA is to establish 8 Regional Centers of Excellence – one in each of the Workforce and Economic Development Division (WEDD) regions – that have the capacity to provide leadership and create opportunities to help colleges and communities understand and contextualize labor market data, community demographics and needs to address and support workforce training needs of students and adult learners.

Application Information

Additional information on the Regional Centers grant RFA, instructions, application requirements, eligibility and other materials are available online and may be accessed at the following web site: [WEDD RFA website](#). Eligible applicants are encouraged to submit their proposal, written responses, and budget estimate via the Chancellor's Office NOVA system by **September 11, 2023, 5:00 P.M.**

If you are new to NOVA and would like to have an account created for you, please use the [Access Request Wizard](#) to provide your contact information and details for the access you need. Applicants can utilize the [NOVA helpdesk functionality](#) in for all other NOVA requests.

Training Webinar

The Chancellor's Office staff will host a webinar to provide an overview of the application submission process in NOVA and offer applicants an opportunity to ask additional clarifying questions. The webinar will be recorded and available on the [WEDD RFA website](#).

Bidder's Conference:

- Date and Time: Aug. 14, 2023, 9:30-10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
- Registration: Use this [link](#) to register for the Bidder's conference.

NOVA Training Webinar:

- Date and Time: Aug. 17, 2023, 1:00-2:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
- Registration: Use this [link](#) to register for the NOVA application training webinar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Questions

Please submit any questions about this funding opportunity to Jennifer Xiong-Moua at ewd@cccco.edu