

TO: Chief Executive Officers
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FROM: Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development

RE: FY 2025–26 Letter of Interest – Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives (IDRC) Program

Overview

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), through its Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program is pleased to announce the release of the Letter of Interest (LOI) application process for the Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives (IDRC) grant initiative for 2025–26.

This funding opportunity is designed to support colleges in developing high-impact, demand-driven training programs that align with California's dynamic workforce needs. The IDRC program is a strategic response to labor market demands across priority sectors such as artificial intelligence, green technologies, advanced transportation, climate and energy innovation, biotechnology, and nanotechnology.

Program Purpose

The IDRC initiative serves as a catalyst for agile and scalable workforce development solutions. The overarching aim is to fund short-term, performance-oriented projects that prepare learners for future-ready careers while promoting equitable access and economic mobility. Aligned with Education Code Section 88600, this initiative empowers colleges to act swiftly and collaboratively in addressing critical workforce skills gaps and building sustainable partnerships with industry.

Grant recipients will leverage these funds to:

- Launch or expand training programs aligned with high-growth industry sectors.
- Deepen partnerships with local and regional employers and workforce boards.
- Develop new or revised curriculum, work-based learning opportunities, and pathways.
- Pilot innovative instructional models that are replicable and measurable
- Contribute directly to California's economic and climate resilience goals.

Letter of Interest Submission

To be considered for funding, eligible California community colleges and districts must submit a completed LOI on official letterhead using the template provided by the Chancellor's Office on the [WEDD RFA webpage](#). This template requires colleges to outline their project's goals, strategies, and alignment with the broader Vision 2030 framework.

The LOI submission must include:

- College and project contact information
- Project title and targeted sector(s)
- Statement of need (labor market justification)
- Description of proposed activities (curriculum, training, industry collaboration)
- Key industry and community partners
- Explanation of how the project aligns with Vision 2030 priorities:
 - Equitable access for underserved populations
 - Economic mobility through career pathways
 - Future-ready workforce alignment with evolving industry demands
- IDRC budget summary and confirmation of required dollar-for-dollar match (cash or in-kind)
- Signature from an authorized college President or designee

Submission Deadline

Please complete Letters of Interest (LOI) on official college letterhead and submit via email to the Chancellor's Office no later than: **5 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025** to EWD@CCCCO.edu with the subject line: IDRC Letter of Interest – [Insert College or District Name]

Additional Resources and Expectations

For full details on the grant opportunity and LOI submission process, refer to the IDRC LOI Application Notice posted on the [WEDD RFA webpage](#).

Colleges selected to receive IDRC funding will be notified by July 21, 2025, and required to submit a full project workplan and budget in the NOVA system. The funding period will begin on Sept. 17, 2025, and extend through Dec. 31, 2027 (27 months).

Grantees must report progress and expenditures bi-annually in NOVA. Reporting deadlines and requirements are listed in Table 1 of the IDRC LOI Application Notice on the [WEDD RFA webpage](#).

Training Webinar

The Chancellor's Office will host a live informational webinar to provide an overview of the LOI submission process and answer applicant questions.

- Date and Time: Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 10 a.m. PDT.
- Webinar Registration: [Link forthcoming on the [WEDD RFA webpage](#)]

Questions

For further information or clarifying questions regarding the IDRC LOI, please contact the EWD Program Team at EWD@CCCCO.edu.

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