



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Business Officers
Career Technical Education Deans
Regional Consortia Chairs
Technical Assistance Providers

FROM: Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development

RE: FY 2025-26 Request for Application Release – California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)
New and Innovative Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Grant Program

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) is pleased to announce the release of the Request for Applications (RFA) for California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) New and Innovative (N&I) Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Grant Program. The CAI N&I seeks to create new and innovative apprenticeship opportunities in priority and emerging industry sectors or areas in which apprenticeship training is not fully established or does not exist.

Application Information

The CAI grant instructions, application requirements, and other materials are available online and may be accessed at the [Chancellor's Office Apprenticeship website](#). The CAI grant application, required forms, and all supporting documents must be submitted and certified via the [NOVA online application platform](#) by Jan. 30, 2026, at 5 p.m. If you are new to NOVA, please create a new account via the [NOVA Request Access webpage link](#).

Bidder's Conference Webinar

There will be a Bidder's Conference Webinar to provide an overview of the project submission process. Please visit the [Chancellor's Office Apprenticeship website](#) for details on the Bidders Conference.

Questions

Any questions about specifications in the Request for Applications must be submitted via email to Apprenticeship@CCCCO.edu.

cc: Gary Adams, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development